

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Bedford Peak

3,800'+

Location: Santa Ana Mountains
Maps: Cleveland National Forest
Topo: Corona South 7.5 and Santiago Peak 7.5

Primary Route: 4.0 miles, 2,100' gain one way

Driving Instruction:

Exit the Newport/Costa Mesa Freeway 55 in Orange County on Chapman East, continue on Chapman, which turns into Santiago Canyon Road S18 and follow it for approximately 7 more miles to Silverado Canyon Road on the left side. Turn left and take Silverado Canyon Road for about 6 miles to the gate at the entrance to Cleveland National Forest. Park in the large turn-around.

Hiking Instructions:

From the parking (1,700') area start hiking along the road up Silverado Canyon. After you cross the stream continue about 100 yards to the trail (5S03) on the left, which turns back, North-West direction, then climbs up the mountain. This road is also called Silverado Motorway and just a trail now. Follow the trail for 3.5 miles to the junction with Main Divide Road (3691' elevation). Turn right (North-East) on the Main Divide Road, continue for approximately 1/2 miles to the second bump on your right. A steep firebreak leads South-East on the ridge to the summit at 3800+'. To avoid the steep firebreak continue for about 100 steps on the road, then take a gentle short use trail to your right that meets the firebreak on top of Bedford Peak.

The USGS marker shows the County lines in a 145°/215° angle and the name Bedford Peak. Return the way you came.

Notes:

No water on trail. Adventure Pass required. This Peak can also be reached by driving the Main Divide Road. Bedford was an early pioneer in the Temescal Valley. The area had silver and coal mines in the late 1870s, and Silverado was once a boom town.

Near-by Peaks:

Bald Peak, Pleasant Peak

Original: Jack Adsit