

## USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

### **Slide Mountain L.O.      4,631'**

Location:      Near Pyramid Lake  
Maps:          Angeles National Forest, Los Padres National Forest  
Topo:          Black Mountain 7.5

**Primary Route:**              5 miles o/w, 2,400' gain, moderate

#### **Driving Instructions:**

Take I-5 north to the Templin Highway off-ramp, 23 miles from the Sylmar ride-share. Drive West under overpass to Old US 99. Turn right (North) and drive 5.3 miles to the locked gate. Plenty of parking.

#### **Hiking Instructions:**

Hike on the paved road (four lanes!) for about 1.5 mile past a sign on the right side 'Piru Creek 0 fish limit'. Shortly after the sign there is an old gated forest road on the left, 6N01, labeled correctly on the Los Padres National Forest map. The same road is marked 18W04 on the Angeles National Forest map. Hike uphill on this road for about 1 mile to an open area with a sign post naming it 'Kermet's Corner.' There is also a bench for a nice rest.

This is the end of the Forest Road. Continue on the trail to the left, uphill for about 2.5 miles all the way to the lookout on the summit. The trail has been cleared and is in good condition. The Lookout has been renovated and is (sometimes) staffed by volunteers. The register can is under a rock pile a few paces from the staircase to the Lookout. There is also a scavenger hunt can underneath the foundation.

The first 2.5 miles of paved and forest road can be done by mountain bike.

#### **Notes:**

Views of White Mtn, Black Mtn, Cobblestone and the Tehachapis. Also Liebre, Burnt and Sawtooth are visible, as is Pyramid Lake and Lake Piru.

The bedding planes of the sedimentary rocks in both walls of the Piru Gorge are tilted at angles of 30', making for a very nice scenic area.

The Lookout has been restored during 2002/3 and is sometimes staffed by volunteers. The Forest Road has also been repaired and can be used by mountain bikers up to Kermet's Corner.

**Near-by Peaks:** None.

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