

EAGLE MOUNTAIN



PHOTO 1

Hike: Eagle Mountain, route
Trailhead: Unnamed gravel road, unmarked
Distance: 3 miles, up and back
Elevation gain: 1,800 feet
Elevation of peak: 3,806 feet
Time: 3 to 4 hours, up and back
Difficulty: 2
Danger level: 3
Class: 3
How easy to follow: 2
Children: No
Waypoints (WGS84): See page 16
Fees: None
Best season: Winter



**Driving
Directions**

From Las Vegas Blvd., turn west on SR160 (Pahrump Highway). When you pass Rainbow Boulevard, set your odometer to zero. Drive 53 miles, passing through the heart of Pahrump, and turn left (west) on Bell Vista Road. (This is known as the shortcut to Death Valley.) Drive 26 miles on Bell Vista Road. At the stop sign, turn left and drive 8.4 miles to an obscure gravel road on the left side of the road (Waypoint: Road). Look for a cairn marking the

turnoff. The gravel road heads north (left). After 0.2 miles, take the left fork. In 0.1 of a mile, take the right fork and park at the Wilderness sign. Waypoint 1 is a little beyond the Wilderness sign.

Note: Your mileage may be slightly different to due tire size and tire pressure.

Comments: This is a great winter hike. The rock is surprisingly good. The last 50 yards are a pseudo knife-edge ridge. The summit has a great view of the snowcapped Telescope Peak. The route is well-cairned. Photo 1 is Eagle Mountain from the trailhead.



Lodging: Various hotels and motels in Las Vegas and Pahrump.

The Hike: From the trailhead, immediately cross the Amargosa River (normally dry) and walk NE almost a mile to the start of the drainage in

Photo 2 (Waypoint 2). Veer left, then scramble up the drainage about 300 yards passing Waypoint 3 to a wall at the head of the drainage (Waypoint 4). (Although there's a path in the drainage hiking on the solid rock is easier.) Follow a path that heads south toward the summit and gains a ridge (Waypoint 5). The ridge offers excellent views out to the east.



The path weaves to the east side of the mountain. Photo 3 shows the ridge you hike around to the south via the path. Continue to Waypoint 6 where the path fades. Climb the chute and wall in Photo 4 to gain the summit ridge. It's an easy class 3 climb, but it's exposed. Continue over easier rock to the summit. (Waypoint 7)

To Descend: Retrace your steps. If you lose the path, you're probably too high.

WAYPOINTS:

Road: 36.20836N / 116.38087W

1. 36.21079N / 116.37791W
2. 36.21498N / 116.36260W
3. 36.21579N / 116.35997W
4. 36.21479N / 116.35942W
5. 36.21404N / 116.35829W
6. 36.21149N / 116.35693W
7. 36.21134N / 116.35650W