

## Pyramid Peak 28J

Lat/Lon 33.6528026,-116.5725165  
UTM 11S 539637E 3723742N

Elevation: 7035'

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Location: Riverside County, about 11 miles southeast of Idyllwild, 120 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Cone Peak, Palm View Peak, Pine Mountain #2, Lion Peak

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

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### About the peak

Once past Palm View and Cone, the Desert Divide continues its descent to reach Pyramid and its companions Pine and Lion along the Pacific Crest Trail. The San Jacinto high country seems more distant, and the Santa Rosa Mountains to the south nearer, with Lake Hemet to the west and tribal lands with the amazing Palm Canyon below to the east. Pyramid is usually hiked together with its neighbors Pine and Lion, or other peaks on the Desert Divide.

Route 1 starts from the Cedar Springs Trail near Morris Ranch and ascends to the PCT and a short distance off-trail to the peak.

Pyramid Peak has 1 official HPS route:

## Pyramid Peak Route 1- Cedar Springs Trail

Distance: 7 miles round trip on trail and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 2000

Time: 4-5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

### Driving directions:

- Go south on I-215 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.
- Continue east on SR 74 for 8.7 miles to Morris Ranch Road on the left at a fire station. Turn left.
- Go north on Morris Ranch Road for 3.7 miles to an iron gate on the right with a sign "Cedar Springs Trail". Park off the pavement near this spot.

### Hiking directions:

- From your parking spot, hike down the road to the trailhead (5430').
- Go through the gate. (There are several gates on this trail. Be sure to close each gate as you pass through it.) Immediately on the left is another gate. Ignore it. It is another access to the trail for equestrian riders in the area.
- Continue up the road past a water tank to another gate. The trail turns left just before the gate.
- Soon you come to another gate. Go through this gate. Here you leave the fences behind as this is the National Forest boundary.
- Continue up the road as it becomes a trail and it begins to climb until you come to another gate. This is not a boundary but is part of a cattle drift fence. This keeps range cattle out of selected sections of the National Forest.
- Continue up to a saddle at 6800'-. This is the junction of the Cedar Springs Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) on the Desert Divide.
- Turn right on the PCT and follow it east and then south until you reach a saddle just southeast of Pyramid Peak. This is the turnoff for Pine Mountain #2 and Lion Peak.
- From here hike up the ridge northwest to the summit following a use trail which stays mostly to the left side to avoid brush.

### Additional Route 1 notes:

