

Mount Inspiration 26E

Lat/lon 33.93576,-116.19551
UTM 11S 574350E 3755325N

Elevation: 5560'+

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Location: Riverside County, about 17 miles southwest of Twentynine Palms, 149 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

Land Manager: Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua Tree NP Visitor Center (760) 367-5500

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About the peak

As the area high point, Inspiration does in fact have an inspiring view, of Joshua Tree National Park to the north and the rugged and rarely visited southwest portions of the park and Palm Desert area to the south. It is definitely worth a visit, and the view from the Keys View parking area is almost as good as from the peak.

Route 1 starts from Keys View parking area and meanders along the top of the ridge on use trail to the peak.

Mount Inspiration has 1 official HPS route:

Mount Inspiration Route 1

Distance: 2 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 700

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 1.5 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 east past Banning to the intersection with SR 62.
- Go north on SR 62 to the Park Road in the town of Joshua Tree with a sign "Joshua Tree National Park". Turn right.
- Drive 16 miles on this road to the intersection with the Keys View Road. Turn right.
- Continue 5.6 miles farther to the Keys View parking lot at the end of the road. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (5185'), hike up the ridge to the north, following a faint use trail to the first bump.
- As you ascend, two other high points are visible to the west. The summit is behind the farthest of these. From the first summit, go west down into a saddle and, keeping to the right, go up past the rocky prominence on the second bump.
- Continue up over the third summit and on to the main summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

National Park Service entrance fee is required.

