

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Malapai Hill

4,280+'

Location: Joshua Tree NP

Maps: Auto Club: Riverside County

National Park Service: Joshua Tree National Park

Topo: Keyes View 7½

Primary Route: 1 mile o/w, 550' gain and 100' loss

Driving Instruction:

- Take I-10 east past Banning to the intersection with Hwy. 62.
- Go north on Hwy. 62 to the Park Blvd in the town of Joshua Tree with a sign "Joshua Tree National Park". Turn right.
- Drive 5.7 miles to the entrance station and pay fee (currently \$15) or show pass.
- Continue 6 miles to the Boy Scout trail (trailhead for Keys Peak).
- Continue another 9 miles on this road, keeping left at Keyes View Road, to Geology Tour Road.
- Turn right and drive south for 4.7 miles.
- Park at mile marker 7 (elev 3850'); room for about 3 vehicles.

Hiking Instructions:

- Head generally southwest toward the saddle between the two bumps.
- Turn right at the saddle and ascend to the summit.
- It is interesting also to visit the slightly lower bump a short distance to the south.
- The impressive spire about a mile to the northwest is Pencil Rock.

Notes:

No water.

The dark lava rock is mainly basalt.

Nearby Peaks: Keys Peak (LPC), Lost Horse Mtn (HPS)

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