

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Harrison Mountain

4,743'

Location: San Bernardino County, approx. 7 mi NE of San Bernardino
Maps: Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest
Topo: Harrison Mtn. 7.5

Primary Route: 2.5 miles o/w, 1,600' gain

Driving Instruction:

From I-10 in Redlands take Hwy. 30 to Running Springs/Mountain Resorts. After 5 miles leave Hwy 30 and take Hwy 330 towards Running Springs. Drive up Hwy. 330 2.2 miles beyond City Creek Ranger Station to where the highway turns North. Large parking area on right with sign 'Manzanita Flat' Road 1N09. Elevation 3,335'.

Hiking Instructions:

A partially cleared firebreak is visible from the parking area going SW up to the first peak on the ridge (3,867' on topo). Walk SW from the parking area, slightly to your right, through some grassy area and up a berm towards the trees. Here a steep trail starts up to the ridge. Follow the trail past bump 4,043' to a prominent saddle. Turn downhill to the right at a large duck (West) for about 200 yards where an old firebreak heads up left (SW) to the main summit ridge. This route has been cleared, but grows fast and may need some cutting to get through. The firebreak intersects the ridge at a rock outcropping (about 4,200'). Hike SE up the ridge over one bump to the peak. The firebreak continues for about another half miles to two lower bumps on the ridge to the south-west which are an easy walk for spectacular views. Return the way you came.

Alternate Route:

From past experience and reading some trip reports, this firebreak mentioned above has become brushed over. A better approach is to walk about one tenth of mile down 1N09 to a point where the road makes a bend to the right, then to the left. Before the left turn, there was a faint use trail going south. Follow the use trail about 100 yards to a clearing and look to the right. You will see a well define trail that takes you up to a ridge going east-west up to bump 3867. It is a little steep just before 3867, but it is wide open.

Notes:

Adventure Pass required. During October 2003 the Old Fire burnt Harrison Mountain and McKinley Mountain.

The peak is named for President Benjamin Harrison who signed the act creating the San Bernardino National Forest Reserve on February 25, 1893.

Bring gloves – the Buckthorn grows fast!

Near-by Peaks: McKinley Mountain

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