

Jean Peak 27H

Lat/lon 33.8058521,-116.6777946
UTM 11S 529823E 3740676N

Elevation: 10,670'

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Location: Riverside County, about 8 miles west of Palm Springs, 112 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Folly Peak, Cornell Peak, San Jacinto Peak, Marion Mountain

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

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About the peak

Jean Peak was named by the surveyor who named this and Marion Mountain after his two girlfriends (ultimately marrying Jean). Jean, connected by a ridge, and nearby Drury Peak are San Jacinto's nearest neighbors and thus are frequently hiked together in various combinations. Any route to San Jacinto can take a side trip to Jean and Drury.

Route 1 describes the route from the Palm Springs tram through Round Valley, identical to Route 1 to Mount San Jacinto until taking a left turn when reaching the summit ridge. Route 2 describes the hike from Idyllwild via the Devil's Slide Trail, which joins Route 1 at Wellman Divide. Marion Mountain Route 3 in that peak guide describes the hike between those peaks.

Special conditions: Wilderness permits are required under all circumstances. Permits for day hikes can be obtained from the Long Valley ranger station (near the tram) for Route 1. For Route 2, they may be obtained at Idyllwild Ranger Station, as can permits for backpacking. Permits are limited to 12 hikers. The Idyllwild Ranger Station is just off SR 243 at 54270 Pine Crest Road. There is a self-issue permit stand outside of the ranger station. Permits may be obtained in advance from:

San Jacinto Ranger District

54270 Pinecrest

P.O. Box 518

Idyllwild, CA 92549

Voice: (909) 382-2921

Fax: (951) 659-2107

Historical note: The area was designated a state park in 1937.

Note: Temperatures are 30 to 40 degrees cooler on the peak than on the valley floor. Please dress accordingly.

Jean Peak has 2 official HPS routes:

Jean Peak Route 1- From Palm Springs Tramway

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 2400

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 east past Banning to the junction with SR 111.
- Take SR 111 southeast 8.5 miles to the Palm Springs Tramway Road. Turn right.
- Go up this road 3.7 miles to its end at the tramway terminal. Park where indicated by the signs in this area.

Hiking directions:

- Take the tram (fee required) to the upper station at 8560'.
- Go downstairs and exit the building. Follow the concrete sidewalk as it descends to the valley below.
- Continue straight ahead to a ranger station.
- Continue about 1/4 mile to a trail junction with a sign "Round Valley - 2".
- Keep right and continue to Round Valley Campground.
- Keep left here at a junction and continue up to Wellman Divide (9700').
- Turn right at this junction and continue up to a junction at a saddle just below the peak.
- Turn left and go south along the ridge across a small bump and down into a saddle.
- Continue south along the ridge keeping to the left and then up to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Note: Trailhead is at top of Palm Springs Tramway; fee required.

Jean Peak Route 2- Devils Slide Trail

Distance: 16 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 4500

Time: 9-10 hours round trip

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Paved

Adventure Pass may be required

Driving directions:

- From the Chevron Station in Idyllwild, go northeast on North Circle Drive for 0.8 mile to South Circle Drive. Turn right.
- Go 0.1 mile to Fern Valley Road. Turn left.
- Go 1.8 miles to the loop at the end of the road in Humber Park. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From Humber Park (6480'), hike up the Devils Slide Trail to Saddle Junction at 8080'. This is a multiple trail junction.
- Take the far left trail and continue up to Wellman Divide.
- Turn left at this junction and continue up to a junction at a saddle just below the peak.
- Turn left and go south along the ridge across a small bump and down into a saddle.
- Continue south along the ridge keeping to the left and then up to the summit.

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