

# San Gorgonio Hike Guide

## Tahquitz Trails and Broken Arrow High Adventure Awards

Number of Nights	1 (Tahquitz Trails) 3 (Broken Arrow)
Trailhead Location	Multiple
Directions	Take I-605 N Take I-10E Exit University St, Turn left onto University Turn right onto CA-38 Follow directions to selected trailhead
Trailhead Distance	91 mi. (from Long Beach, CA)
Backpack RT Distance	Route dependent
Elevation	5,800 – 11,499 (route dependent)
High Adventure Award	Tahquitz Trails (1 night) Broken Arrow (3 night)
Water Source	Along Route
Cost	\$4 Tahquitz Trails, \$10 Broken Arrow

**Overview:** Located high in the San Bernardino National Forest, the San Gorgonio Wilderness encompasses 34,718 acres of pristine forests, alpine meadows, lakes, and streams. The wilderness area is crisscrossed by six major trails and several secondary ones that lead to 20 primitive camps and over ten peaks located above 10,000 feet to include Mt. San Gorgonio at 11,499 feet above sea level. The timberline is located at 11,300 feet in Southern California and hikers have an opportunity to observe the Arctic Alpine life zone while climbing Mt. San Gorgonio. This wilderness also offers hikers the opportunity to observe the only glaciation south of the Sierra Nevada. The land abounds in numerous varieties of vegetation and animal life to include deer, bear, mountain lions, coyotes, and birds.

**Maps:**

- USGS Big Bear Lake Quad
- USGS Moonridge Quad
- USGS Forest Falls Quad
- USGS San Gorgonio Mountain Quad

**Peak Bagging Opportunities:** the following peaks may be found in the San Gorgonio Wilderness:

Mt. San Gorgonio (required for Broken Arrow Award): 11,499'	Jepeson: 11,205'
East San Bernardino: 10,691'	East Dobbs: 10,510'
San Bernardino: 10,649'	West Dobbs: 10,454'
Anderson: 10,864'	Zanhiser: 10,156'
Shields: 10,701'	Lake: 10,156'
Alto Diablo: 10,430'	South: 10,830'
Big Charlton: 10,815'	Bighorn: 11,105'
Little Charlton: 10,676'	Tribe of Tahquitz: 10,067'
Grinnell: 10,284'	

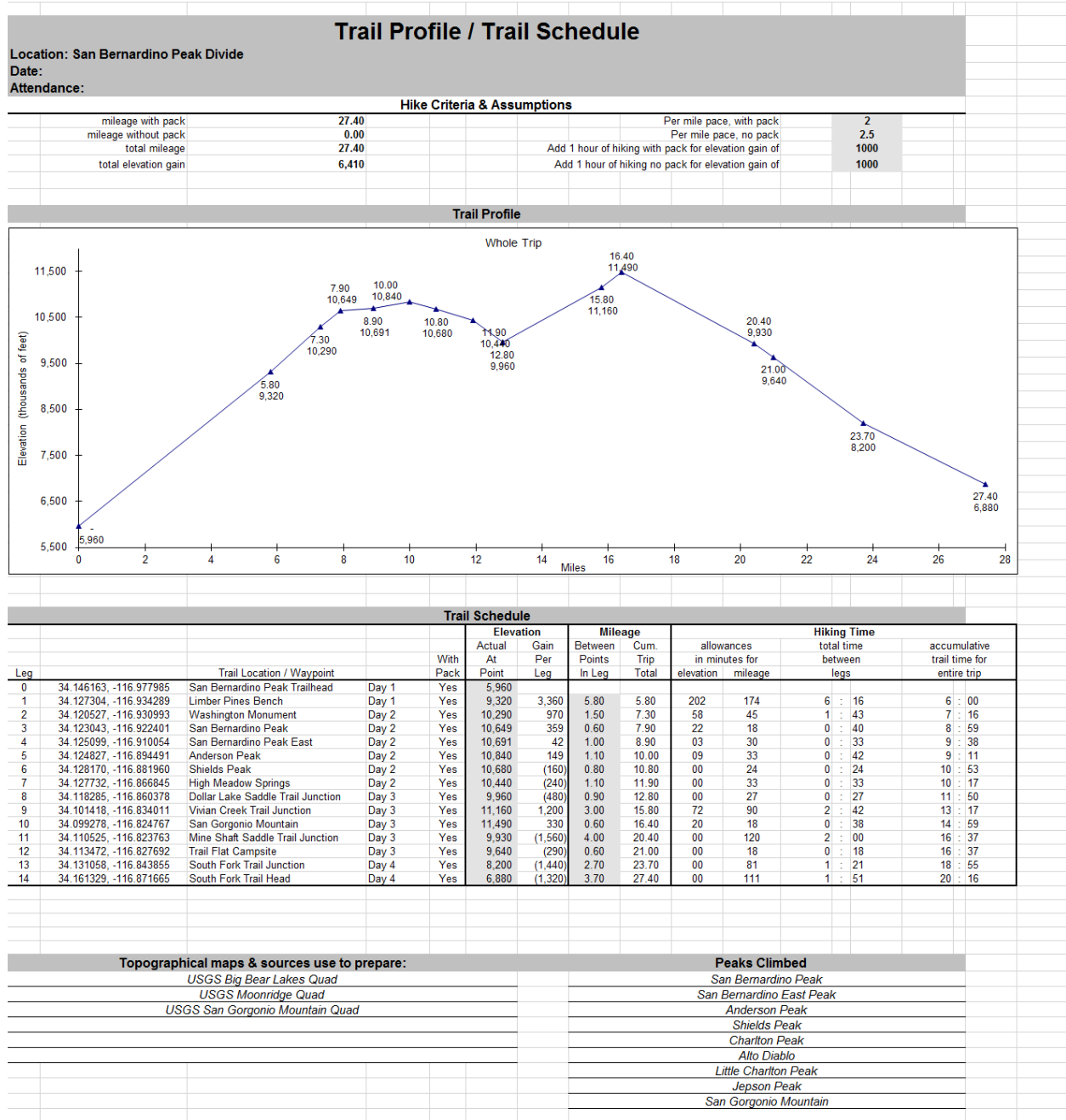
**Trailheads:**

- San Bernardino Peak Trailhead
- Camp Tahquitz
- South Fork Trailhead
- Poopout Hill
- Forsee Creek
- Camp Angelus

**Recommended Packing List**

Item	Qty	Notes	Packed?
Class B troop shirt	2	(1) worn, (2) packed	
Socks	4	(1) worn, (3) packed	
Sweatshirt, fleece, jacket	1	Warming layer, packed (consider bringing a second)	
Gloves	1	Pair, packed (consider bringing a second set)	
Winter hat	1	Packed (season dependent)	
Pants	1	Packed	
Shorts	1	Worn	
Hat	1	Wide brim preferred	
Shoes	1	Worn, hiking boots	
Sleeping bag	1	Packed	
Sleeping mat	1	Packed	
Backpack	1	Carried, with pack cover	
Water bottle and/or camelback	2	(2) minimum, 3 or more recommended	
Pocket knife and/or multi-tool	1	With Whittling or Tottin Chit	
Sunblock	1	Packed	
Rain gear	1	Gortex shell or poncho	
Sun glasses	1	Recommended	
Personal hygiene kit	1	Deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, and shaving kit (as appropriate), packed	
Flashlight	1	Packed	
Medications, medical form (Part A/B)	1	As appropriate, packed	
First aid kit, personal	1	Packed	
Fire starting materials	1	Packed, lighter, matches	
Mess kit	1	Packed, bowl, Sierra cup, and spoon	
Camp stove	1	Packed, with extra fuel, shared with patrol	
Water filter	1	Packed, shared with patrol	
Camera	1	Recommended	
Tent	1	Packed, (1) tent per two Scouts	
Survival Kit	1		
Toilet paper	1	Roll, with zip lock bags and small shovel	
Tent	1	Packed, shared with buddy	
Map and compass	1	Packed, of route	
Nylon parachute cord	1	Packed, 50', with carabineer, shared with patrol	

**Representative Hike Profile:**



**Additional Information:**

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev7\\_007799](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev7_007799)

<http://www.sgwa.org/trails2.htm>

<http://www.sgwa.org/aboutsg.htm>

**Sponsor:** The Tribe of Tahquitz is Long Beach Area Council's (LBAC) honor Scouting society and was founded in 1925 at Camp Tahquitz located in Idyllwild, CA. The mission of the Tribe of Tahquitz is to promote the high standards of Scouting, encourage service through example, and encourage the study and sustainment of Native American traditions, legends, and lore. The Tribe of Tahquitz accomplishes this mission by providing a volunteer summer camp staff to Camp Tahquitz, staff members to support district camporees, Scout-O-Rama, and other Council events. The Tribe also conducts numerous demonstrations of Native American dances and ceremonies to Scouting and community organizations throughout the year. Their creation and sponsorship of these two hiking awards dates back several decades and are intended to generate a love of hiking, backpacking, and the outdoors.