

Leavitt Peak

This hike takes one from Sonora Pass to the top of Leavitt Peak, the tallest mountain in the Emigrant Wilderness with an elevation of 11,573 feet. Most of this hike is on the Pacific Crest Trail, which crosses Highway 108 at Sonora Pass. This hike is an out-and-back hike and the roundtrip distance is about 11.2 miles. The elevation gain on this hike is 1950 feet.



Figure 1: Leavitt Peak Hike Overview.

Figure 1 shows a Google Earth screenshot of the hike. The hike starts at Sonora Pass, which is at the top right of the figure. The hike follows the Pacific Crest Trail from the pass. This trail makes a big loop to gain the ridge south of the pass. Once the ridge is gained, the trail goes southwest for about 3 miles. Figure 2 shows a hiker on the ridge. The tallest mountain in the distance is Leavitt Peak.

At about the four-mile mark, the trail makes a bend above Latopie Lake (see Figure 1). A ridge comes down from the top of Leavitt Peak to the southeast towards Latopie Lake. Once this ridge is reached on the trail, one should leave the trail and climb the ridge to the top of Leavitt Peak. That's all there is to it.



Figure 2: On the Ridge Approaching Leavitt Peak.