

Location: Kern County, 15 miles east of the town of Weldon.
150 miles from downtown L.A.

Maps: Auto Club Kern County.
Forest Service Sequoia National Forest
Topo Walker Pass 7½, Owens Peak 7½, Horse Canyon 7½
HPS Topo SST-14 HPS Regional SSR-3

ROUTE 1

Distance: 7 miles r.t. on trail and cross-country.
Gain: 2300'
Time: 4-5 hours r.t.
Rating: Class 2; Moderate

Original: Jim Carriel June 1982

DRIVING ROUTE 1

- Take Hwy. 14 to Mojave.
- Continue north on Hwy. 14 to the intersection with Hwy. 178 (Freeman Junction).
- Go west on Hwy. 178 to Walker Pass.
- Continue on Hwy 178 for 1.0 miles to the entrance to Walker Pass Campground on the left. Park in the Campground.

HIKING ROUTE 1

From the campground parking lot (4960'), follow the signs uphill (south) to the Pacific Crest Trail. Turn right on the PCT and hike a little more than ¼ mile to where it crosses the Canebrake creek bed. Hike south up the creek bed to where it forks at 5200'. Take the left fork and continue up to another fork at 5500'. Take the left fork again. Continue up the creek bed as it swings to the east and enters the summit plateau. Leave the creek bed and hike southeast up to the summit.

ROUTE 2

Distance: 3.6 miles r.t. cross-country
Gain: 2200'
Time: 3-4 hours r.t.
Rating: Class 2; Moderate

Original: Jim Carriel June 1982

DRIVING ROUTE 2

- From Freeman Junction, go south on Hwy. 14 for 4.5 miles to a dirt road on the right. Some maps identify this point as "Armistead". Turn right. Note your odometer and go as follows:
 - At 1.2 miles, fork. Go left.
 - At 1.8 miles forks. Go right.
 - At 2.0 miles, 4-way fork. Take the second one from the left.
 - At 2.4 miles, crossroads. Keep straight ahead.
 - At 3.8 miles Junction. Turn left
 - At 5.0 miles, fork. Go right.
 - At 7.6 miles, a water trough on the right.
 - At 8.2 miles, a wide area. Park here.

HIKING ROUTE 2

From the parking area (5150'), hike northwest toward the smooth ridge of the skyline. Aim toward the lower end of a rock outcrop on the upper portion of the ridge. The terrain is steep and sandy. Once on the ridge, turn right and follow it up to the summit keeping to the left of the outcrop.

ROUTE 3

Distance: 2.5 miles r.t. cross-country
Gain: 2000'
Time: 3-4 hours r.t.
Rating: Class 2; Moderate

Original: Frank Dobos April 1990

DRIVING ROUTE 3

- Take Hwy. 14 to Mojave.
- Continue north on Hwy. 14 to the intersection with Hwy. 178 (Freeman Junction).
- Go west on Hwy. 178 for 7.0 miles to a dirt road on the left just past mile mark 81-50. Turn left.
- Turn left again at an immediate fork onto BLM road SC032.

Drive in 1.4 miles to the end of the road. Park here (limited parking). The dirt road is narrow and rutted. High clearance is mandatory.

HIKING ROUTE 3

From the end of the road (5400'+), hike west up the slope aiming toward the saddle just south of 6691'. From this saddle go south up the ridge over 6945' and on up to the summit plateau. Turn southeast and continue up to the summit. On the return trip it is possible to descend directly from the saddle ¼ mile northwest of the summit.

CAMPING

About a mile past Walker Pass is the entrance on the left for Walker Pass Campground. There are restrooms and water during summer months. There are walk-in primitive sites. There is no fee or reservations at this time.