

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Stoddard Peak

4,624'

Location: San Bernardino County, 3 airline miles N of San Antonio Heights

Maps: Angeles National Forest

Topo: Mt. Baldy 7.5

Primary Route: 3 miles, 950' gain one way with 150' gain on the return.

Driving Instruction:

- From LA, drive east on I-210 to the Baseline Road exit in Claremont.
- Turn left (west) to the next signal.
- Turn right (north) on Padua Ave. Continue to junction with Mt. Baldy Road. Turn right on Mt Baldy Road.
- Continue on Mt. Baldy Road, first east, then north, through two tunnels, to the turnoff road on the right signed 'Barrett Canyon', just before reaching Baldy Village. Park here at the side of the road. Plenty of parking. Parking farther up is scarce and limited to residents.

Hiking Instructions:

- Hike downhill on the road past a small power station and across a creek.
- Soon you cross another creek, then some houses.
- Continue on the road to a locked Forest Service gate.
- Hike past the gate on the same road uphill to a saddle, Stoddard Flats, where a use trail turns right (southeast) to the peak. This use trail starts through a tunnel of chaparral.
- Follow the ridge for about 0.4 mile south to the second prominent summit. This trail can be brushy, a little steep and rocky, but well traveled.
- Return the way you came.

Notes:

- National Forest Adventure Pass required.
- No water on the road past the creek crossings.
- The peak was burned in the Padua Fire October 2003.
- Because of the surrounding mountains the view from the top is rather 'specialized', offering a good panorama of the old San Antonio Canyon Highway which was washed out in many places during the 1969 floods and never rebuilt. The course of the old road can be hiked, a distance of about 3 miles from the Lower San Antonio Fire Station to its junction with the present highway.
- Stoddard Peak was named after William H. Stoddard who established a resort about 1886 in the wild and rugged canyon to the east of the peak. The camp lasted for a few years into the twentieth century.

Nearby Peaks:

Frankish Peak

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