

Toro Peak 30E

Lat/Lon 33.5233623,-116.4255689
UTM 11S 553342E 3709457N

Elevation: 8316'

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Location: Riverside County, about 14 miles south-southwest of Palm Desert, 134 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Santa Rosa Mountain

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

Toro is the highest peak in the Santa Rosa range, which picks up after the desert divide ends into the desert. Toro and its neighbor Santa Rosa have commanding views of the Anza Borrego Desert and the Coachella Valley.

Route 1 is a drive-up on high clearance road, passing nearly over the summit of Santa Rosa along the way. There are several nice campgrounds in the area.

Access note: The traditional (highest) summit of Toro Peak is located at an electronic site within the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. Public access is currently restricted. The HPS register is on the west summit, elevation 8316', which lies entirely within the National Forest.

Special conditions: Forest Road 7502 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.

Toro Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Toro Peak Route 1

Distance: 1 mile round trip cross-country in forest

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Gain: 500

Time: 1 hour round trip

Navigation difficulty:

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 8.5 miles, fork to the left. Keep straight.
- At 8.9 miles, fork to the left. Keep straight.
- At 9.8 miles, fork. Turning sharply right leads to Santa Rosa Mountain. Continue straight.
- At 11.5 miles, stop at the Y-junction and park near the junction.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (7800'), hike up the right-hand road fork, which heads uphill to a nearby gate. The gate is often closed but sometimes open.
- Leave the road at the gate and ascend a forested gully to the south.
- Reach an obvious saddle after 400' gain, then turn right (west) and climb adjacent bump 8316'.
- This bump is Toro West Peak, the register location. The traditional summit of Toro Peak lies 0.6 miles to the southeast and should be avoided.

Additional Route 1 notes:

