

Black Mountain Lookout ½ mile hike

Black Mountain Fire Lookout (elev. 7,772 ft.) is located in the San Jacinto Mountains. Built in 1926, Black Mountain was the third lookout built on the San Bernardino National Forest. In 1935 the original lookout was disassembled and rebuilt on Barton Peak. The lookout that sits on Black Mountain today was completed in 1962.

This tower is staffed between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm during fire season, and open to visitors during these hours from Memorial Day to November.



Directions

From Woman’s Club of Escondido, 751 N. Rose St, Escondido

*Additional navigation aide: set the car’s mapping destination for Idyllwild, CA

Odometer	Directions
0	Exit left out of the driveway onto Rose St, go 2 traffic lights to Lincoln Ave.
0.3	Turn left onto Lincoln Ave, go west for 2.2miles. (Lincoln turns into Hwy 78)
2.5	Take the ramp to Interstate 15 North. Continue north for 29 miles
27.8	Take Exit 58 to Hwy 79 toward Indio/Temecula. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp toward Hwy 79 South – Warner Springs. Go 17.6 miles
45.3	At Hwy 371, turn left (North). Go for 20.5 miles
65.5	At Hwy 74 (Palms to Pines Scenic Biway) turn left and go 17 miles
77.7	Take Hwy 243 toward Idyllwild
91.1	8.1 miles north of Idyllwild, turn right onto Black Mountain Rd (USFS 4501). Continue on 4501 toward Boulder Basin Campground and Black Mountain L.O.
89.9	Park at a closed gate, display a National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass on your dashboard. Hike one mile up the road, making a sharp left turn in the campground.

Google Map Option



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