

**Boundary Peak** is the highest point in the State of Nevada (13,140), and is a tough, single-day hike. There is no trail to the peak although a beaten path sometimes provides a guide to the top. Most hikers start the trip from the bottom of Trail Canyon on the east side of the White Mountains. It is recommended that hikers wear long pants for the first couple of miles through the bottom of Trail Canyon due to brush and wild rose thickets.

The best vehicle access changes as road conditions vary from year to year. The map shows two routes which are commonly used to gain access to the trailhead. Follow the mileages carefully. Most of the times, a two-wheel drive vehicle can be used to get within a mile or two of the trailhead, but if at all possible, a high clearance vehicle should be used. Please note that if you plan on camping the night before your trip, water and restrooms facilities are not available in Trail Canyon; this is a primitive camping location.

After parking your vehicle at the trailhead, the most common access route is to hike west up Trail Canyon to the Trail Canyon Saddle. Try to stay out of the heavy streamside brush as you work your way up the canyon. Follow the (usually) dry streambed up to the ridgeline from the head of the canyon. At that point you turn south and work your way along the ridge route to the peak. Please note that the high peak (el. 12,201) visible after you turn south from Trail Canyon Saddle is not Boundary Peak which is another 1000 feet up the ridge. Unlike the White Mtn. Peak hike, your trip to Boundary Peak should include a map and compass plus all the necessary high altitude gear (see reverse side). While the hike is not particularly long (10 miles round trip), the elevation gain is over 4000 feet and there is little protection from the elements once you reach the saddle. Overnight camping locations are virtually non-existent from this point on.

The Benton Range Surface Management Status Map provides a topographic overview of both the White Mtn and the Boundary Peak hikes. It is a 1:100,000 scale in meters but generally provides enough detail. The USGS 7.5 minute map Boundary Peak, provides greater detail of that hike. These maps are for sale at the White Mountain Ranger Station and can be ordered over the phone. Although the Boundary Peak hike is through the Boundary Peak Wilderness Area, permits are not required at this time.

