

Mini-Peak Bagger Award

PROGRAM

The Mini-Peak Bagger Program is offered by the Los Angeles Area Council to acquaint Units with backcountry experiences that include elements of backpacking, mountaineering and conservation work. The Unit Leadership is also encouraged to use these outings as an opportunity for developing outdoor skills and working on related merit badges. As most of these peaks are within easy reach for one-day outings, Units that are unable to take overnight backpacking trips can participate in this challenging experience. It is hoped that these peak climbing experiences will prepare and lead each hiker into the broadest participation in the High Adventure Program of the LAAC-HAT.

There are three Mini-Peak Bagger awards, which are earned when a total of 8, 16 and 24 different peaks from the Approved Peaks list are climbed and all other requirements are satisfied. A maximum of three peaks may be climbed for credit on a single outing, but only two may be climbed in a single day. A given peak may be climbed only once for Mini-Peak Bagger award credit. These awards may be displayed on pack, brag-rag, etc, but may not be worn on the Scout uniform (a BSA-National policy).

There is no time limit for earning these awards. Therefore, it is essential that an accurate record be maintained to ensure that each participant receives proper credit. The Mini-Peak Bagger Award Record is suggested for this purpose. It is also to be used in applying for an award.

A Unit may request to climb a peak that is not on the approved list, or to use an alternate trailhead for climbing an approved peak. Such a request must be made in writing, at least four weeks prior to the peak climb. The LAAC-HAT will consider the request at its next scheduled meeting and respond in writing. To be eligible for award credit, the summit of a peak must be line-of-sight from an established trail or the trailhead, have an elevation between 5,000 and 10,000 feet and have an elevation gain of 800 or more feet from the trailhead. A request is to contain the peak name, elevation, topographical map coverage, trailhead or approach to be taken and any other pertinent information.

Information about many of these peaks may be found in Trails of the Angeles and San Bernardino Mountain Trails by John Robinson, On foot in Joshua National Monument by Patty Furbush and the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's "100 Peak Section Peak Bagger Guides". Your LAAC-HAT District Representative is also an information source.

The Awards Program of the LAAC-HAT is under the direction of the Vice Chairman-Programs. Any questions or comments about the Mini-Peak Bagger awards or the other awards which are sponsored by the LAAC-HAT are to be directed to him/her through the LAAC-Camping Department.

This revision to the Program Announcement dated May 1995, adds peaks at the Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimmaron, NM and a Mini-Peak Bagger Record. It also groups the approved Peaks by location.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Select a peak from the approved list.
2. Obtain a Local Tour Permit.

3. Apply for a Wilderness Permit from the applicable US Forest Service office when the peak or any portion of the hike is inside a wilderness area. Check with the LAAC-HAT District Representative for help in determining the need for a Permit and in getting it.
4. Be equipped with the "ten essentials" (see the LAAC-HAT [Hike Aid 4](#), "High Adventure Procedures and Guidelines"). A hiking group must have five or more hikers, which must include an adult leader 21 or older and one other adult (BSA-National Council policy).
5. Climb the peak and sign the register in the summit box (if one is available).
6. It is recommended that each Scout do two hours of work or study on an applicable merit badge or Scouting skill during each outing.
7. Each hiker is to pick up and pack out all trash along the trail (in addition to his/her own).
8. If possible, stop at the nearest Ranger Station and let the Forest Service know of any conditions that may need their attention (e.g., trail damage, graffiti, shooting or other illegal activities, etc). This will help them take corrective action and provide the latest information to other hikers.
9. Prior to applying for each award, each applicant must complete an LAAC-HAT approved conservation project of not less than 6 hours effort in the Angeles National Forest. A Unit outside the Los Angeles area may make arrangements to do a project in the National Forest nearest its community. A separate six-hour project is to be done for each award – 8, 16 and 24 peaks – to be earned. This project, which will be tailored to the size, interests and abilities of the Unit, is to be arranged through the Forest/Trail Conservation Committee of the LAAC-HAT. The [Hike Aid 7](#), "Trail Conservation", is your guide to its conservation programs. A project may be done at any time, and independent of the peak climbs.
10. After climbing the required number of approved peaks and completing the conservation project(s), submit a High Adventure Application, with the Mini-Peak Bagger Award Record attached (be sure to make a copy for the Unit records).
11. Submit the application to the LAAC-HAT for approval. Awards will not be granted until the Application is approved by the LAAC-HAT District Representative, the Vice Chairman-Programs or other authorized member.
12. Take the approved Application to the Scout Shop in the LAAC Service Center to purchase the award.

DIFFICULTY SCALE

These measures are provided to assist the Unit Leadership in selecting peak climbs and participating in the Mini-Peak Bagger Program. They are, by nature, subjective, and actual experience will vary from Unit to Unit. The plan which you prepare for the outing will give you the actual hiking distance and elevation gains for each peak. Start with some easy peaks and build your program to progressively include peaks of greater difficulty.

E – Easy: Has a trail from the trailhead to the summit, or a minimum (less than ¼ mile) of scrambling from the trail to the summit. Usually there is a combination of shorter hiking distance, less elevation gain and lower elevation.

M – Moderate: May involve more cross-country hiking, i.e., no trail, and scrambling to the summit. Greater distance, elevation gain and higher summits.

S – Strenuous: Usually no trail for some distance to the summit. Generally requires a full day of hiking, because of distance, elevation gain, height of peak and lack of trail.

Note: *The lack of a trail can easily double your normal hiking time for the distance.*

APPROVED PEAKS

Peak	Elevation	Topographic Map	Required Trailhead	Difficulty
Angeles National Forest				
Mt Hillyer	6162	Chilao Flat	Horse Flats CG	E
Iron Mountain #3	5040	Chilao Flat	Monte Cristo CG	E-M
Strawberry Peak #1	6164	Chilao Flat	Optional—see Note 1	M/M-S
Iron Mountain #2	5635	Condor Peak	Trail Canyon (Sunland Quad)	M
Josephine Peak	5558	Condor Peak	Clear Creek Information Station	E-M
Mt Lukens	5074	Condor Peak	Stone Canyon	M-S
Mt Baden-Powell	9399	Crystal Lake	Vincent Gap or Dawson Saddle	M
Mt Hawkins	8850	Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake	M
Mt Islip	8250	Crystal Lake	Islip Saddle	E
Smith Mountain	5111	Crystal Lake	Highway 39	M
Throop Peak	9138	Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake or Dawson Saddle	M
Mt Williamson	8248	Crystal Lake	Islip Saddle	E-M
Bighorn Peak	8441	Cucamonga Peak	Icehouse Canyon	M
Cucamonga Peak	8859	Cucamonga Peak	Optional	M-S
Ontario Peak	8693	Cucamonga Peak	Icehouse Canyon	M
Timber Peak	8303	Cucamonga Peak	Icehouse Canyon	E-M
Dawson Peak	9575	Mt San Antonio	Guffy CG	E-M
Pine Mountain #1	9648	Mt San Antonio	Guffy CG	E-M

Mt San Antonio	10064	Mt San Antonio	Mt Baldy Notch – see Note 2	M-S
Wright Mountain	8505	Mt San Antonio	Acorn Canyon	E-M
Mt Lowe	5603	Mt Wilson	Optional	E-M
Mt Markham	5742	Mt Wilson	Eaton Gap	E-M
Mt Emma	5273	Pacifico Mountain	Kentucky Springs Canyon	E-M
Telegraph Peak	8985	Telegraph Peak	Mt Baldy Notch - see Note 2	M
Thunder Mountain	8587	Telegraph Peak	Mt Baldy Notch, Icehouse Cyn	M
Twin Peaks	7761	Waterman Mountain	Angeles Crest Highway	M-S
Waterman Mountain	8038	Waterman Mountain	Angeles Crest Highway	M
San Bernardino National Forest				
Bertha Peak	8201	Fawnskin	Big Bear Ranger Station	E-M
Allen Peak	5795	Forest Falls	Wilson Creek	E-M
Birch Mountain	7826	Forest Falls	Oak Glen Ranger Station	M
Little San Gorgonio	9133	Forest Falls	Little San Gorgonio Trail	S
Wilshire Peak	8707	Forest Falls	Wilshire Peak Trail	M
Apache Peak	7567	Idyllwild	Morris Ranch Road	M-S
Slide Peak	7841	Keller Peak	Lookout Road	E
Mineral Mountain	7230	Morongo Valley (15 min)	Round Valley CG	E
Suicide Peak	7528	San Jacinto Peak	Deer Spring Trail	E
Kitching Peak	6598	Whitewater	Millard Ranger Station	M
Los Padres National Forest				
McDonald Peak	6870	Alamo Mountain	Snowy Creek or Alder Creek	E-M
Snowy Peak	6559	Alamo Mountain	Snowy Creek or Buck Creek	M
Black Mountain #2	6216	Black Mountain	Buck Creek	M
White Mountain #2	6253	Black Mountain	Buck Creek	M
Frazier Mountain	8013	Frazier Mountain	Churchupate CG	E-M

Antimony Peak	6848	Pleito Hills	Road End	E-M
Grouse Mountain	8650	Sawmill Mountain	Optional	E
Sawmill Mountain #1	8750	Sawmill Mountain	Optional	E
Joshua Tree National Park				
Eureka Peak	5516	Joshua Tree South	Black Rock Canyon CG	E-M
Quail Mountain	5814	Indian Cove	Juniper Flat	M
Inspiration Mountain	5575	Keys View	Keys View Road	E
Ryan Mountain	5457	Keys View	Sheep Pass	E-M
Lost Horse Mountain	5188	Keys View	Keys View Road	E
Queen Mountain	5687	Queen Mountain	Queen Valley	M
Bernard Peak	5360	Rockhouse Canyon	Pleasant Valley	M
Other Locations				
Cuyamaca Peak	6510	Cuyamaca Peak	Optional	E-M
Little Stonewall Peak	5250	Cuyamaca Peak	Los Cabellos CG	E
Stonewall Peak	5730	Cuyamaca Peak	Paso Picacho CG	E
Philmont **				
Burn Peak	9938			
Hart Peak	7978			

Note 1: Colby Canyon is not approved as the trailhead; use Red Box.

Note 2: Ski lift may be taken to Mt Baldy Notch as an option to hiking the road from the parking lot.

** There are also peaks that may be climbed for Peak Bagger credit. However, only two peak climbs on a single trek may be used toward earning a LAAC sponsored award: both may be Mini-Peak Bagger or Peak Bagger, or one for each award. Crew leaders must advise Philmont – Logistics, before beginning the trek, of any peak climb to be taken that is not on the route of its approved itinerary.

MINI – PEAK BAGGER AWARD RECORD

NAME _____ Scout _____ ADULT

UNIT _____ DISTRICT _____ COUNCIL

	Peak Climbed	Date	Tour Permit #
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Service Project Description:			
Date(s):	Tour Permit # :	HAT Rep:	
* Unit Leader Approval, 8 – Peak Award:			
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