

LAKE ARROWHEAD AREA HIKING TRAILS

MOUNTAINTOP RANGER DISTRICT



This symbol indicates that parking at the trailhead requires an Adventure Pass or Interagency Pass.

Pacific Crest Trail Moderate/Difficult 40 miles

The Pacific Crest Trail or PCT is a 2,600 mile trail that spans from Mexico to Canada. Approximately 40 miles of this trail crosses the Mountaintop Ranger District. Adventure Pass required at Splinter's Cabin.

- Mission Creek Trail Camp to Coon Creek Jump Off – 6.6 miles, moderate
- Coon Creek Jump Off to Onyx Summit – 5.7 miles, moderate
- Onyx Summit to Forest Road 2N02 – 9.4 miles, strenuous
- 2N02 to Dump Rd. 3N08 – 6.2 miles, moderate
- Dump Rd. to Van Dusen Road 3N09 – 6.9 miles, moderate
- 3N09 to 3N12 – 6.3 miles, moderate
- 3N12 to Little Bear Springs – 4.4 miles, moderate
- Little Bear Springs to Crab Flats Road – 6.5 miles, moderate
- Crab Flats Road to Deep Creek Bridge – 6.0 miles, moderate
- Deep Creek Bridge to Devils Hole – 5.0 miles round trip, moderate
- Devils Hole to Mojave River Dam – 13.0 miles, Very strenuous
- Mojave River Dam to Cedar Springs Dam – 9.4 miles, strenuous
- Cedar Springs Dam to Silverwood Entrance – 6.0 miles, moderate
- Silverwood Lake to Elliot Road – 9 miles, strenuous
- Elliot Road to Cajon Pass – 4.5 miles, moderate

Hawes Peak Trail (2W08/2W14) Moderate 4.5 miles

This trail begins on 2W08, ¼ mile northeast of Tent Peg Campground on 3N34. Travel 1.3 miles to PCT. Follow PCT east ¼ mile to 2W14, go north 3.3 miles. Trail ends at a yellow post site on 3N41.

Fisherman's Camp Trail (2W07) Moderate/Difficult 2.5 miles

This trail begins 1.3 miles west of Crab Flats Campground on Forest Service Road 3N34; Crab Creek Trail provides the primary access to Fisherman's Camp (a group reservation trail camp) on Deep Creek. The trail descends moderately westward crossing Crab Creek 1.3 miles from Deep Creek. Deep Creek must be forded to reach Fisherman's Camp. Attempting to cross Deep Creek when it is running high can be dangerous. The scenery along this trail is exceptional; Camping at Fisherman's Camp is by group permit only. Make reservations at least 3 days in advance at recreation.gov

Seeley Creek Trail (4W07) Easy 1 mile

This short trail begins on Forest Service Road 2N03 - 1/4 mile south of the entrance to Camp Seeley on Highway 138. You must cross the creek. This easy hike follows Seeley Creek to an overlook called "Heart Rock" which marks the trail's end. Here there is a heart-shaped hole in the cliff next to a picturesque 20-foot waterfall. The gentle grade of this trail makes it an excellent walk for all ages, but be careful to watch out for the safety of children near the waterfall.

Hot Springs Trail (3W02) Difficult 1.5 miles

This trail begins 1 mile south of Bowen Ranch near Hesperia. Deep Creek supports the greatest diversity of wildlife habitats of any drainage on the San Bernardino National Forest and has earned the State designation of a Wild Trout Stream. It also represents some of the greatest diversity of vegetation communities of any drainage on the national forest. The vegetation ranges from sparse creosote, chamise and California buckwheat at lower elevations to oak and pinyon woodland and scattered mixed conifer, healthy riparian habitats are also present. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) follows the creek from the Lake Arrowhead area to the Mojave River Forks Dam for 16 miles as part of the 2,650 mile national scenic trail crossing Deep Creek twice on elevated bridges. **This is a day use area only – no camping, no campfires, and no glass bottles.**

North Shore Recreation Trail (3W12) Moderate to Difficult 1.7 miles

This trail begins just behind the North Shore Campground on Hospital Rd. off of Hwy. 173. The trail descends along seasonal Little Bear Creek to FS Road 2N26Y, intersecting the road about 1 mile above Splinter's Cabin Trailhead. The seven year drought and Old Fire in 2003 took its toll on the trees along the trail, giving hikers an opportunity to view post fire effects and the changes as a result of the drought and bark beetle infestation.

Little Green Valley Trail (2W10) Difficult 1.5 miles

This trail begins on the north side of Highway 18 between the two entrances to Snow Valley Ski area. Little Green Valley Trail climbs steeply to the north until you reach a meadow at Forest Service Road 2N19. This trail provides you with outstanding views of Snow Valley and Slide Peak. The trail ties into 1W26, then to 2N64 which the Forest Service tied into 2N20 and back around behind the Nordic Ski area to make a loop. This trail is mainly used by mountain bikes.

**Heaps Peak Arboretum Trail (3W05) Easy 0.7 mile loop**

This interpretive trail is located 1.4 miles east of Skyforest on Highway 18. The trail is an easy walk for all ages that takes you through a self-guided tour with 24 points of interest about native plants and wildlife. The site was constructed and is maintained by volunteers from the Rim of the World Interpretive Association. Staffed information at this location. This site is accessible. Adventure Pass Required.

**Trail of the Phoenix (2W09) Easy 0.5 mile loop**

This paved nature trail begins at the entrance of the National Children's Forest off Keller Peak Road. The trail is specifically designed and maintained to accommodate the needs of the visually and physically disabled. The trail maintains a grade of 5% or less. This site is accessible. Keller Peak Fire Lookout tower is a short drive up the road. Adventure Pass Required.

Exploration Trail (2W09X) Moderate 4.5 miles one-way

The Exploration Trail is a family friendly, non-motorized 4.5 mile trail with a 12% grade. This trail was designed by children along with the U.S. Forest Service personnel and other professionals. During winter, the trail offers an exciting snowshoe or cross country skiing trek.

Metate/ Rock Camp Trail (3W15) Easy 0.5 miles

This trail begins immediately east of Rock Camp Station on Highway 173. The trail leads to bedrock mortars used by the Serrano Indians to grind acorns and to make flour. The Serrano came to this area each spring because of the plentiful acorn crop and the mild weather. Bedrock mortars were formed by the grinding action of mono and pestle stones. It was much easier to use these large bedrock slabs rather than carry a mortar stone with them, but they also did that in areas where such stones did not exist. A stone monument was placed on the site by the Lake Arrowhead Woman's Club to designate the historical importance of this encampment to the Serrano Indians.

Pinnacles Trail (3W16) Difficult 3.5 miles

Pinnacles Trail Begins at the entrance to the Rifle Range on Highway 173, north of Rock Camp and ends at the top of the peak. From the top, on clear days you can look into Mojave desert. Along the trail there are steel posts and rock cairns to help you find the path as the trail travels over and around large boulders. At the summit there is a register book to sign in at the top.

Tunnel II Trail (3W19) Easy 1 mile

The Tunnel 2 Trail begins at Forest Service Road 2N34. Take Grass Valley Rd. to Clubhouse. Follow Clubhouse to Fairway, continue on Fairway, turning right on Brentwood. Turn left on Sonoma to 2N24A. Go left on 2N34A and park at the intersection of 2N24A and 2N24, the trailhead is on right. This trail enjoys views of Miller Canyon and Lake Silverwood.

Leave No Trace Seven Principles

Follow these seven principles to insure safe and enjoyable visit to the San Bernardino National Forest.



- 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare:** Know the regulations of the area where you plan to visit. Call ahead to the local ranger station to find out current local weather and trail conditions. Plan for the possibility of extreme weather, high water crossings and other unexpected hazards and emergencies. Always bring a map and compass and know how to use them. Consider the physical condition, skills, experience, and expectations of all the members of your group when planning your trip.
- 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces:** Please stay on the trail; cutting switchbacks causes erosion. If you have to hike off trail, please hike on durable surfaces and avoid fragile areas such as meadows. Select a campsite on a hard dry surface such as rock, sand, gravel, or pine needle duff, not on vegetation or in meadows.
- 3. Dispose of Waste Properly:** Pack out everything you pack in. Human food and trash is unhealthy for animals and leads to harmful habituation by animals to human presence and food. Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Use toilet paper sparingly and pack it out.
- 4. Leave What You Find:** Natural objects of beauty or interest, such as wildflowers, should be left for others to discover and enjoy. In all areas it is illegal to remove cultural artifacts such as arrowheads or pictographs.
- 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts:** Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings. Consider using a portable gas camping stove instead. Always check fire restrictions before camping/hiking by calling the nearest ranger station.
- 6. Respect Wildlife:** Never feed wild animals! This is for your own safety and the health of the wild animal. Habituation to human food leads to unhealthy interactions between wildlife and people. Pets must be kept under control and not allowed to harass wildlife, stock, or other visitors.
- 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors:** Respect the solitude of others by avoiding boisterous behavior and loud noises, let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid the use of bright lights, cell phones, radios, electronic games, walkie-talkies and other intrusive devices. If they must be used, use earphones. Keep the noise down, especially at night or in remote places. Keep voices low.

Visit the Big Bear Discovery Center for more information and a large selection of maps and hiking guides. The staff and volunteers will be glad to give you expert advice and assistance. The San Bernardino National Forest has the highest concentration of endangered plant species in the United States. Enjoy the mountains and the Forest and please stay on the trails.



Scan this QR Code for more information on hiking trails throughout the forest.

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