

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Silver Peak

1,804'

Location: Catalina Island
Maps: Catalina Conservancy Map & Guide
Topo: Santa Catalina West 7.5

Primary Route: 6 miles, 2300' gain/500' loss, one way

Hiking Instructions:

From Two Harbors pier follow the road in a south-westerly direction along the west side of Catalina Harbor. After about 1 mile it curves right and becomes Silver Peak Trail. Follow this, at times steep, dirt road for about four miles past a high point along the ridge at elevation 1750+' ("Granite" survey marker on the left). Continue for two more miles to Silver Peak. The summit may be reached by a short scramble up the east face or by a more gradual slope climb up the north side. This is the highest point on the island north of the Isthmus and is also called West Peak.

Notes:

There is no water on the trail.

The trail offers many views of picturesque coves around this part of the island, including a good view of Iron Bound Bay, if you descend south from bump 1650+, just southeast of Silver Peak.

Arrangements:

Several arrangements need to be made before taking this hike. Reservations needed for boat service between San Pedro & Two Harbors: Catalina Express (800) 805-9201 or (310) 519-1212

Hiking Permit: Catalina Conservancy (310) 510-4205 (free, but required). The Conservancy is located at 125 Claressa Avenue in Avalon, or at Two Harbors at the Visitors Services office.

Camping Permit: (310) 510-8368 (Fee), tent cabins are available for rent, each housing six hikers. The rangers will haul the gear up to the cabins, no charge.

These services are NOT coordinated.

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