

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Silver Mountain

3,385'

Location: San Gabriel Mountains
Maps: Angeles National Forest
Topo: Azusa 7.5

Primary Route: 2 miles, 600' gain/1,000' loss one way

Driving Instruction:

In Azusa, exit I-210 on Hwy 39 exit and drive Hwy. 39 North to the OHV area, 12 miles. Stop and get the permit for the Rincon-Shortcut Road 2N24 (the day before call Glendora Ranger Station (626) 335-1251 or OHV (626) 910-1151 if road is open, how to get the free permit and lock combination number. The OHV is not open every day). 2N24 is on the left side shortly after the OHV station. Drive 6.6 miles to a wide spot on the left side of the road (dirt bank), just below Pine Mountain (limited parking). There is a sign 'No Vehicles' on the left side and a steep firebreak drops down on the left side of the road.

Hiking Instructions:

Take this very steep firebreak downhill, it drops 200 ft immediately. Continue on this firebreak south-east, staying on the ridge (use trail) with several ups and downs. After one mile (elevation 3,500') the firebreak turns uphill toward the South-West. Continue to elevation 3,430', the next actually lower peak is Silver Mountain at 3,385'. Remember, there is a 1,000' gain on the return trip.

Alternate Route: 4 miles, 2200' gain one way

From the I-210/Hwy. 39 intersection drive Hwy. 39 to the start of a fire road (Silver Fish Road) a few hundred feet beyond Morris Dam. Park on either side of the road, milepost 19.42.

Hiking Instructions:

Start up the fire road beyond locked gate. The road degenerates into a trail after about ½ m. After 1 mile from the start the trail comes to a 3-way fork. The right fork goes downhill and across a stream bed to a small cave. The trail straight ahead dead-ends after 50 ft. Take the left fork up a steep bank for 50 ft to where there are signs of a trail doubling back along the main trail. Follow this overgrown trail 3 miles to a saddle at 2450' elevation, then hike up prominent and steep firebreak to the north to the summit.

To avoid the route finding problems take the fire road as above, in about ¼ m from start proceed 100-150 ft to where a use trail forks 135' to your left (toward mountain and backwards). Take this steep use-trail to start of firebreak. Follow firebreak to second crossing of Silver Fish Road. Turn right and hike ½ mile to a saddle at 2,450', described above, and proceed to the peak by the steep firebreak.

Special Notes:

Adventure Pass required. No water on trail. During spring ticks are plentiful.
Silver mines uses to be in the area.

Nearby Peaks:

Pine Mountain, Clamshell Peak, Newcomb Peak, Mt. Bliss. Monrovia Peak (HPS)

Original: Jack Grams 1989

Primary Route: Gabriele Rau 1999, rev. 2004