

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Frankish Peak

4,200+'

Location: San Bernardino County, 1 ½ airline miles N of San Antonio Heights
Maps: Angeles National Forest
Topo: Mt. Baldy 7.5

Primary Route: 6.5 miles o/w, 1,700' gain and 1400' loss
[7 miles including Stoddard Peak]

Driving Instruction: (See directions for Stoddard Peak)

- Exit 210 fwy in Claremont on Baseline Road.
- Turn left (west) on Baseline and drive to Mills Ave.
- Drive north on Mills Ave and follow it to near the end.
- Turn right (east) onto Mt. Baldy Road.
- Continue on Mt. Baldy Road, first east, then north, through two tunnels, to the turnoff road on the right signed 'Barrett Canyon', just before reaching Baldy Village. Park here at the side of the road, avoiding "no trespassing" areas. Plenty of parking.
- Parking farther up is scarce and limited to residences.

Hiking Instructions:

- Hike downhill on the road past a small power station and across a creek. Soon you cross another creek, and then pass some houses.
- Continue on the road to a locked Forest Service gate. Proceed past the gate on the same road uphill to a saddle, Stoddard Flats, where a use trail turns right to Stoddard Peak.
- Continue on the road, now downhill.
- Follow this road for about 2.5 miles to a large clearing. Frankish Road, fast going back to nature, goes to the right in a southerly direction.
- Take Frankish Road southeast until it switches back to the west at saddle 3700+.
- Continue westerly on the road (passing an obvious use trail up a firebreak in 1/4 mile) which winds around the summit area, passing bump 4198, to the peak (the NE-most of 2 nearly equal bumps).
- Note: You may shortcut to the summit up the rather steep but open firebreak.

Notes:

Adventure Pass required.

No water on the road past the seasonal creek crossings on the beginning.

The peak burnt during the Padua/Grand Prix fires in October 2003.

Frankish Peak is a prominent sentinel in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains and affords a sweeping view of the cities below.

The hike is beautiful during springtime when the chaparral is in bloom.

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Alternate Route: 5 miles o/w, 2200' gain and 400' loss

Driving Instruction:

- Exit 210 fwy in Upland on Campus Ave.
- Drive south a short distance to 19th St.
- Turn left (east) and drive to Sapphire St.
- Turn left and follow Sapphire north to its end. Turn left onto Almond St and park. Beware of 'No Parking' signs on Skyline Dr.
- Turn right onto Skyline Dr. and hike up Skyline Drive to the locked gate (2350')

Hiking Instructions:

- Hike past the gate up the steep, paved road. At 0.7 mile the pavement ends at a fine viewpoint of Cucamonga Canyon gorge. At 1.0 mile you reach a road junction. 1N34 goes right 24 miles to Lytle Creek. Take 1N35 to the left.
- Hike west down the road, crossing Cucamonga Creek after 0.5 mile. The road bends sharply left. The main Cucamonga Canyon heads northeast (no trail) toward Cucamonga-Bighorn Saddle.
- Follow this road west along the West Fork of Cucamonga Creek through stands of old coast live oak for about 2 miles to a large clearing. Frankish Road forks to the left, toward the south. The main road, going to Stoddard Flat, goes north.
- Hike Frankish Road to the peak, as described for the Primary Route.

Notes:

Adventure Pass not required.

Water is available at crossing of Cucamonga Creek.

Nearby Peaks: Stoddard

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