

Morton Peak

High clearance vehicles recommended



Morton Peak Lookout is located off Hwy 38, overlooking the cities of Yucaipa and Mentone (elevation 4624 feet) with spectacular views of Mill Creek leading up to Forest Falls as well as surrounding views of Mt. Palomar, Keller Meadows, Keller Cliffs, and the San Bernardino Valley. Originally built in 1934, the lookout was destroyed by the Morton fire of 1959.

Staffing the lookout that day was Aleta Johnson who was airlifted to safety before the tower went up in flames. The tower was rebuilt in 1961 and closed in the 1970s. In 2001 the lookout tower was refurbished and weather permitting is staffed year round.



Directions

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

*Additional navigation aide: set the car's mapping destination for Mentone, 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 30 miles
32.8	Just north of Temecula, veer right to Interstate 215 North. Go about 40 miles
72.4	Take Exit 40A to Interstate 10 East. Go about 6.5 miles
78.9	Exit onto N. University St. in Mentone. Go about one mile to Hwy 38 (aka E. Lugonia Ave)
79.9	Turn right (East) on Hwy 38. Go 9 miles (2 mi past Mill Creek Visitors Ctr)
88.9	Across from the Vista Point parking area turn left onto (unmarked) USFS road 1N12
	Follow 1N12 which is unpaved and rough for 3 miles to the top of the peak. Stay left at the fork in the road.

Google Maps Option



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