

Iron Mountain #3 OPT Hike

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Arne Foss' Hike

Trailhead Directions

Drive North on Angeles Forest Highway to paddle 15.18, about 9.4 miles from where it starts at Angeles Crest Highway, 9.5 miles from I-210 at La Canada. You will pass Monte Cristo Station on the left and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road on the right. Turn right into Monte Cristo campground. Park in the overflow parking straight in past the bulletin board at the south end of the campground. In the checkout of the hike I did not have to pay.

The Hike

We will walk north east through the campground and start our hike up a dirt road. In 1.6 miles we reach a fork in the road where we make about a 135° right turn and ascend (at a very good rate) the road to a gated fork 0.6 mile up, at elevation 4640 feet. We will hike past the gate a few hundred feet and make a steep accent to the left up to a North - South firebreak along the ridge. There we turn south and follow a trail up to the summit at 5040 feet. There is a sign-in book on the peak. Total distance each way is three miles with a 1440 foot elevation gain. We will return the same way. The hike is short with a good trail, but mighty good exercise.