

Desert Peaks Section Peaks List

And General Information

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Changes From The Last Edition

- Delist one peak: Cerro Pescadores
- Note: Since April 2018, four peaks have been delisted: Argus Peak, Maturango Peak, Navajo Mountain, and Cerro Pescadores. Edgar Peak remains suspended

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About the Desert Peaks Section

The Desert Peaks Section is an outings activity section in the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Our section encourages members to explore and enjoy the desert mountain ranges of the Southwest, become familiar with their scenic resources, stimulate interest in climbing these vast desert ranges in the interest of preserving their desert resources, enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting desert areas and foster among our members the purposes of the Sierra Club. The oldest peak-climbing section in the largest Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Desert Peaks Section was informally organized in 1941 and formally organized in October 1945.

Our activities include backpacking, day hiking and special events such as our Annual Banquet and the Chili Cook-off. During the fall, winter, and spring, we sponsor monthly social gatherings in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. While focused on climbing and hiking, our outings have a social element around the evening campfire. Travel to the trailheads for our trips often requires vehicles with adequate ground clearance and occasionally 4WD. Transportation to the outings can be arranged by informal carpools from the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Our section sponsors outings in the deserts of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah throughout the year, although the summer season is generally our lowest activity period.

Membership

Membership in the DPS is available to Sierra Club members who have climbed any six peaks on the Peaks List. A list of peaks climbed and the dates, the applicant's Sierra Club membership number, and the subscription fee for the DPS newsletter, *The Desert Sage*, should be sent to the DPS Treasurer. Emblem status is awarded to DPS members who have been members for one year, who have climbed 15 of the listed peaks, including five of the seven emblem peaks, and who send a letter listing the peaks and the dates climbed to the section Secretary. Recognition is also given for completion of the list; notify the Secretary. Emblem and List Completion pins are available.

Peak Guides

The DPS publishes a guide for each peak on the list, and gives map extracts, information on access roads, and climbing routes. For availability information, refer to the DPS Newsletter, *The Desert Sage*.

Climbing Difficulty

The DPS follows the Yosemite Decimal System (YDS). Its *class* system is suitable for the kind of activities we do. In this guide, we use the class to indicate the difficulty of the usual route. Reference the table below:

Class	Description
1	Hands-in-pockets hiking on trails or easy cross-country
2	Rough cross-country travel — boulder hopping and use of hands for balance
3	Handholds are necessary for climbing — some people may ask for belays
4	More difficult climbing with considerable exposure — ropes are used
5	Technical rock climbing
6	Rock climbing with artificial aid

Maps

The listed maps in the peak list starting on page 6 are the USGS topographic, or “topo”, 7.5', 1:24,000 series and the 15', 1:62,500 series. At our latitude, the 7.5' maps cover an area of about 7 by 8.5 miles. The Mexican maps are Mexican government topo maps of 20' longitude by 15' latitude, 1:50,000.

The peak is located on the first, or principal, map listed for each peak. The other, or auxiliary, maps are needed to cover the usual climbing route from the roadhead.

Elevations are obtained from the maps and are given in feet. Meters have been converted to feet by dividing by the factor 0.3048.

The code numbers give the geographic coordinates of the southeast corner of the US 7.5' maps. They permit location of the topo map on small-scale maps such as atlases, Auto Club maps, and USGS 1:100,000 or 1:250,000 series maps. The first two digits give the latitude, and the next three give the longitude, in degrees. The capital letter designates the latitude in 7.5' steps from A at 0.0' northward to H at 52.5', and the last digit designates the longitude in 7.5' steps from 1 and 0.0' westward to 8 at 52.5'. For example, the SE corner of the Glass Mtn. map (37118G6) is at 37°45' N, 118°37.5' W.

A table of these indices for minutes is on the next page:

Map Index Reference

Lat	Long	min	Lat	Long	min
A	1	0.0	E	5	30.0
B	2	7.5	F	6	37.5
C	3	15.0	G	7	45.0
D	4	22.5	H	8	52.5

UTM Coordinates

UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) coordinates are given for some peaks to define peak location on the given map. UTM coordinates are useful for specifying the location of any point on the map: roadheads, campsites, and points along the climbing route. The UTM coordinate grid is defined by the blue tick marks spaced one kilometer apart along the edges of the older maps and by the grid of fine black lines on newer maps.

A location precise to 100 meters is given by a six-digit number. The first two digits are the eastward coordinate obtained from the top and bottom edges, and the third digit is the number of tenths of a km to the east of the numbered grid line. The fourth and fifth digits are the northward coordinate obtained from the left and right side of the map, and the sixth digit is the number of tenths of a km to the north of the grid line.

For example, Pleasant Pt, 274474, is 400 meters east of the 27 north-south grid line and 400 meters north of the 47 east-west grid line. Note that the UTM coordinates go from west to east and south to north. A memory aid is “read right up”.

Location to a precision of ten meters can be given by an eight-digit number in which the third and fourth digits give the eastward fraction of a kilometer to one percent and the seventh and eighth digits give the northward coordinate.

Datum used on the DPS list: NAD27.

The List

Key

n	An "n" after the index number indicates a note at the end of the list.
*	An asterisk denotes a map with metric contour intervals and elevations.
(X)	A capital letter in parentheses after an auxiliary map title gives the location of that map relative to the principal map. For example, for peak 1.9, Union Wash (W) is west of the New York Butte map.
CAPS	The seven Emblem Peaks are capitalized.

		Code	Peak	YDS	Elev	UTM	Map Index	7.5'	15'
<i>1 TRANS-SIERRA — MONO and INYO COUNTIES</i>									
		1.1	Mt. Patterson	1	11673		38119D3	Mt. Patterson	Fales Hot Spring
		1.2n	Glass Mtn. Ridge	1	11140	500811	37118G6	Glass Mtn.	Glass Mtn.
		1.3	Boundary Peak	2	13140		37118G3	Boundary Peak	Benton
		1.4	MONTGOMERY PEAK	2	13441		37118G3	Boundary Peak	Benton
		1.5	Mt. Dubois	2	13559		37118G3	Boundary Peak	Benton
		1.6	White Mtn. Peak	1	14246		37118F3	White Mtn. Peak, Juniper Mtn. (E), Mt. Barcroft (SE)	White Mtn. Peak
		1.7	Waucoba Mtn.	2	11123		37118A1	Waucoba Mtn., Waucoba Spring (E)	Waucoba Mtn.
		1.8	MOUNT INYO	2	10975		36117F8	New York Butte, Union Wash* (W)	New York Butte
		1.9	Keynot Peak	2	11101		36117F8	New York Butte, Union Wash* (W)	New York Butte
		1.10	New York Butte	1	10668		36117F8	New York Butte, Dolomite (S)	New York Butte
		1.11n	Pleasant Pt.	1	9690	274474	36117E7	Cerro Gordo Peak	New York Butte
		1.12	Nelson Range	2	7696	414457	36117E6	Nelson Range	Ubehebe Peak
<i>2 DEATH VALLEY — INYO COUNTY</i>									
		2.1	Last Chance Mtn.	1	8456		37117C6	Last Chance Mtn.	Magruder Mtn.
		2.2	Sandy Pt.	1	7062	452117	37117B5	Sand Spring, Hanging Rock Canyon (W)	Last Chance Range
		2.3	Dry Mtn.	2	8674		36117H5	Dry Mountain	Dry Mountain
		2.4	Tin Mtn.	2	8953		36117H4	Tin Mountain	Tin Mountain
		2.5	Panamint Butte	2	6584		36117D3	Panamint Butte, The Dunes (W)	Panamint Butte
		2.6	Tucki Mtn.	1	6726	885392	36117D2	Emigrant Canyon, Tucki Wash (E)	Emigrant Canyon
		2.7	TELESCOPE PEAK	1	11048		36117B1	Telescope Peak	Telescope Peak

		Code	Peak	YDS	Elev	UTM	Map Index	7.5'	15'
2 DEATH VALLEY — INYO COUNTY (cont.)									
		2.8	Sentinel Peak	1	9634		36117A1	Panamint	Telescope Peak
		2.9	Porter Peak	1	9101		36117A1	Panamint	Telescope Peak
		2.10n	Manly Peak	1	7196		35117H1	Manly Peak*	Telescope Peak
		2.11	Needle Peak	2	5803		35117H1	Manly Peak*	Manly Peak
		2.12	Grapevine Peak	1	8738		36117H2	Grapevine Peak, Wahguyhe Peak (E)	Grapevine Peak, Bull- frog (Nev.)
		2.13	Mt. Palmer	2	7958		36117H2	Grapevine Peak, Wahguyhe Peak (E)	Grapevine Peak, Bull- frog (Nev.)
		2.14	Corkscrew Peak	2	5804		36117G1	Thimble Peak, Daylight Pass (E), Chloride City (SE)	Grapevine Peak, Bull- frog (Nev.), Chloride Cliff
		2.15	Pyramid Peak	2	6703		36116D5	East of Echo Canyon, East of Ryan (S)	Ryan
		2.16	Smith Mtn.	1	5913		36116A6	Gold Valley	Funeral Peak
		2.17	Eagle Mtn. #2	3	3806		36116B3	Eagle Mtn.	Eagle Mtn.
		2.18	Brown Mtn.	2	4947		36116A4	Deadman Pass	Eagle Mtn.
		2.19	Stewart Pt.	2	5265	713025	36116B2	Stewart Valley*	Stewart Valley
		2.20	Pahrump Pt.	2	5740	775951	36116A2	Twelvemile Spring*	Stewart Valley
		2.21n	Nopah Range	2	6394	829848	36116A1	Nopah Peak*, Twelvemile Spring* (W)	Stewart Valley
		2.22	Canyon Pt.	1	5890	660447	36117E4	Harris Hill, Cottonwood Canyon (E)	Marble Canyon
3 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY									
		3.1	Avawatz Mtns.	1	6154	607299	35116E3	Sheep Creek Spring*, Red Lake Pass (S)	Awawatz Pass, Red Lake Pass
		3.2	Kingston Peak	2	7336		35115F8	Kingston Peak*. Horse Thief Springs* (N)	Kingston Peak, Horse Thief Springs
		3.3	Clark Mtn.	3	7907		35115E5	Clark Mtn.*	Clark Mtn.
		3.4	New York Mtns.	3	7532	537028	35115C3	Ivanpah*, Pinto Valley* (S)	Ivanpah, Mid Hills
		3.5	Old Dad Mtn.	2	4252	039847	35115A7	Old Dad Mtn.*	Old Dad Mtn.
		3.6	Mitchell Pt.	2	7048	335714	34115H5	Fountain Peak*	Flynn
		3.7n	Edgar Peak	2	7162	337689	34115H5	Fountain Peak*	Flynn
		3.8	Granite Mtns. #1	2	6762	194508	34115G6	Bighorn Basin*	Flynn
		3.9	East Ord Mtn.	1	6168	218328	34116F7	Ord Mtn., Camp Rock Mine (E)	Ord Mtns.
		3.10	Old Woman Mtns.	2	5325	619269	34115E2	Old Woman Statue*	Essex
		3.11	Sheephole Mtns.	2	4593+	205878	34115B6	Dale Lake*	Dale Lake
		3.12	Stepladder Mtns.	2	2927	952293	34114E7	Stepladder Mtns.*	Stepladder Mtns.
		3.13	Chemehuevi Peak	2	3694		34114E5	Chemehuevi Peak	

		Code	Peak	YDS	Elev	UTM	Map Index	7.5'	15'
<i>3 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY (cont.)</i>									
		3.14	Turtle Mtns	2	4298	001931	34114C7	Mopah Peaks*, Horn Spring* (S)	Turtle Mtns, Rice
		3.15n	Mopah Pt.	3	3530	057987	34114C7	Mopah Peaks*, Savahia Peak SW (E)	Turtle Mtns, Savahia Peak
		3.16	Whipple Mtns.	1	4130	383999	34114C4	Whipple Mtns. SW, Parker NW (S), Parker (SW)	
<i>4 RIVERSIDE COUNTY</i>									
		4.1	Martinez Mtn.	2	6560+	608127	33116E3	Martinez Mtn., Toro Peak (W)	Palm Desert
		4.2	RABBIT PEAK	2	6640+	708994	33116D2	Rabbit Peak	
		4.3	Rosa Pt.	2	5000+	774915	33116C2	Fonts Pt.	
		4.4	Pinto Mtn.	1	3983		33115H7	Pinto Mtn.	Hexie Mtns.
		4.5	Eagle Mtns. #1	1	3983	168343	33115F6	Hayfield, Cottonwood Spring (W)	Hayfield, Cottonwood Spring
		4.6	Orocopia Mtns.	1	3815	134149	33115E7	Orocopia Canyon, Cottonwood Spring (N)	Cottonwood Spring
		4.7	Black Butte	1	4504		33115E3	Pilot Mtn.	Chuckwalla Mtns.
		4.8	Chuckwalla Mtns.	2	3446	703030	33115D2	Chuckwalla Spring	Chuckwalla Spring
		4.9n	Spectre Pt.	2	4400+	474660	34115A4	Cadiz Valley SW*	Cadiz Valley
		4.10	Granite Mtns. #2	2	4331	781603	33115H1	Palen Pass*, East of Granite Pass* (N)	Palen Mtns.
		4.11	Palen Mtns.	2	3848	816453	33115G1	Palen Mtns.*	Palen Mtns.
		4.12n	Big Maria Mtns.	1	3381	157498	33114G6	Big Maria Mtns. SW	Big Maria Mtns.
<i>5 SAN DIEGO and IMPERIAL COUNTIES</i>									
		5.1	Indianhead	2	3960+		33116C4	Borrego Palm Canyon	Clark Lake
		5.2	Sombrero Peak	2	4229		32116G3	Sombrero Peak	Mount Laguna
		5.3	Jacumba Mtn.	1	4512		32116F2	Jacumba	Jacumba
		5.4n	Picacho Peak	6	1920+		32114H6	Picacho Peak	
<i>6 NEVADA</i>									
		6.1	Ruby Dome	2	11387	290977	40115E4	Ruby Dome, Lamoille (N), Noon Rock (NW)	Lamoille Lee
		6.2	Wheeler Peak	1	13063		38114H3	Wheeler Peak, Windy Peak (N)	Wheeler Peak, Sacramento Pass
		6.3	Arc Dome	1	11773	695981	38117G3	Arc Dome, Toiyabe Peak (N), Corral Wash (NW)	
		6.4	Mt. Jefferson	1	11941	064891	38116G8	Mount Jefferson, Jefferson (S)	

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6 NEVADA (cont.)									
		6.5	Hayford Peak	1	9912		36115F2	Hayford Peak, Sheep Peak (S), Black Hills (SW), White Sage Flat (W)	Hayford Peak
		6.6	Mt. Stirling	1	8218		36115D8	Mt. Stirling*	Mt. Stirling
		6.7	CHARLESTON PEAK	1	11915		36115C6	Charleston Peak*, Griffith Peak* (S)	Charleston Peak, Mountain Springs
		6.8	Mummy Mtn.	2	11528	213178	36115C6	Manly Peak*	Manly Peak
		6.9	Potosi Mtn.	2	8514	352810	35115H5	Potosi*	Shenandoah Peak
		6.10	McCullough Mtn.	1	7026		35115E2	McCullough Mtn.	McCullough Mtn.
		6.11	Spirit Mtn.	2	5639		35114C6	Spirit Mtn.	Spirit Mtn.
		6.12	Moapa Peak	3	6471		36114G4	Moapa Peak	
		6.13	Virgin Peak	1	8071+		36114E1	Virgin Peak*	Virgin Peak
		6.14n	Bridge Mtn.	3	6988+	349994	36115B5	La Madre Spring*, Mountain Springs* (S)	
		6.15n	Muddy Peak	3	5387	072193	36114C6	Muddy Peak*	
7 UTAH									
		7.1	N. Guardian Angel	4	7395		37113C1	The Guardian Angels	Zion NP (Zion C. Sec)
		7.2	S. Guardian Angel	4	7140		37113C1	The Guardian Angels	Zion NP (Zion C. Sec)
8 ARIZONA									
		8.1	Mt. Tipton	2	7148		35114E2	Mt. Tipton	
		8.2	Humphreys Peak	1	12633		35111C6	Humphreys Peak	
		8.3	Superstition Mtns.	2	5057	628967	33111D4	Goldfield	
		8.4	Weavers Needle	4	4553		33111D3	Weavers Needle	
		8.5n	SIGNAL PEAK	2	4877	715948	33114C1	Palm Canyon	Livingston Hills
		8.6	Castle Dome Peak	3	3788		33114A2	Castle Dome Peak	Castle Dome Mtns.
		8.7	Kino Peak	3	3197		32112A8	Kino Peak, Bates Well (N)	Kino Peak
		8.8	Mt. Ajo	2	4808		32112A6	Mt. Ajo	Mt. Ajo
		8.9	Baboquivari Peak	4	7734		31111G5	Baboquivari Peak, Chiuli Shaik (W)	Baboquivari Peak
9 MEXICO									
		9.2n	Pico Risco	3	4987+	123557	111D84		
		9.3n	EL PICACHO del DIABLO	3	10171+	552297	H11B55	Santa Cruz*, San Rafael* (N)	
		9.4n	Cerro Pinacate	1	3957	635177	H12A12	Volcan el Elegante*, Sierra Blanca* (S), Los Norteños* (SE)	

Notes

1.2: The summit is higher than, and about 0.6 mi SSE of, the point labeled "Glass Mountain" on the topo.

1.11: The summit is NNW of Cerro Gordo Mine; permission to drive, park, or hike in the area should be obtained from the caretaker at the mine.

2.10: Manly has a third class summit block on which some climbers will want a rope.

2.21: The summit is higher than, and about 0.8 mi SSE of, the point labeled "Nopah Peak" on the topo.

3.7: The DPS formerly called this peak "Providence Peak". ***This peak is currently suspended.***

3.15: The northern and lower of the two Mopah Peaks.

4.9: The summit is the high point of the Coxcomb Mtns. It is 0.3 mi SW of benchmark Aqua. The 7- 1/2' topo is in error; the highest contour lines at Spectre Pt. are missing. Spectre Pt. is about 70 feet higher than BM Aqua. The DPS uses the name "Tensor Pt." for BM Aqua, and the name "Dyadic" for the point 0.3 mi. ENE of Spectre Pt. at UTM 478661.

4.12: Prior to 1980, the summit was designated as point 3379', which is 0.8 mi NNE of the present summit.

5.4: DPS members usually call this peak "Little Picacho", but it is not the Little Picacho shown on the topo.

6.14: This is the high point of the massif named "Bridge Mountain", not the spot elevation 6460'.

6.15: This is not the high point of the Muddy Mountains; it is the "Muddy Peak" named on the topo which is 1.1 miles to the east.

8.5 The DPS also calls this peak "Kofa Peak".

9.2: Pico Risco is the DPS name for the prominent point that is 2.9 km SW of the resort of Cañon de Guadalupe. The peak location is 32°08'N, 115°48.5'W.

9.3: The DPS usually calls this peak "Big Picacho". It is also named Cerro de la Encantada. It is at 30°59.6'N, 115°22.5'W. It is unnamed on the topo; it is not the Picacho el Diablo that is 7.6 km to the NW near the observatory, nor is it the Pico del Diablo 4.5 km to the south. The code number of the map San Rafael is H11B45. The map to the NE is useful for driving; it is H11B46, Santa Clara.

Notes (cont.)

9.4: The peak is at 31°46.5'N, 113°29.5'W. It is shown on the US Sectional Aeronautical chart, Phoenix, as a prominent unnamed point with an elevation of 3957'. It is also unnamed on the Mexican topo with an elevation of 1200+ meters. The code numbers for the auxiliary topos are H12A22, Sierra Blanca, and H12A23, Los Norteños.

