

Thomas Mountain 29D

Lat/Lon 33.6197478,-116.6802963
UTM 11S 529655E 3720041N

Elevation: 6825'

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Location: Riverside County, about 9 miles south-southeast of Idyllwild, 115 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Rouse Hill

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

Thomas Mountain and its neighbor Rouse Hill occupy the South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness, a small range south of Idyllwild, separated from the Desert Divide by the South Fork of the San Jacinto River, which drains into Lake Hemet at its feet. The views are marvelous, particularly a view of the full length of the Desert Divide to the east and north.

Route 1 is a drive-up on Thomas Mountain Road from its northern end, turning south once reaching the ridge. One can detour a few miles north to also bag Route Hill. This requires a high clearance vehicle. Thomas Mountain Road continues south from there, another possible approach depending on conditions. It can be hiked on the Ramona Trail, shown on the map. There are several nice campgrounds in the area.

Special conditons: Dirt roads in the area may be closed for fire or rainy season. Check with the Forest Service in Idyllwild: (909) 382-2921

Thomas Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Thomas Mountain Route 1

Distance: None

Gain: 0

Time: None

Difficulty rating: Drive-up

Navigation difficulty:

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: Dirt

Adventure Pass may be required

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 5.2 miles to a dirt road (6S13) on the right just past Lake Hemet. Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 4.5 miles, fork with a sign "Thomas Mtn 3, Rouse Hill 7". This is the turnoff for Rouse Hill. Keep left.
- At 7.4 miles, fork at a campground. Turn right.
- At 7.8 miles, park by a concrete foundation.

Hiking directions:

- Hike northwest along the ridgeline to the final campsite at the farthest northwest extent of the camp road. The remnants of the benchmark are conspicuously found on the flat rock three feet east of the campsite post. There is usually no register.

Additional Route 1 notes:

