

Asbestos Mountain 30A

Lat/lon 33.6275257,-116.4586251
UTM 11S 550212E 3720989N

Elevation: 5265'

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Location: Riverside County, about 8 miles south-southwest of Palm Desert, 130 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

Asbestos Mountain, named for the mineral once mined in abundance in the area, lies west of the Desert Divide at the feet of the Santa Rosa Mountains east of Anza. It shares the desert terrain and flora typical of the area. The views from the summit are remarkable (clockwise from the north): the Desert Divide and San Jacinto massif, the Coachella Valley to the Salton Sea, Martinez Mountain, Toro, and Santa Rosa Mountain.

Route 1 involves a moderate scramble up a gully, then weaves around bold rock outcrops to the summit plateau.

Asbestos Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Asbestos Mountain Route 1

Distance: 3 miles round trip road and cross-country

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 1000

Time: 2.5 hours round trip

Navigation difficulty: Moderate

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Take I-10 or SR 60 east to SR 79 in Beaumont. Take exit south to SR 79.
- Go south on SR 79, which becomes a four-lane road for 8.1 miles to the Ramona Expressway. Turn left (east).
- Go east on the Ramona Expressway for 8.8 miles until it ends at SR 74 (Florida Avenue). Turn left (east) on SR 74.
- Go east on SR 74 to Mountain Center, approximately 14.7 miles.
- Continue east on SR 74 for about 20.5 miles to Palm Canyon Drive. Turn left (north). Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 1.3 miles, turn right (east) on Pinon Drive.
- At 1.5 miles, turn left (north) on Jereboa Drive.
- At 2.3 miles, a turn-around with a narrow dirt road continuing on.
- Drive another 0.7 mile on a jeep road, keeping right at a fork, to its end. Depending on road conditions, this last 0.7 mile may require 4WD.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4240'), note the large boulder visible on the skyline at the top of a gully. Hike north-northeast toward this shallow gully.
- Hike up the gully, following a ducked route, and heading generally toward the boulder.
- Go left around the large boulder and up the shallow gully behind it.
- The summit is a rocky outcrop on the left, about 100 yards northeast of the large boulder, with a conspicuous dead tree on it. For an easy route to the summit, go to the top of the gully and look for ducks on the south side of the summit. Follow a ducked route which curves around the east side of the summit to the northeast side. If you do not find the gully immediately behind the large boulder, but instead stay in the larger main gully, the summit will be on your right.

Additional Route 1 notes:

