

Ken Point 280

Lat/lon 33.609322,-116.551769
UTM 11S 541582E 3718930N

Elevation: 6423'

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Location: Riverside County, about 12 miles southeast of Idyllwild, 122 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Butterfly Peak, Rock Point

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

Ken Point and its neighbors mark the end of the Desert Divide that began at Mount San Jacinto. The slopes are dotted with green chaparral, outstanding outcrops, and impressive rock walls. The summit overlooks pretty Garner Valley, and the string of peaks of the Desert Divide above to the north. Ken Point Route 1 can be hiked together with Butterfly Peak.

Route 1 starts from Santa Rosa Summit and follows the PCT to a junction with a trail to Butterfly Peak to the west, then continuing southeast to the summit. Route 2 describes the route to or from Butterfly Peak, which can be somewhat brushy.

Special conditions: All other roads in the area are private. Do not attempt to hike along either road that runs parallel to the PCT.

Ken Point has 2 official HPS routes:

Ken Point Route 1

Distance: 16 miles round trip on trail, road,
and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Adventure Pass may be required

Gain: 2600

Time: 8-9 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take SR 60 east to I-215.
- 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 12.5 miles to the intersection with SR 371 on the right.
- Continue east on SR 74 about 1.0 mile to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) on the left. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the trailhead (4950'), hike north on the PCT for about 5 miles to where it crosses a dirt road.
- Continue north on the PCT another mile to a trail junction just before a gate across the trail.
- Turn right at this junction and hike southeast along this trail past the remains of another gate for about 1.0 mile through two saddles to a duck on the left where a faint use trail goes up through the brush (UTM 413190).
- Hike up this use trail to the ridge.
- Turn right and hike up over a false summit and then on to the peak.

Additional Route notes:

Ken Point Route 2- From Butterfly Peak

Distance: 10 miles round trip on road, trail,
and cross-country including Butterfly Peak

Difficulty rating: Class 2, moderate

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 3000

Time: 6-7 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- See the driving instructions for Butterfly Peak Route 1.

Hiking directions:

- See the Butterfly Peak guide for climbing Route 1.
- From the summit of Butterfly Peak, hike down the southeast ridge to the 4WD road below.
- Follow this road east and then southeast to where it crosses a creek bed. Just past the creek is a road junction.
- Follow the 4WD road northeast up to a saddle at 5920'+ where it intersects the PCT.
- Turn right and follow the trail south through a gate. Just past the gate is the trail junction on Route 1. Follow the instructions for Route 1 to the summit.
- On the return trip, retrace your steps to where you first intersected the 4WD road southeast of Butterfly Peak. Continue up the road to its end at the point marked "Prospect" on the map. Contour west from here into a gully. Go over a small rise and intersect the ducked trail of Butterfly Peak Route 1. Follow this route back down to the parking area.

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