



Mt. San Jacinto

Directions:

From the 10 Fwy in Banning exit on Highway 243 and go 20 miles southeast to the Allandale Forest Service Station. Just past the Service Station take the Forest Road 4S02 turnoff toward Dark Canyon Campground. Go left at the junction about a mile in and go through the camp and bear left at Azalea Trail Junction to the trailhead. Use the [San Jacinto Topo](#) for this hike.

This area offers a variety of hiking and camping opportunities. From the Dark Canyon trailhead you follow the Seven Pines Trail 3.25 miles to the former Deer Springs Camp which makes a nice lunch stop. From there proceed on to a junction where you bear right to follow the Deer Springs Trail for another 2 miles to the Little Round Valley Trail Camp. From the Little Round Valley it is an easy day hike to climb Mt. San Jacinto. Round trip mileage for this hike is 10.5 miles with a 3600 foot elevation gain.

Water is available, but must be purified. Fire permits are required for open fires and a Wilderness Permit is necessary.

This hike meets the requirements for the following High Adventure Awards:

Training Hike
 Hardback Award
 Hike in State/County Park
 Mt. San Jacinto

MODERATE

