

Suicide Rock 27J

Lat/lon 33.7708532,-116.69724
UTM 11S 528034E 3736790N

Elevation: 7528'

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Location: Riverside County, about 2 miles north-northeast of Idyllwild, 108 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

Suicide Rock's name is linked with efforts to boost late 19th century tourism by the telling of a story with elements of Ramona and Romeo & Juliet -- an Indian princess and her lover jump to their death rather than live separated from one another. Although there is no actual dramatic story behind its name, Suicide Rock is a worthy moderate hike, and its views of the Idyllwild area and dramatic Lily rock are excellent.

Route 1 starts from a road junction on the way to Humber Park and follows a signed climbers trail to the summit. While the first part is maintained trail, the remainder is rocky and steep. Route 2 starts from Idyllwild on the Deer Springs Trail, leaving it to head off northeast on the Suicide Rock Trail to the peak.

Wilderness permits are required for Route 2. Permits are limited to 12 hikers. Permits may be obtained from the Idyllwild Ranger Station 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

Suicide Rock has 2 official HPS routes:

Suicide Rock Route 1- Climbers Trail

Distance: 2 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1300

Time: 2-3 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 or SR 60 east to SR 79 in Beaumont. Take exit south to SR 79.
- Go south on SR 79 to the Ramona Expressway. Turn left (east).
- Go east and then southeast on the Ramona Expressway until it ends at SR 74. Turn left (east).
- Go east on SR 74 to Mountain Center (junction with Idyllwild Highway SR 243). Turn left (north).
- Go to Idyllwild Ranger Station (San Bernardino National Forest) on the right. Turn right on Pine Crest Avenue. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 0.6 mile, intersection. Make a half right on South Circle Drive.
- At 0.7 mile, Fern Valley Drive on the left with a sign "Humber Park". Turn left.
- At 1.2 miles, fork. Keep left.
- At 2.2 miles, sign "Climber's Route" on the left, at a junction with paved Forest Drive coming in from the right. This is the trailhead. Park on Forest Drive (unlimited parking).

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6280'), a climber's trail starts. Follow this trail as it crosses a creek and meets a paved road.
- Turn right and continue straight on this road, ignoring all side junctions, to its end at a trail register. Sign in here. This is your Wilderness permit (day use only).
- Continue to a sign "Trail not maintained past this point".
- Climb steeply northwest on a network of use trails to the foot of the cliffs.
- Upon reaching the cliffs, turn right and follow along their base.
- Past the final cliffs, ascend cross-country directly west to the main summit trail described in Route 2.
- Turn left on this trail to the summit.

Additional Route notes:

Suicide Rock Route 2- Deer Springs Trail

Distance: 6.6 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1850

Time: 4-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 or SR 60 east to SR 79 in Beaumont. Take exit south to SR 79.
- Go south on SR 79 to the Ramona Expressway. Turn left (east).
- Go east and then southeast on the Ramona Expressway until it ends at SR 74. Turn left (east).
- Go east on SR 74 to Mountain Center (junction with Idyllwild Highway SR 243). Turn left (north).
- Go north on SR 243 through Idyllwild to the Idyllwild Nature Center on the left, near mile paddle 5.25. Park in the large dirt area on the right side of the highway. Plenty of parking.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area, hike up the Deer Springs Trail.
- Follow it about 2 miles to its junction with the Suicide Rock Trail (3E33).
- Go right and continue about 1 mile to the summit, which is the high point to your right just before the trail ends.

Additional Route notes: