

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Cram Peak

4,162'

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

Primary Route: 6.5 miles o/w, 2,000' gain/1,200' loss

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 side of the road, just across a signed view point, and drive about 50 yards to where the asphalt ends. Park here (elev. 3242). If 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 start here, deduct 1.5 miles and 700' gain from the distance/gain 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). Go around the gate and continue on this road. After 1.3 miles a trail with a sign showing bikes, hikers, and horses turns left (South). This is the Santa Ana River Trail, do NOT take it, and stay on the dirt road uphill to a ridge. Here, the road continues left (West) to Morton Peak. To the right, an overgrown hard-to-see old road leads to Cram Peak. Soon the road turns to a trail. Continue for 3 miles over 3 high and 3 low saddles on the ridge to Cram Peak, at the fourth high saddle. Do not continue down and up the next bump visible. Turn East a short distance on a use trail. Return the same way. Remember, there is a 1,200' gain on the way back.

Alternate Route:

From past experience, the old road mentioned above has become brushed over and difficult. Instead, about 100 yards past the road, there is a use trail that goes down a ridge and meets the road. This ridge route is a little brushed over in spots, but better than the road. Once on the road, continue to follow the road to the summit.

Notes:

Adventure Pass required. No water on trail.

Morton Peak LO and Cram Peak are usually hiked together.

Continue on the trail for about 200 yards to the next bump. Here you get an excellent view of the Seven Oaks Dam, an earth filled dam built in the 1990's for Santa Ana River Flood Control.

Excellent views to the San Bernardino Mountains, Slide, Keller and Mill Peaks.

The route described in Hike 56 in John Robinson 'San Bernardino Mountain Trails' is no longer available due to construction of the Santa Ana River dam.

Near-by Peaks: Morton Peak

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