

Lookout Mountain #1 29E

Lat/Lon 33.5536393,-116.5739058
UTM 11S 539554E 3712747N

Elevation: 5590'

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Location: Riverside County, about 12 miles southeast of Idyllwild, 121 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

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

Lookout Mountain #1 is situated at a crossroads of sorts. It sits at the bottom of the Desert Divide that descends from the north, displaying its entire inspiring profile to the viewer, with the South Fork San Jacinto River Wilderness and Thomas Mountain descending finger-like from the northwest, the Santa Rosa Mountains arising to the east and the start of the great expanse of the Anza Borrego Wilderness to the south. The views are thus quite noteworthy and worth the trip.

Property development has eliminated all previous routes, prompting the developing of the current Route 3 which follows the PCT from the north until ascending steeply on somewhat loose terrain up the south face of the peak. One can also hike up the PCT from the south to join the route. In case it needs to be said, which it shouldn't, avoid the temptation to hop the electrified fences to find a shorter or easier legal route, there is none.

Note: Avoid hiking through the private property via previous Routes 1 and 2 or other routes, which cross private property and are now fenced and closed to entry. Route 3 is the only route that avoids private property.

Lookout Mountain #1 has 1 official HPS route:

Lookout Mountain #1 Route 3

Distance: 4.4 miles round trip on trail and use trail	Gain: 1100
Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy	Time: 3.5-4 hours round trip
Trailhead location on Google Maps	Navigation difficulty: Easy
Adventure Pass may be required	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 12.5 miles to the intersection with SR 371.
- From the junction of SR 74 and SR 371 in Garner Valley, drive east 1.0 mile on SR 74 to the signed PCT parking lot on the left (north) side of the highway. 62500 Pines to Palms Hwy (SR74), Anza. This is also the parking area for Route 1 for Ken Point. Park here.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4919'), cross to the south side of the highway and observe a gate accessing the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).
- Pass through the gate, close it, and follow the PCT which initially heads south, then contours around Lookout Mountain.
- After 0.5 mile the PCT reaches a shallow saddle (5040+').
- Continue downhill to a point 1.5 miles from SR74 (4880/4900') to a gully that heads north toward the summit.
- Follow the gully approximately 1/3 mile to where the track leaves the gully to the left (steep for approximately 30 yards) to gain the ridge.
- Continue on the ridge to the summit approximately 0.7 mile after leaving the PCT.

Additional Route 1 notes:

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