

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Mission Point

2,771'

Location: Santa Susana Mountains
Maps: AAA Los Angeles & Orange Counties
Topo: Oat Mountain 7.5

Primary Route: 2.5 miles o/w, 1,200' gain

Driving Instruction:

From I-405 take the Ronald Reagan Freeway 118 towards Granada Hills (West) for one mile and exit on Balboa Blvd. Drive North for 1 mile and turn left on Jolette Ave. Continue on Jolette (speed bumps) for 1.2 miles to Sesnon Blvd. and turn left. The first street to the right is Neon. Follow it to the turnaround and park. The trail starts here.

Hiking Instructions:

Take the obvious trail to the West. This trail, an old road, climbs steadily. There are several steep shortcuts, but follow the gentler trail to the peak. There are a few walnut trees at the lower elevations and lots of wildflowers along the trail in the spring. On the flat peak you find a memorial plaque for a mountain climber and not just 1, but 3 USGS markers. Good views in all directions. The register is located in the brush in the North-East corner.

Alternate Route: 4.5 miles o/w, 1,311' gain

Driving Instructions:

Exit I-5 at Calgrove, drive west to The Old Road, then south 0.9 miles and park on the side of the highway, near a ranch with a white fence.

Hiking Instructions:

Walk south on The Old Road a short distance to the sign for Santa Clarita Woodlands Park. Take this dirt road uphill, keeping left at the sign for Rice Canyon and East Canyon. At 2.5 miles a water tower is reached, with fencing all around indicating private property. Turn left, proceeding downhill, then uphill, always keeping the fence on your right. Take the road at the end of the fence and head uphill for the peak.

Notes:

No water on trail. You can start the hike at O'Melvany Park, which is a little longer and has more gain. There are also several other ways to reach the peak.

Near-by Peaks: Rocky Peak

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