

Stonewall Peak 32F- Star Emblem Peak

Lat/Lon 32.960881,-116.5714077
UTM 11S 540055E 3647032N

Elevation: 5730'

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Location: San Diego County, about 9 miles south of Julian, 155 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks: Middle Peak, Cuyamaca Peak

Land Manager: Cleveland National Forest, Descanso Ranger District (619) 445-6235

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About the peak

Stonewall Peak, the second highest point in the Cuyamaca Mountains, is a granite formation that stands out dramatically at the edge of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. It was named after the nearby Stonewall Jackson Mine, but was shortened to Stonewall to remove its Confederate reference. The trail begins across the street from the park (there is a fee to park unless you want to park a considerable distance away). The trail switchbacks up to the massive granite summit, which has wonderful views of the desert to the east, the coast to the west, and lovely Lake Cuyamaca below. Stonewall is often hiked in conjunction with nearby Middle or Cuyamaca peaks, or with Oakzanita Peak to the south.

Historical note: The peak was named for a gold mine located on its northeast slope, originally the "Stonewall Jackson Mine" founded in 1870 by William Skidmore. Due to intense feelings after the Civil War, the name was changed to "Stonewall Mine". It produced more than \$2 million before it closed in 1892.

Stonewall Peak has 1 official HPS route:

Stonewall Peak Route 1

Distance: 4 miles round trip on trail

Gain: 900

Difficulty rating: Class 1, easy

Time: 2 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty:

Road type: Paved

Driving directions:

- Northern approach:
- Take I-5 south to SR 78 in San Diego County.
- Go east on SR 78 through Escondido to the junction with SR 79 just past the town of Julian. Turn right (south) on SR 79.
- Go south on SR 79 for 9 miles to the Cuyamaca Dam.
- Continue 2.7 miles to the entrance to Paso Picacho Park on the right.
- Continue 5.6 miles further (mile marker 4) to a gated dirt road on the left side. Park on the left just before this road.
- Southern approach:
- The drive is longer, but generally quicker by taking SR 79 north from I-8 via San Diego.

Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4860'), cross the highway to the beginning of the Stonewall Peak trail. Hike up this trail to the summit.

Additional Route 1 notes:

