

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Jupiter Mtn.

4,498'

Location: Two miles N of Bouquet Canyon Reservoir, approx. 37 road miles from Sylmar
Maps: Angeles National Forest Map
Topo: Green Valley 7.5

Primary Route: 1.5 miles, 1,000' gain one way

Driving Instruction:

Drive N on I-5; and 9.6 miles from the Sylmar Rideshare Meeting Place at Roxford Street take the Valencia off-ramp. Turn right, go E on Valencia Blvd 2.6 mi, turn left, go NE on Bouquet Canyon Road for 19 miles. Turn left on Spunky Canyon Road, drive to near mile marker 2.68 and park on the left side of the road.

Alternate Driving Instructions:

From State Highway 14 in Palmdale, exit at Palmdale Blvd/Hwy 138. Head west on Palmdale Blvd which becomes Elizabeth Lake Road. At 8.4 miles, turn left (south) onto Bouquet Canyon Road. Drive 6.3 miles to Spunky Canyon Road and turn right. Drive to near mile marker 2.68 and park on the left side of the road."

Hiking Instructions:

Elevation at saddle 3,421'. Prominent Forest Service trail sign on left. Follow left fire road which turns right at a water tank. The trail starts on the left at a paddle marker, contouring west around to saddle 1 mile from the start. Turn left up ridge ½ miles to the top with fine views of reservoir and countryside. There even is a rock bench on the summit!

Extra: Retrace steps to saddle and continue West 1 mile to West End Jupiter Mtn. to no-name peak, approx. same elevation (nickname Juno) with great views of Green Valley and San Francisquito Canyon.

Notes:

Adventure Pass required.

Historical Driving Tour: Return to I-5 by driving NW to town of Green Valley. Turn left and continue 10.8 miles to the San Francisquito Dam site. On the way pass the south end of Elizabeth Tunnel of the Los Angeles Aqueduct with 1000 penstock drop to powerhouse followed in a couple of miles by a 400' drop to second powerhouse. San Francis Dam broke in 1928 killing 400 people and causing tremendous damage before roaring down the Santa Clara River valley to the ocean near Ventura. Tumbled concrete remains of the dam and gorge are interesting to visit. After visiting the dam site, drive SW 6 miles to Valencia Blvd. Turn right and go W 2.6 miles to I-5.

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