

Indian Mountain 27B

Lat/Lon 33.7816861,-116.7886306
UTM 11S 519592E 3737990N

Elevation: 5790'

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Location: Riverside County, about 11 miles south-southeast of Banning, 102 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

Land Manager: San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District (909) 382-2921

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

About the peak

Indian's name traces back to a Soboba tradition of naming creeks running through their land, possession of which they almost lost until an 1883 report, co-authored by Helen Hunt Jackson (author of the famed novel Ramona), contributed to the establishment of the Soboba Indian Reservation. The Los Angeles Aqueduct has drained aquifers in the area and the terrain is drier than it once was. The summit has unique views of the distant San Gabriels, the nearer San Bernardinos, San Jacinto, and Palomar areas.

Route 1 is an easy and scenic hike on Forest Service road. Driving is not recommended on this poor road, even for 4x4 vehicles, though some do.

Indian Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Indian Mountain Route 1

Distance: 6 miles round trip on road

Gain: 1300

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 2-3 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Adventure Pass may be required

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Drive I-10 to Banning. Exit at 8th Street (SR 243). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 0.2 mile, turn left.
- At 0.7 mile, turn right on San Geronio Avenue.
- At 1.4 miles, keep left on SR 243.
- At 9.1 miles, Poppet Flat Road goes right. Continue straight.
- At 11.6 miles, fork with 4S06 on the right. Keep straight.
- At 11.8 miles, pass the Vista Grande Ranger Station.
- At 12.8 miles, fork on the left with 2E05 and a sign "Black Mountain Trail". Keep straight.
- At 15.6 miles, fork on the right with 4S21, Indian Mountain Road, and Indian Vista. Park here.
- Driving beyond this point is not recommended for 2WD vehicles.
- If the brush has been cleared recently, the road beyond is passable in high clearance 4WD vehicles:
- Turn right on 4S21. Note your odometer again and go as follows:
- At 1.3 miles, pass through a low saddle.
- At 2.9 miles, the road tops a hill and starts downhill. Park on the road shoulder and hike to the summit.
- If approaching from the south along SR 243, Indian Mountain Road (4S21) is 9.7 miles from the Chevron station in Idyllwild.
- Driving beyond this point is not recommended for 2WD vehicles. If the brush has been cleared recently, the road is passable in high clearance 4WD vehicles.
- Instead of parking, turn right on 4S21. Note your odometer again and go as follows:
- At 1.3 miles, pass through a low saddle.
- At 2.9 miles, the road tops a hill and starts downhill. Park on the road shoulder and hike to the summit.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area on the highway described above, hike west 2.9 miles on 4S21 to a high point on the road where it starts a definite downhill descent.

Additional Route 1 notes:

