

The hike is about 11 miles one way. The trail starts out winding through a forest of Ponderosa Pines. After about 1 mile you cross over a fire road and continue walking through a Manzanita meadow. After approximately 2 miles you come to a junction. Go straight or take the short trail to the left to Poopout Hill and enjoy a picturesque view of San Gorgonio. Going back to the trail follow the trail through a lush forest of Ponderosa, Sugar Pines and white firs. About 3 miles from the trailhead you reach Slushy Meadows and a fork in the trail. The left trail takes you to Dry Lake and the right trail to Dollar Lake. Take the trail to the right. As you rise above 8000 feet Lodgepole pines appear. At 9400 feet(7 miles from trail head) you reach the junction to Dollar Lake (left fork) Dollar Lake is a great place for a overnight trail camp and your last place for water on the trail. Stay to the right and continue up to Dollar Lake Saddle 10,000 feet. This is a 4 way junction follow the trail to the left going around Charlton Peak. Between Little Charlton and Jepson Peak is Dry Lake View Camp (this is a dry camp). Continue upward around Jepson Peak you are now reach the timber line and as you pass Jepson Peak (11,200 feet) you continue eastward and upward towards San Gorgonio. You will come across 2 more junctions. One for the Vivian Creek trail and the second for the Sky High trail (don not take these trails). Keep going upward and east for another 2 miles to the summit of San Gorgonio (11,500 feet). Enjoy the view and don't forget to sign your name in the summit register box.

This hike meets the requirements for the following High Adventure Awards:

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