

Allen Peak 25A

Lat/Lon 34.0805678,-116.9866965
UTM 11S 501227E 3771089N

Elevation: 5795'

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Location: San Bernardino County, about 5 miles northeast of Yucaipa, 76 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

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

Allen is named for B. F. Allen, the early forest supervisor who created the idea of forest "rangers" to patrol them, which gave rise to the modern US Forest Service. It is the westernmost of the HPS peaks on the Yucaipa Ridge, and its lowest in elevation. Its dramatic east face belies its relative ease, a short distance from the main trail through wild and beautiful woods.

Route 2 starts from the Bearpaw Preserve, owned and managed by the Wildlands Conservancy, from whom advance permission is required but readily obtained <https://wildlandsconservancy.org/preserves/bearpaw>. Route 3 starts from the community below and follows the path of an aqueduct. It has suffered erosion in recent years and its status is currently (5/24) uncertain. Route 2 comes from the eastern side along the Yucaipa Ridge, which it is often hiked with in a car shuttle hike.

The usual car shuttle route starts at Vivian Creek Trailhead and finishes at Bear Paw Preserve. Bear Paw Preserve is also a good trailhead for a simple hike to Allen Peak.

Special conditions: Access to Route 2 crosses the Bearpaw Reserve, which is owned by the Wildlands Conservancy. The Wildlands Conservancy owns and manages the Oak Glen Preserve and Bear Paw Preserve, and permission must be obtained well in advance of the day of the hike. Route 3 does not require their permission.

You must request permission to hike here at least five days in advance. You can submit a request online at wildlandsconservancy.org/preserves/bearpaw. You may also reach the manager by calling (909) 790-3698 or emailing the Bearpaw Preserve at MountainPreserves@twc-ca.org. The manager will send you a liability waiver form for all leaders and participants to fill out, sign, and leave at the trailhead when they start their hike, and the current gate code to enter the preserve. There are bathrooms at the parking area.

Hiking along Yucaipa Ridge from Birch Mountain to Allen Peak without permission is not recommended! This route also crosses private property.

Allen Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Allen Peak Route 2- From Bearpaw Preserve

Distance: 7.5 miles round trip on road and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 1300

Time: 3-4 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

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 about 8 miles to the Mill Creek Ranger Station.
- Continue on SR 38 another 6.2 miles to Valley of the Falls Road junction (Forest Falls Road). Park here. If you have permission and the gate code from the Bearpaw Preserve you may continue on rough dirt road to the Preserve parking area where there is a bathroom.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4460'), cross Mill Creek to the south on 1S08. Hike up 1S08 through privately owned land 2.6 miles to 1S09 (Yucaipa Ridge Truck Trail) at the Allen-Birch saddle.
- Turn right (west) and hike along 1S09 about 1/4 mile to where the north trending ridge of Allen Peak crosses the road.
- Turn left (south) and hike up the north ridge of Allen Peak to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Allen route 2 and much of the Yucaipa Ridge is within the Bearpaw Preserve, owned and operated by the Wildlands Conservancy. You can find more information about the preserve at wildlandsconservancy.org/preserves/bearpaw.

The Preserve encourages hiking on its land but you must make arrangements in advance.

Email the Preserve at sbmountains@wildlandsconservancy.org or call the manager of the Oak Glen Preserve and Bear Paw Preserve Evan Welsh at (909) 790-3698. You will receive an e-mail that contains a liability waiver form, which private hikers or leaders fill out individually and return at the trailhead. Call him back on the Friday before the hike to get the current gate code, if one wishes to park next to the bathrooms.

The usual Yucaipa Ridge Traverse car shuttle route starts at Vivian Creek Trailhead and finishes at Bear Paw Preserve.

Allen Peak Route 3

Distance: 9 miles round trip on trail and road Gain: 1500
Time: 4-5 hours round trip
Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderately strenuous Navigation difficulty: Easy
Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#) Road type: Paved
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).
- Go about 8 miles to the Mill Creek Ranger Station.
- Continue on SR 38 another 6.2 miles to Valley of the Falls Road junction (Forest Falls Road). Turn right.
- Go 1.2 miles to where the road crosses the creek. Parking is available just to the left of this junction.
- Drive or walk about 0.1 mile south on Canyon Drive to the intersection with Prospect Drive. Turn left.
- Continue on Prospect Drive to where the road curves to the west. The trail starts just past a brown cabin at 39393 Prospect Dr.

Hiking directions:

- From the start of the trail, follow it as it crosses a creek and continues on the other side.
- Continue on the trail 2.6 miles to FS 1S08, the road from Bear Paw Sanctuary.
- Continue on the road 1 mile to the junction with the Allen-Birch saddle (FS 1S09).
- Turn right (west) and hike along FS 1S09 about ¼ mile to where the north trending ridge of Allen Peak crosses the road.
- Turn left (south) and hike up the north ridge of Allen Peak to the summit.
- Note: In some areas, beware of loose rocks. Helmets might be advisable.

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