

SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB LIST

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History of the SDPC List

In June 1987, hikers Hannah North and Russ Weber (aka Amentia Allegro and Rass Webo respectively) combined their extensive knowledge of San Diego county's terrain with additional information obtained from maps of Cleveland National Forest. The result was a formidable list of peaks and a commitment to bag them all. Life, however, intervened and they moved away, but not before each had climbed about half the peaks. Taking up the cause I climbed every peak and benchmark (BM) on the original register. Then I eliminated insignificant climbs and areas of trespassing. In total I deleted 35 peaks and added 25 new ones. Preparing this list was such an enjoyable exercise that I still get all a-tingle thinking about climbing them again.

Overall the list is challenging, not because the hikes are especially hard (no rock-climbing or class 3 skills required), but because you will need good map reading skills. The 17 peaks preceded by an asterisk (*) are the distinguished Emblem Peaks, winning this designation for the incredible vistas each destination provides to those who seek these adventures.

Speaking of reaching your destination, you may either hike or mountain bike to do so. However, not only are drive-ups and helicopter rides illegal and disqualifying, they will earn you the antithesis of the coveted Hiker of the Month Award which is the Weenie of the Year Award.

Whenever visiting a peak, include as some of your "10 essentials" a pencil, paper, and empty can. The following explains:

Never let them say it

Say it to your shame

That a benchmark went untrodden

And without your date and name!

Wes Shelberg

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Maps

Map coordinates are based on Cleveland National Forest (CNF) 1985 map. USGS topos are 7 1/2'. Completion of this list is dependent upon your map reading and orienteering skills (or buying a cheesy GPS device).

Other Notes

"Pyramid", "Mile High", and "Square Top" are three peaks mentioned in Jerry Schad's Afoot and Afield in San Diego County (1986 edition) and nowhere else. The reference *Schad* is to this book. The following abbreviations found in the list refer to sections of the Angeles (LA) Chapter of the Sierra Club: DPS=Desert Peaks Section; HPS=HundredPeaks Section; LPS=Lower Peaks Section.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HIKING!!

DATE	PEAK	ELEV(')	The 116 Peaks on the SDPC List		COMMENTS
			CNF	USGS	
	1. Pendleton / Temecula				
	1. Margarita Peak	3185	D5	Margarita Peak	
	2. Margarita Lookout	3065	D5	Margarita Peak	
	2. Rancho Bernardo / Mira Mesa				
	1. Bernardo Mtn	1150	G8		Climb from east.
	2. Black Mtn	1563	G9		dirt road to top, Schad
	3. Mt. Israel	1346	F8		Harmony Grove area
	3. Palomar / Ramona / Julian				
	1. Agua Tibia Mtn	4779	H5	Vail Lake	LPS, Schad
	2. Eagle Crag	5077	H5	Vail Lake	HPS
	3. Palomar High Point	6140	J6	Palomar Observatory	HPS, Schad
	4. Boucher Hill Lookout	5438	H6	Boucher Hill	Enjoy Palomar! HPS, Schad
	5. Black Mtn (Ramona)	4051	J7		road to top
	* 6. Mt. Gower	3103	J8	Ramona	
	7. Volcan Mountain	5353		Julian	In Preserve, Schad
	4. Central County				
	1. Fortuna Mtn	1292	G10	La Mesa	Schad
	2. Kwaay paay	1194	G10	La Mesa	By Old Padre Dam

	3. Cowles Mtn	1592	G10	La Mesa	Schad
	4. Pyles Peak	1379	G10	La Mesa	
	5. Woodson Mtn Lookout	2894			Schad
	6. Iron Mtn	2696	H9	Ramona	Ellie Lane trailhead
	* 7. El Cajon Mtn	3675	J9	El Cajon Mtn	
	8. Eagle Peak	3226	K9	Tule Springs	
	9. Viejas Mtn	4187	K10	Viejas Mtn	Schad
	5. Southwest County				
	1. Bell Bluff	3409	K10	Viejas Mtn	
	2. McGinty Mtn	2183	J11	Dulzura	Nature Conservancy
	* 3. Lawson Peak	3660	K11	Barrett Lake	Schad
	4. Gaskill Peak	3836	K11	Barrett Lake	
	5. Otay Mtn	3566	J12		Mtn bike road, Schad
Deleted	6. Tecate Peak Lookout	3885		Tecate	Schad
	6. Southeast County				
	1. Long Valley Peak	4909	L10	Descanso	
	2. Buckman	4641	L10	Descanso	
	* 3. Corte Madera	4657	L10	Descanso	Schad
	4. Los Piños Mtn Lookout	4805		Morena Reservoir	active lookout in summer
	* 5. Morena Butte	3919	L11	Morena Reservoir	
	6. Blue Angels Peak	4548		In-ko-pah Gorge	Schad
	7. Cuyamaca State Park				
	1. Middle Peak	5883	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, Schad
	2. Cuyamaca Peak	6512	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, Schad
	3. Japacha Peak	5825	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	former HPS
	4. Stonewall Peak	5730	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, Schad
	* 5. Oakzanita Peak	5054	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, Schad
	8. Lagunas				
	1. Chariot Mtn	4680	M8	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, Schad
	2. Roost	4351	M9	Monument Peak	
	3. Oriflamme Mtn	4611	L9	Monument Peak	Schad
	4. Pine Mtn	5640+	M9	Monument Peak	
	5. Garnet Mtn	5669	M9	Monument Peak	HPS
	6. Garnet Peak	5909	M9	Monument Peak	HPS, Schad
	7. Monument Peak	6271	M9	Monument Peak	HPS
	8. Wooded Hill	6160	M10	Mt. Laguna	nature trail
	9. Sheephead Mtn	5783	M10	Mt. LagunaHPS	
	* 10. Manza	5556	M10	Mt. Laguna	
	11. Cuyapaibe	6378	M10	Mt. LagunaHPS	
	12. Guatay Mtn	4885	L10	Descanso	
	9. Warner Springs				
	1. Comb's Peak	6193	L5	Bucksnort	HPS
	2. Hot Springs Mtn	6533	L6	Hot Springs Mtn	HPS; lookout isn't pk
	3. Pike	5571	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
	4. Cody	5586	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
	10. Sheep Canyon Natural Preserve (Coyote Canyon)				
	* 1. Collins	4559	L5	Bucksnort, Collins Valley	
	2. Knob	3431	L5	Bucksnort Mtn	
	3. Elder	3433	M5	Collins Valley, Hot Spr Mtn	
	4. Palms	3121	M5	Collins Valley	lovely view
	5. "Square Top"	4649	M5	Hot Spr Mtn, Collins Valley	Schad
	6. Coyote Mtn	3192		Clark Lake	Schad
	11. Around Montezuma Grade (Ranchita to Borrego)				
	1. San Ysidro Peak	6147	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	HPS
	* 2. The Thimble	5779	M7	Tubb Cyn	
	3. Hob	4853	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
	4. White	5326	M6	Tubb Cyn	not shown on topo

	5. Goat	4232	M6	Tubb Cyn	
	6. Bonny	4574	M7	Tubb Cyn	
	7. Peak 5386(San Ysidro Mtn)	5386	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
	8. The Sirens	4401	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
	9. Kay	3587	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
	10. Ode	1510	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
	11. Webo	4173	M6	Tubb Cyn	
	12. Ted	2369	M7	Tubb Cyn	
	13. Wee	4068	M6	Tubb Cyn	
	14. Rass	1877	M6	Tubb Cyn	
	* 15. Wilson (Pinyon Ridge)	4573	M6	Tubb Cyn	Schad
	16. Pinyon Ridge High Point	4611	M6	Tubb Cyn	
	17. Indianhead	3960	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	DPS, Schad
	18. Palm Mesa	4660	M6	Borrego Palm Canyon	
12. Along S-2 (Scissors Crossing to Ocotillo)					
	* 1. Grapevine Mtn	3955	M8	Earthquake Valley	
	2. Sentenac Mtn	3068	M8	Earthquake Valley	
	3. Granite Mtn	5633	M8	Julian, Earthquake Valley	HPS, Schad
	4. Sunset Peak (Yak BM)	3657	M8	Whale Peak	Schad
	5. Perpendicular Bluff	1741	M8	Borrego Sink	
	6. Pinyon Mtn	4440	N8	Whale Peak	Schad
	7. Whale Peak	5349	N8	Whale Peak	HPS, Schad
	8. Ghost Mtn	3360+	N8	Earthquake Valley	Schad
	9. Stage	2816	N9	Agua Caliente Springs	
	10. Coyote Mtns (Mine BM)	1850		Sweeney Pass	Schad
13. Carrizo Gorge and McCain Valley					
	1. Jacumba Mtn	4512	O11	Jacumba	DPS, Schad
	* 2. Red Top	4467	N9	Agua Caliente Springs	
	3. Sombrero Peak	4229	N10	Sombrero Peak	DPS, Schad
	4. Tule Mtn	4647	N11	Jacumba	
	5. Gasp	3223		Jacumba, Live Oak	
	6. Groan	2737		Jacumba	
	* 7. Puff	2716		Jacumba	by Goat Canyon
	8. Grunt	2144		Sweeney Pass	
	9. Moan	2939		Sweeney Pass, Jacumba	
	10. Windy	2442		Sweeney Pass, Jacumba	
	11. Sawtooth	4382	N9	Agua Caliente	
14. Santa Rosa Ridge					
	1. Dawns Peak	6582		Clark Lake	Schad
	2. Rabbit Peak	6640+		Rabbit Peak, UTM 708994	DPS, HPS, Schad
	(Note: Dawn and Rabbit are honorary peaks because they lie outside San Diego county.)				
	3. Ruth	5070		Rabbit Peak	
	4. Villager Peak	5756		Rabbit Peak	HPS, Schad
	5. Zosel	4853		Rabbit Peak	
	6. Crab	4485		Rabbit Peak	
	7. Alice	3594		Rabbit Peak	
	8. "Mile High"	5360		Font's Point, Rabbit Peak	DPS, HPS
	9. Rosa	5038		Font's Point	DPS, HPS
	*10. "Pyramid"	3480+		Font's Point	Schad
	*11. Palm	2697		Font's Point, 17 Palms	Schad
	12. Font's Point	1294		Font's Point	Schad
15. Split Mountain					
	* 1. Diablo	2440+		Agua Caliente, Arroyo Tapiado	
	2. Split Mountain West Side	1690		Harper Canyon UTM 815-536	
	3. Split Mountain East Side	1690		Borrego Mtn SE UTM 839-516	
	4. Vallecito Mtns (East Side)	3583		Harper Canyon UTM 739-584	
16. Ocotillo Wells					
	* 1. Borrego Mtn West Butte	1207		Borrego Mtn	Schad
	2. Borrego Mtn East Butte	1196		Borrego Mtn	