

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Hastings Peak

4,000' +

Location: Los Angeles National Forest North of the City of Sierra Madre
Maps: AAA San Gabriel Valley
Topo: Mt. Wilson 7.5

Primary Route: 4.5 miles one way, 3000' gain

Driving Instruction:

- From Fwy. I-210 in Sierra Madre take the Baldwin Ave. off ramp north to Grandview Ave.
- Turn left and go to Grove St. and turn right to Bailey Canyon Park. Park in the parking lot. No fee. Check for gate closure time!

Hiking Instructions:

From the parking lot follow a dirt path West through the picnic area through the turnstile gate in the fence to a paved service road and turn right/north and follow it up the left side of the canyon past the debris basin on the right. The road ends, but continue on the trail as it switchbacks up Bailey Canyon. A short side trail leads to Bailey Falls. After 2.2 miles you see the remains of an abandoned stone cabin just off the trail on the left by a stream, a good rest stop at the half-way point. Stay on the trail and continue up the side of the mountain to a saddle. Here is the turnoff to Jones Peak.

Continue on the ridge trail (north), after ¼ mile one trail turns right to the Mount Wilson Trail, take the trail to the left (signed: Hastings, Yale) and continue on this good ridge trail, past bump 3724', for about a mile to Hastings Peak. There is bench marker and currently a flag on the summit.

Return the way you came, or make a loop via the Mount Wilson Trail (see Jones Peak guide). You can also return via the Mt. Wilson Toll Road, either to Henninger Flats or Mt. Wilson (car shuttle required).

Alternate Route: 4.0 miles, 1650' loss, 100 gain one way

Driving Instruction:

- From Fwy. I-210 take Hwy. 2 in La Canada and drive 14 miles to Red Box.
- Turn right on to the Mt. Wilson Road and follow it to the end, park outside the gates. Adventure Pass required.

Hiking Instructions:

Start hiking on the gated Wilson Toll road, on the south side of the road, first paved, then dirt, all downhill. When you approach Mt. Harvard, stay left and continue downhill. Continue hiking the road past a sign for the Mt. Wilson-Winter

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Creek Trail and past Mt. Yale for a total of about 3 miles or 12 yellow 'Underground Telephone Cable' posts. When you see a long ridge on the left side leading south, just before the road turns west, leave the road at a ducked side trail. When you see the water tank below Yale, you have come too far. The first part of this trail is steep and slippery, but then the trail is in excellent condition. Continue south on the ridge, over bump 4163' to Hastings Peak. Return the way you came, this time you have 1650' gain; or continue on the ridge trail to Jones Peak (see Primary Route), and return either via the Mt. Wilson Trail or to Bailey Canyon Park (car shuttle required).

Notes:

Hastings was a Ranch owner in what is now the City of Pasadena. From the Bailey Canyon Trail you see the Passionist Fathers Monastery.

The Alternate Route can be combined with Mt. Yale, ascending Yale at the sixth yellow telephone pole past the Mt. Wilson-Winter Creek Trail and descending by the south ridge back to the Mt. Wilson Toll road. The Hastings trail is a few steps downhill from the Yale exit.

Also, Jones Peak can be hiked from Hastings by descending the ridge from the summit for another mile with about 600' uphill on the return to Hastings.

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