

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Gilman Peak

1,685'

Location: Chino Hills State Park
Maps: Chino Hills State Park Map
Topo: Prado Dam 7.5, Yorba Linda 7.5

Primary Route: 4.5 miles o/w, 1,300' gain

Driving Instructions:

Exit Freeway. 91 on Imperial Highway, take Imperial Highway North to Valencia Ave. Turn right on Valencia Ave., turn right again on Carbon Canyon Road to the Park. Coming from Fwy 57, exit also Imperial Highway, drive East on Imperial Hwy. to Valencia Ave. and turn left, then right on Carbon Canyon Road. Park inside Carbon Canyon Regional Park, on the East end (fee).

Hiking Instructions:

Walk East along the south side of the highway, around a locked gate and pass a lemon grove on your right. Cross a small stream, go around a second gate (Trail Board) and immediately take the uphill former ranch road to the left. The right road is the Telegraph Canyon Road. Follow this road uphill for 4 miles to a where it branches sharply back on the right, leading to the peak. The peak is bare, but views can be excellent. Return via Telegraph Canyon. Take the trail directly to the South, steeply downhill. This trail meets the Telegraph Canyon Road. Turn right here and hike back past the gate, the lemon grove back to the parking area.

Alternate Route: 10 miles round trip, 1,850' gain
Many times Gilman Peak and San Juan Hill are hiked together.

Driving Instructions:

Exit Fwy. 91 on Imperial Highway and drive Imperial Highway North to Yorba Linda Blvd. Turn right on Yorba Linda Blvd., continue for 2 miles to Fairmont Blvd and turn left. After 1.8 miles turn left on Rim Crest Drive for 0.3 miles and park. Observe parking signs! Park entrance and sign, no fee.

Hiking Instructions:

Start hiking on the signed Easy Street Trail, North. Soon you reach Telegraph Canyon Road, turn right (East). After walking ½ mile take a trail on the left (North). Climb this trail for a short steep mile to the peak. Return the way you came to Telegraph Canyon Road, but this time turn left (East) and continue for 2 ½ miles to Four Corners. Here a shady Cabana invites you to take a rest. Use the trail leading South. Keep right at the first Y-crossing, left at the second, until you reach the South Ridge Road. From here it is a short charge (East) up San Juan Hill. Return to the South Ridge Road, turn left (West) and continue for 3 long miles to the parking area.

Notes:

No water on trail. The Park is closed at rain and two days after rain. Telegraph Canyon Road is heavily used by Mountain Bikers. Gilman Peak, in the western part of Chino Hills State park, affords a spectacular view of the rolling hills and deep canyons that typify the Chino Hills Park which is a 10,000 acre undeveloped enclave in the heart of suburbia. A great deal of credit is due to the efforts of an organization known as 'Hills for Everyone' which was largely instrumental in promoting State interest in purchase of the land. Otherwise, these hills may be an International Airport which was strongly promoted by many business and industrial leaders in Orange County.

Near-by Peaks: San Juan Hill

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