

Grinnell Mountain 24L

Lat/lon 34.1261216,-116.808912
UTM 11S 517620E 3776157N

Elevation: 10,284'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 15 miles north-northeast of Banning, 103 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Lake Peak, Ten Thousand Foot Ridge

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

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About the peak

Named for the professor, Sierra Club member and conservationist who studied the fauna of the area, Grinnell is an interesting and enjoyable hike by either route. It has lovely views of the beautiful Fish Creek area the east, Big Bear to the north, and San Gorgonio to the south. It is typically hiked with nearby Lake Peak, and/or ten Thousand Foot Ridge, all reached from Fish Creek Saddle.

Route 1 ascends the Fish Creek Trail to the saddle then continues to and follows the ridge north.

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.

Historical notes: The peak was named for Joseph Grinnell, University of California zoologist, who made a study of the birds and mammals of the San Gorgonio Mountain area in 1905-1906.

Grinnell Mountain has 2 official HPS routes:

Grinnell Mountain Route 1- Fish Creek Trail

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: 2300

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 trail 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 north on a use trail up the ridge to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Grinnell Mountain 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: 3550

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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