

LOCATION: Kern County, 35 mi. N of Mojave  
137 mi. from L.A. UTM 973363.

PRIMARY ROUTE HIKING, GAIN: 3.5 miles on trail and cross-  
country, 1700' gain, moderate, 1-3/4 hr.

MAPS: Auto Club of So. Cal. - Kern County  
Topos - Cane Canyon, Horse Canyon  
- or -  
HPS REGIONAL MAP - SSR-3, ALONG AND S OF HWY 178  
HPS TOPO - SST-18

DRIVING ROUTE DIRECTIONS: Drive NE on Hwy 14 33.4 miles from the  
road junction at the N side of Mojave. The turnoff here is also  
13.9 N of the turnoff for the Jawbone Canyon Road, and is 8.8 mi. S  
of the Hwy 178 turnoff to Isabella. The dirt road to the W is  
signed 'SC 65'.

On SC 65: 0.0 mi. Cross an immediate cattle guard and drive W  
2.6 Cross a faint cross-road  
4.9 Cattle guard and covered aqueduct; turn left (S)

On S road: 0.0 mi. Junction with SC 65  
0.6 Cattle guard  
0.9 Junction with SC 106 to the right (W)

On SC 106: 0.0 mi. SC 106 goes W from the aqueduct  
0.4 Crossroad at second aqueduct; go straight  
2.0 SC 47 forks left; continue on SC 106  
4.1 Intercept SC 120; go right (NW) on SC 120

On SC 120: 0.0 mi. Junction with SC 106  
4.0 Bird Spring Pass (5300', ample parking).  
SC 0228 also forks SW from here, and the  
PCT crosses the road here.

Bird Spring Pass may also be reached by driving N on Jawbone Canyon  
Road 32.2 mi. from Hwy 14 to the fork for SC 120 on the right (E).  
This fork is also 5.7 mi. N of the Piute Mtn Road fork at Sageland.  
Drive E on SC 120 1.5 mi. past a stock tank and windmill, and  
another 4.1 mi. of twisty driving to the Pass.

HIKING ROUTE DIRECTIONS: Hike the PCT NE from Bird Spring Pass into  
a draw with Joshua Trees, then SE and E on a steady climb, then up 9  
switchbacks, then NNW toward the wooded summit ridge (passing the  
head of the draw). The trail crosses to the N side of the summit  
ridge, descends a little, then climbs a little. Where it definitely  
starts downhill, a duck is on the left (W) side of the trail. Turn  
left here; go up to the ridge, and W along it to the summit, which  
is a solitary rock just W of a clump of rocks and trees which you  
see first. On the return trip, descend the loose slope of the draw.

ROUTE 2 (2.5 mi., 1200' gain, moderate): Follow route 1 driving onto SC 65, and follow SC 65 WNW up Horse Canyon to its saddle, where there is a 3-way fork. Park here. Hike up the left (SW) fork a short distance, where the PCT descends a slope from the S. Go S on the PCT to the turnoff point from the PCT described for route 1; then go right (W) to the summit.

Route 2 is shorter and more wooded than route 1. Road access is only from the east, so it is more difficult to combine Skinner Peak with other nearby peaks in a day's hiking.

NEARBY PEAKS: MAYAN PEAK (2I)

WRITE-UP:

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