

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Morton Peak

4,624'

Location: San Bernardino County, approx. 7 miles NE of San Bernardino
Maps: Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest
Topo: Yucaipa 7.5

Primary Route: 3 miles o/w, 1,400' gain

Driving Instruction:

From I-10 in Redlands take the Orange Street/Hwy. 38 exit and drive North and then East on Rt. 38 about 8 ½ miles to Mill Creek Ranger Station, then continue North for 2 miles to Forest Road 1N12 on the left (north-west) side of the road and drive about 50 yards to where the asphalt ends. Park here (elev. 3242). If the gate is open, high clearance or 4-WD vehicles can drive 1.5 mile further (elev. 3932), where a usually gated road turns left. Limited parking.
If you drive to the gate, deduct 1.5 miles and 700' gain from the distance given above.

Hiking Instructions:

Hike up the road 1.5 miles to a small saddle (4 WD parking). Twenty yards beyond is a locked gate to the left (East). Walk around the gate and continue on this road. After 1.3 miles a trail sign 'For Hikers' points left (South) to a trail. This is the Santa Ana River Trail, do NOT take it, and stay on the dirt road uphill to a ridge. Here, the dirt road turns left to the summit, the right overgrown trail leads to Cram Peak. A now refurbished Lookout Tower is located on the summit.

Notes:

Adventure Pass required. No water on trail. Excellent views to the San Bernardino Mountains
Morton Peak LO and Cram Peak are usually hiked together.
On weekends the Lookout is staffed by volunteers. If the second gate is open, the Lookout is staffed and one could drive to the peak.

Near-by Peaks: Cram Peak

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