

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Clamshell Peak

4,380'

Location: Near Monrovia
Maps: Angeles National Forest
Topo: Azusa 7.5

Primary Route: 3.0 miles, 500' gain/800' loss one way

Driving Instruction:

From I-210 take Hwy 39 exit in Azusa and drive Hwy. 39 north to the OHV area, 12 miles. Stop and get the permit for the Rincon-Shortcut Road 2N24 (the day before call Glendora Ranger Station (626) 335-1251 or OHV (626) 910-1151 if road is open and how to get the free permit and lock combination number. The OHV is not open every day). 2N24 is on the left side shortly after the OHV station. Drive 12.5 miles on this road to a gated side road 2N31 on the left, marked 'Clamshell Road' and 'Spring Camp' on the topo. Park here. Do not take the Upper Clamshell Truck Trail (2N30, gated) also turning to the left before passing Monrovia Peak!

Hiking Instructions:

Hike this road on your left downhill to a road fork and take the left road, through an open gate. After 1.5 miles a sharp left firebreak leads to Rankin Peak. Continue on this mostly shady road for a total of 2.5 miles. Just before the road switchbacks from West to East, take a firebreak to the left (West) uphill (ducked). Take this short steep firebreak up to a shallow saddle. Here turn right and continue a short distance to the next bump, which is Clamshell Peak. There is a concrete hole with an iron lid next to a bush. The register is located here. Return the same way, there is an 800' gain on the return.

Alternate Route: 4 miles, 3,100' gain one way

Driving Instruction:

At Monrovia, turn N off the I-210 on Myrtle Avenue. Drive North 1.6 m to Hillcrest Blvd., then East 0.2 m to Canyon Blvd. (which turns right at one point) 0.4 m to Ridgeside Dr. Go left on this and go 0.7 m to a narrow paved road on the left (numbers painted on sidewalk: 873/889/905). Park here on the street.

Hiking Instructions:

Hike on the paved road/driveway past a house to a locked gate. Continue past the gate on this road for about a mile, just before the road drops underneath a telephone line. Turn right up the firebreak. Continue on this sometimes very steep firebreak, generally heading north, for 3 miles. At a T keep right. On the ridge there are many animal trails, stay on top of the ridge as much as possible. Finally you reach a false peak with a shallow saddle behind it, walk up to the next bump, which is Clamshell Peak. There is a bush on top and next to it a concrete hole with an iron lid where the register is located. To go down the same way is again very steep and difficult. This is the HPS route to Monrovia Peak.

Alternate way to come back via Rankin and Monrovia Peaks: take a use trail from the shallow saddle down east to the Clamshell road, then hike on this road to the firebreak leading to Rankin (about 1 mile) and then Monrovia Peak (see HPS write-up). Take the roads back: Rincon-Shortcut Road, Upper Clamshell Truck Trail to White Saddle (3 m), then Monrovia Canyon Road to Monrovia Canyon Park (5 m). Either have one car outside the Monrovia Canyon Park or hike the streets back to your original parking place. A very long day!

Notes:

Adventure Pass required. No water on route.

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