

Anderson Peak 24D

Lat/lon 34.1244551,-116.8944715
UTM 11S 509731E 3775960N

Elevation: 10,840'+

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 11 miles northeast of Yucaipa, 89 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: San Bernardino Peak, San Bernardino East Peak, Shields Peak

Land Manager: San Bernardino National Forest, Front Country Ranger District (909) 382-2851

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About the peak

Anderson Peak is the 5th highest peak in SoCal and a big accomplishment as a single destination or as part of a multi-peak hike. Part of the beautiful San Bernardino Divide Trail, most hikers will summit this peak via the Forsee Creek trail mentioned in Route 1. The four pack of peaks at the top of this ridge are often strung together for an epic multi-peak hike. Much of the lovely surrounding forest burned in the massive 2020 El Dorado Fire, but is beginning to slowly regrow.

Route 1 is the main route that follows the Forsee Creek Trail to the top. Route 2 begins at San Bernardino East Peak, reached by its various routes. Route 3 starts at Shields Peak for those coming from that direction. Route 4 follows the Momyer Creek Trail for the most strenuous option to the top.

Special conditions: If backpacking in the area, there is water at springs along the Forsee Creek Trail.

Permits for day or overnight use are required for all routes and have a limit of 12. Permits can be obtained online from the San Gorgonio Wilderness Association at [swga.org](#) up to 90 days in advance or at the Mill Creek Ranger Station, 9 miles from Redlands on SR 38.

Anderson Peak has 5 official HPS routes:

Anderson Peak Route 1- Forsee Creek Trail

Distance: 13 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 4220

Time: 7-8 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Navigation difficulty:

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 east past San Bernardino to the Orange Street exit (SR 38).
- Go one block east, then go north (left) 0.5 mile to Lugonia Avenue. Turn right on SR 38 (east).
- Continue east on SR 38 about 26 miles to Jenks Lake Road on the right. Turn right (south).
- Drive 0.3 mile to a fork at a sign "Forsee Creek Trail". Turn right (southwest).
- Keep left at an immediate fork. Drive 0.5 mile farther to a parking lot at a sign "Forsee Creek Trail". Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6720'), hike up the Forsee Creek Trail (1E06).
- At about 1/4 mile you will pass a Wilderness Area sign. About 200 yards farther the trail forks. Go left (signed "Jackstraw Springs").
- Proceed 5 1/2 miles to Trail Fork Springs at 10,400'.
- Leave the trail here and hike south up the slope crossing the San Bernardino Peak Trail and on up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Anderson Peak Route 2- From San Bernardino Peak East

Distance: 1.5 miles one way on trail and
cross-country from San Bernardino East Peak,
16 miles total round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 360

Time: 1 hour one way

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- See the San Bernardino East Peak guide.

Hiking directions:

- From the summit of San Bernardino East Peak, return to the trail and take it east past the junction with the Momyer Trail to the junction with the Forsee Creek Trail.
- Leave the trail on the right and hike east up the slope to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

From San Bernardino East Peak.

Anderson Peak Route 3- From Shields Peak

Distance: 1.5 miles one way on trail and cross-country from Shields, 16 miles round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

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Gain: 300

Time: 1 hour one way

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- See the Shields Peak guide.

Hiking directions:

- From the summit of Shields Peak, go west along the ridge, picking up the San Bernardino Peak Trail, and on to where a trail goes down on the right towards Trail Fork Springs.
- Keep left and after about 200', leave the San Bernardino Peak Trail on the left and hike southwest up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

From Shields Peak.

Anderson Peak Route 4

Distance: 16 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 5170

Difficulty rating: Class 1, very strenuous

Time: 8-9 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 east past San Bernardino to the Orange Street exit (SR 38).
- Go one block east, then go north (left) 0.5 mile to Lugonia Avenue. Turn right on SR 38 (east).
- Go 8.0 miles to the Mill Creek Ranger Station.
- Continue east on SR 38 about 5 miles to the Valley of the Falls Road on the right. Turn right.
- Drive 2.9 miles to a parking area on the left. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5520'), hike up the Momyer Creek Trail (1E06) to its junction with the San Bernardino Peak Trail (1W07) in a saddle.
- Turn right and follow the trail east about 1/4 mile to a fork.
- Leave the trail here and hike east up the slope to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Anderson Peak Route 5

Distance: 8 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 4220

Time: 7-8 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Dirt

Driving directions:

- See driving instructions for Route One.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6720'), hike up the Forsee Creek Trail (1E06).
- At about 1/4 mile you will pass a Wilderness Area sign. About 200 yards farther the trail forks. Go left (signed "Jackstraw Springs").
- Proceed ½ mile to large and obvious switchback at 7100'.
- Leave the trail here hike east, down into the wash. Head easterly approximately 200 yards, crossing the west fork of Barton Creek, to the prominent ridge starting on hiker's right.
- Head south-southeasterly approximately ½ mile to elevation 8500' From here the ridge heads due south approximately 1 ¼ miles to Anderson Flat at elevation 10,500'.
- Heading southwesterly, cross the San Bernardino Peak Trail and on up to the summit of Anderson.

Additional Route notes:

Note: Any rock difficulties on the ridge are easily bypassed to the east (climber's left) It is approximately 3 ½ miles to Anderson Flat via the trail and ridge, and then ½ mile to the summit. Descending the Forsee Creek Trail instead of the ridge adds approximately 2 ½ miles to the trip.