

## Ten Thousand Foot Ridge 24J

Lat/Lon 34.1063997,-116.781132

Elevation: 10,094'

UTM 11S 520187E 3773975N

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 14 miles north-northeast of Banning, 103 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Lake Peak, Grinnell Mountain

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

**USE AT YOUR OWN RISK. CONDITIONS MAY CHANGE, AND UNEXPECTED HAZARDS MAY BE PRESENT.**

### About the peak

This HPS peak is the high point of the Ten Thousand Foot Ridge, a string of peaks extending from Lake Peak in the northwest to Hell For Sure Peak in the southeast. It is typically hiked with nearby Lake Peak and/or Grinnell Mountain, all reached from Fish Creek Saddle.

Route 1 ascends the Fish Creek Trail to the saddle then continues to and follows the ridge. Route 2 comes from the South Fork Trail. Route 3 is the route to the old HPS summit, now called Hell For Sure Peak, takes the ridge to that peak from Fish Creek and continues northwest. There are various steep cross country alternatives, which might be useful as descent routes, but we do not vouch for their safety.

Special conditions: 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.

Historical notes: In 1968 the HPS placed a register on Peak 9930 at the extreme east end of the ridge. The HPS moved the official summit to its current location on Peak 10,094' in 1974.

Excerpts from the original register book that was still present on the original summit on 8/24/2002, which makes it over 32 years old:

8/10/68 Exploratory hike by the HPS of the LA Chapter:

How Bailey

Ray Redheffer

HPS scheduled trip on 10/18/68:

Bob and Joyce Van Allen

Barbara Mazur 205

Richard Akawie 243

Alice Akawie

Luella Martin

John Linden

Sam Fink (He did the peak a whole bunch of times as we saw his signature at least three times)

Mary Kempen

Later entries on various days:

Mary Hines (?)

Jim Fleming

John Backus

Frank Dobos

Frank Goodykoontz

Carleton Shay

Stag Brown

Bob Cat Thompson

The name of the peak is commonly abbreviated to "10K Ridge".

Ten Thousand Foot Ridge has 3 official HPS routes:

## Ten Thousand Foot Ridge Route 1- Fish Creek Trail

Distance: 11.5 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2600

Time: 6-7 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Dirt

### 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 33 miles to 1N02 on the right, 1 mile past the first entrance to Heart Bar Campground. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.2 miles, fork. Go right on 1N05, signed "Fish Creek".
- At 2.8 miles, Aspen Grove Trail 2E05 goes west. Continue on the road. Note: The hike can be started here, adding about 3 miles round trip and 500' of gain, but saving 10 miles of dirt road driving.
- At 6.9 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 7.2 miles, fork. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) crosses the road here. Go right.
- At 7.6 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 7.7 miles, Fish Creek Trailhead (1W07). Park here.

### Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (8120'), hike on trail 1W07 southwest 1/2 mile to a junction with the Aspen Grove Trail (8040').
- Keep left on 1W07 and continue about 4 miles to Fish Creek Saddle at 9805'.
- Hike south up to the top of the ridge at 10,080'.
- Turn left. (Turn right (west) to go to Lake Peak.)
- Hike east along the ridge to a saddle at 9800'.
- Continue east up to the summit.

### Additional Route notes:

Note: It is possible to descend from the saddle west of the peak down to the trail on the return. This route is a steep, loose class 2.

## Ten Thousand Foot Ridge Route 2- South Fork Trail

Distance: 15 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3800

Time: 7-9 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

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).
- Continue east on SR 38 about 26 miles to Jenks Lake Road on the right. Turn right (south).
- Continue to the signed South Fork Trailhead parking lot on the left. Park here.

### Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6900'), hike the South Fork Trail (1E04) past the old Poopout Hill trailhead to South Fork at Slushy Meadows where the Dry Lake Trail forks left (8200').
- Turn left (southeast) and follow this trail 1 1/2 miles to Dry Lake where there is another trail fork.
- Turn left and go 1/2 mile to Lodgepole Spring.
- Continue 3/4 mile east cross-country up to Fish Creek Saddle at 9805'.
- Hike south up to the top of the ridge at 10,080'.
- Turn left. (Turn right (west) to go to Lake Peak.)
- Hike east along the ridge to a saddle at 9800'-.
- Continue east up to the summit.

### Additional Route notes:

## Ten Thousand Foot Ridge Route 3- Cross Country from Fish Creek

Distance: 8 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 3400

Time: 7-9 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Navigation difficulty: Very difficult

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

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### Driving directions:

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- Continue east on SR 38 about 33 miles to 1N02 on the right, 1 mile past the first entrance to Heart Bar Campground. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.2 miles, fork. Go right on 1N05, signed "Fish Creek".
- At 2.8 miles, Aspen Grove Trail 2E05 goes west. Continue on the road. Note: The hike can be started here, adding about 3 miles round trip and 500' of gain, but saving 10 miles of dirt road driving.
- At 6.9 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 7.2 miles, fork. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) crosses the road here. Go right.
- At 7.6 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 7.7 miles, Fish Creek Trailhead (1W07). Park here.

### Hiking directions:

- From the parking area, hike south and then west to the saddle just south of bump 8490'.
- Hike up the steep ridge to bump 9580' and then turn southeast and hike down to the saddle at 9450'.
- From the saddle at 9450', hike up the ridge southwest to the original HPS 10K summit at 9930'.
- From the original summit, hike generally west and northwest along the ridge passing bumps 9880', 9971', and 10,060' to the current summit.

### Additional Route notes:

Note: Route finding is very difficult.

