

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 Russ 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 cheezy 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

