

Drury Peak 27K

Lat/lon 33.808352,-116.6866836
UTM 11S 528999E 3740951N

Elevation: 10,160'+

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Location: Riverside County, about 9 miles west of Palm Springs, 112 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Jean Peak, Marion Mountain

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

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About the peak

Drury Peak is named for Newton Drury, who fought to preserve the Mount San Jacinto area from development. It and Jean 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. It has lovely views to the west and also of the entire San Jacinto crest to the east.

Route 1 follows the Marion Mountain Trail to the Deer Springs Trail, then ascending to the summit from Little Round Valley campground. It is also a short distance to or from San Jacinto on trail, and cross country to or from Jean.

Special conditions: Wilderness permits are required under all circumstances. 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

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Idyllwild, CA 92549

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Historical notes: Drury Peak is named for Newton Drury, who led the fight in the 1940's and 1950's to prevent extensive development, including ski facilities, on and around Mt. San Jacinto. Except for the Palm Springs Tram itself, his efforts were successful. Arguably, the San Jacinto Wilderness exists today due to the efforts of Newton Drury.

Natural science notes: The summit area is covered by an especially beautiful example of the high-altitude limber pine forest of the San Jacintos.

The summit yields a fine view of the San Jacinto crest from Folly to Marion from a unique western perspective.

Drury Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Drury Peak Route 1- Marion Mountain Trail

Distance: 10 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, strenuous

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 3800

Time: 7 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 to Banning. Exit at 8th Street (SR 243 to Idyllwild). Turn right at end of off-ramp. Note odometer and go as follows:
- At 0.2 mile, turn left.
- At 0.7 mile, turn right on to San Gorgonio Avenue.
- At 1.4 miles, keep left on SR 243.
- Drive south on SR 243 for 19 miles to a junction with a paved road, Azalea Trail (NF-4S02).
- Turn left and proceed 1.6 miles to a wide dirt parking area just before the Marion Mountain Campground entrance. Trailhead is signed "Marion Mtn Trail." Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (6300'), proceed east up the very steep Marion Mountain Trail to a junction with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) in 2 miles.
- Turn left. In about 100 feet there is a junction with the Seven Pines Trail. Continue straight (east) toward the Deer Spring Camp.
- In another 0.4 mile meet the junction with the Fuller Ridge Trail (PCT). Continue straight on the Deer Spring Trail.
- Proceed 1 1/2 miles to Little Round Valley (9600').
- Upon entering the campground, head SSE and hike about 0.3 mile cross-country to the saddle just east of Drury peak.
- Turn west and hike up a gentle rocky slope. The summit block is attained via an easy second-class scramble.

Additional Route 1 notes:

