

Santa Rosa Mountain 30D

Lat/lon 33.5378065,-116.4614033
UTM 11S 550006E 3711041N

Elevation: 8070'

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Location: Riverside County, about 13 miles south-southwest of Palm Desert, 130 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Toro Peak

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

Named for the Santa Rosa band of Cahuilla Indians who once lived on the slopes of this peak, Santa Rosa and its neighbor Toro are the highest peaks in the area and have commanding views of the Anza Borrego Desert and the Coachella Valley.

Route 1 is a drive-up on high clearance road, on which you can continue to Toro. There are several nice campgrounds in the area. There is also the Sawmill Trail from the north, for those inclined to hike, but is not an official route.

Special conditions: Forest Road 7S02 may be closed during fire season or rainy season, and is treacherously icy in winter. For road condition, check with the Forest Service in Idyllwild, 909 382-2921.

Natural historical note: Note the rustic notices regarding forest fire hazards, which were originally placed by Desert Steve Ragsdale (colorful founder of Desert Center) when he worked as a seasonal ranger in the 1930's and 40's.

Santa Rosa Mountain has 1 official HPS route:

Santa Rosa Mountain Route 1

Distance: None

Gain: 0

Time: None

Difficulty rating: Drive-up

Navigation difficulty:

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Road type: High-clearance

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 5.2 miles to a dirt road 7S02 on the right signed "Santa Rosa Mtn.". Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 8.3 miles, fork to a campground. Keep straight.
- At 8.5 miles, fork to Santa Rosa Spring. Go right.
- At 9.8 miles, fork. Turn sharp right.
- At 10.5 miles, the end of the road at a log cabin. This is the summit.

Hiking directions:

- None.

Additional Route 1 notes:

