

Lake Peak 24K

Lat/Lon 34.1141774,-116.8119671
UTM 11S 517341E 3774832N

Elevation: 10,161'

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

Nearby peaks: Grinnell Mountain, Ten Thousand Foot Ridge

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

From Lake, named for Dry Lake below, San Gorgonio looms to the southwest, Bighorn peaks out to the south, and the headwaters of the North Fork Whitewater River, not seen as well anywhere else, rush down its dramatic canyon, as Ten Thousand Foot Ridge stretches out to 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 south to the peak. Route 2 comes from the South Fork Trail.

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.

Lake Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Lake Peak Route 1

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2180

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

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, the road to Heart Bar Campground, on the right. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.2 miles, fork. Go right on 1N05.
- At 2.8 miles, Aspen Grove Trail 2E05 goes west.
- 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 (8040'), hike 1W07 southwest about 1/2 mile to a junction with the Aspen Grove Trail.
- Keep left on 1W07 and continue 4 miles to Fish Creek Saddle at 9805'.
- Hike south up to the top of the ridge at 10,080'.
- Turn right and go southwest along the ridge to the rocky summit.

Additional Route notes:

Lake Peak Route 2- South Fork Trail

Distance: 13.5 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3430

Time: 6 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 (6850'), 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'.
- Continue as in Route 1.

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