

**VIRGIN PEAK 8071+ FEET CLASS 1**

**MILEAGE:** 384 miles of paved road, 2.4 miles of excellent dirt, 0.9 miles of poor dirt, 3 miles of 4WD dirt road

**DRIVE:** From Las Vegas, NV. drive 68 miles N on Interstate 15, leaving the highway at the signed Riverside/Bunkerville Exit 112. Drive 3.0 miles S toward Riverside, NV., crossing a bridge over the Virgin River and coming to the signed Gold Butte Road. Turning right (SW) on the Gold Butte Road, drive 20.6 miles to the end of pavement at a fork. Bear left here, driving 2.4 miles E on excellent dirt to a junction with a poor dirt road heading left (N) toward the Virgin Mountains. Turning left at this fork, drive 0.9 miles to a corral. Most 2WD'ers will opt to park here. 4WDer's and daring 2WDer's with high clearance can continue N, bearing right at a fork in 0.2 miles to the road's end at short distance later. Park

**CLIMB:** From the corral, 2WDer's will have to hike up the road 3.0 miles to the old 4WD parking spot adjacent to the mining ruins on the left side of the road. From here hike left (W) up a minor ridge to the forested main NW-SE ridge, which is followed right (NW) to the summit. As usual, the summit is the last bump on this ridge.

**BETTER:** Hike up the old road approximately 1.3 miles to a ridge coming down from the left. Gain this ridge and climb to the summit ridge above. Turn right and follow it all the way to the summit.

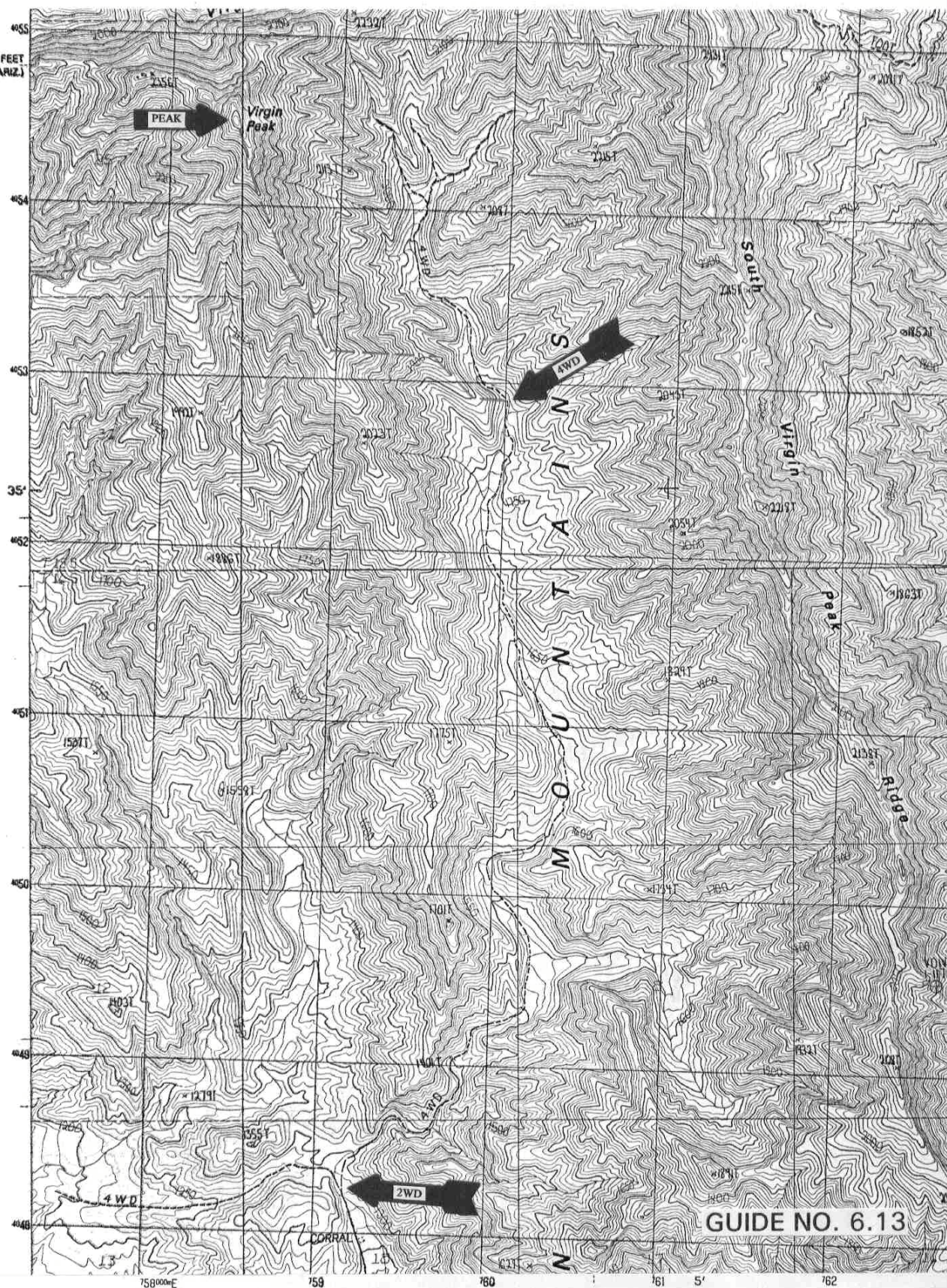
**ROUND TRIP STATS:** 3800 feet elevation gain, 10 miles, 7 hours

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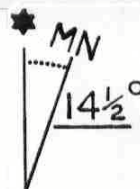
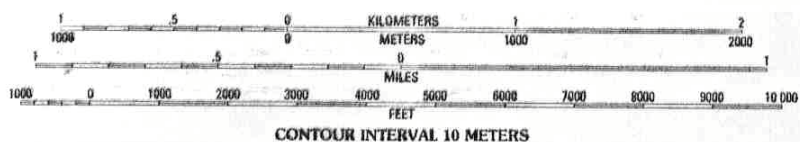
1. Be sure to fill up your gas tank in either Glendale, NV., which is about 20 miles S of Exit 112 on Interstate 15 or Mesquite, NV., which is about 10 miles E of Exit 112 on Interstate 15. There is no gas available once you leave Interstate 15 at Exit 112.
2. Virgin Peak was named so because of its proximity to the Virgin River. One story is that the river got its name from early Spanish explorers or traders who called it Rio de la Virgen or River of the Virgin. Later Spanish explorers who mapped the area called it Rio Sulfureo de las Piramides.
3. Bunkerville, NV commemorates Edward Bunker, a Mormon missionary who settled there among the Southern Paiutes in 1877.



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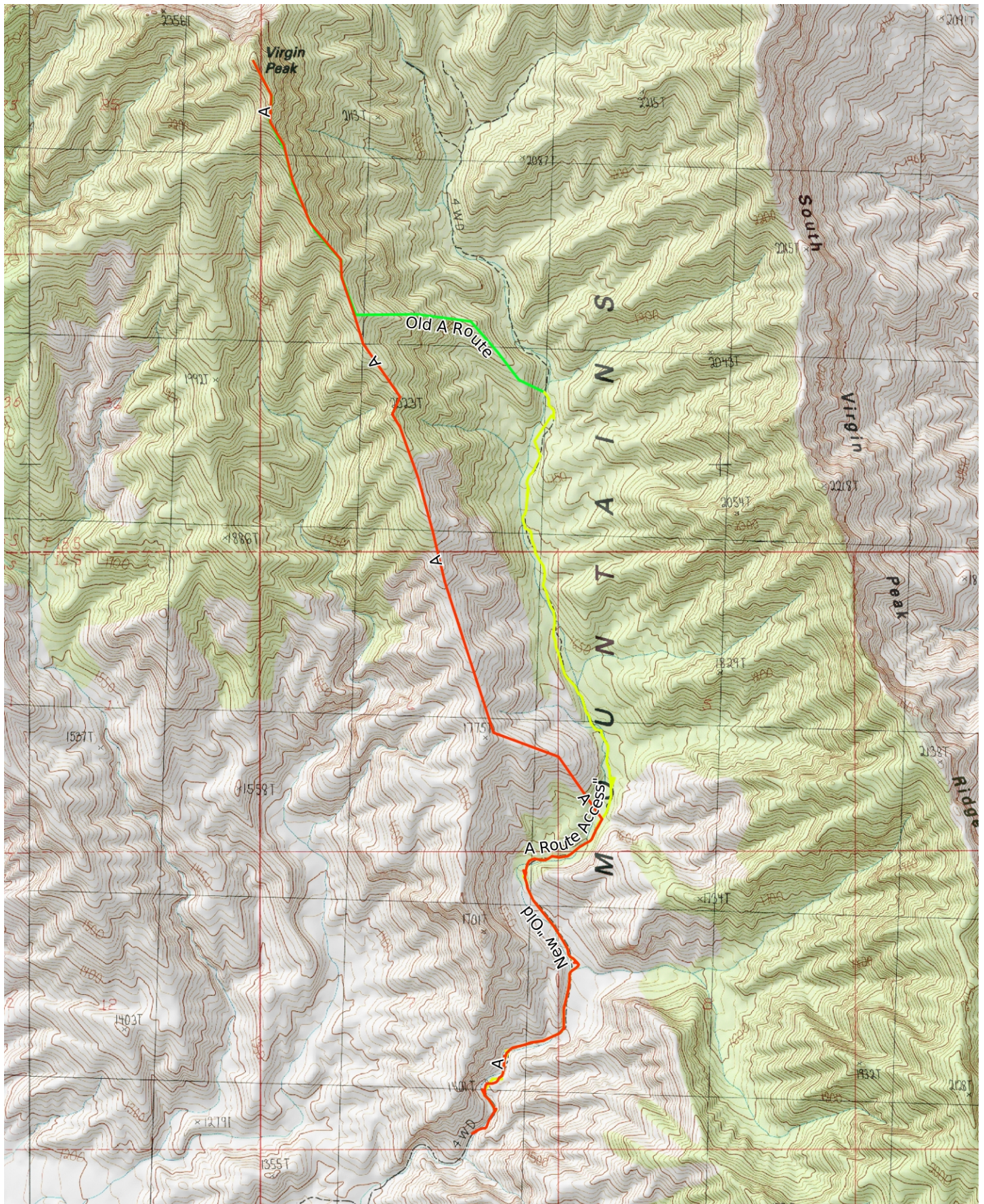


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