

Red Tahquitz 28C

Lat/Lon 33.7583539,-116.6519617
UTM 11S 532231E 3735418N

Elevation: 8720'+

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Location: Riverside County, about 4 miles northeast of Idyllwild, 112 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Tahquitz Peak (LO), Southwell Peak ("South" on USGS topo), Lily Rock

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

This rugged peak with its beautiful red coloration comes from red granite and ancient volcanic rock found only in this area. It has unique views of the eastern parts of the San Jacinto Wilderness, the Desert Divide, and the Palm Springs area.

Route 1 starts from Humber Park at the upper parking area at the Devil's Slide Trailhead and continues as described. It is easy to add a side trip to Tahquitz Lookout, or one may also extend their outing by continuing on to South Peak, being mindful of the additional gain on your return.

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. The weekend quota for the Devil's Slide Trail is usually filled in advance during the summer months. Permits for the South Ridge Trail are much easier to obtain. 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

Red Tahquitz has 1 official HPS route:

Red Tahquitz Route 1

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

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 2400

Time: 5-6 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

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 Gorgonio Avenue.
- At 1.4 miles, keep left on SR 243.
- At 25.0 miles, Idyllwild Ranger Station (San Bernardino National Forest) on the left. Turn left 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, trailhead on the left. This is the climber's trail for Suicide Rock. Keep straight.
- At 2.6 miles, Humber Park. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- The Devils Slide Trail begins at the upper right corner of the parking lot.
- From this trailhead (6440'), hike up the trail 2 1/2 miles to Saddle Junction (8040'). At this point there are four trail choices. Take the second trail from the right with a sign "Tahquitz Valley".
- Go 0.6 mile to another junction with a sign "Tahquitz, Skunk Cabbage Meadow". Go right at this junction.
- Go another 0.6 mile to another junction signed "Tahquitz Peak, Tahquitz Meadow". This is the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) marked by a square post.
- Turn left and follow it along the north side of Red Tahquitz for about 3/4 mile to a shallow saddle with a rock outcrop about 100 yards to the left (east). There may be a duck on the right of the trail here.
- Turn right and follow a use trail south-southeast up the slope to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

