

Glorieta Baldy

Glorieta Baldy is a decent summer hike because of fairly ample shade. The hike is a steady climb for about 5.5 miles to an old fire lookout tower built in the 1940s. The abandoned tower provides really amazing 360 degree views of the Sangre de Cristo mountains and a vast stretch of the Pecos wilderness. Be careful if you climb the tower as the wood steps may be unsafe. There is no reliable water source, so be sure to bring enough and be prepared for a few fairly steep stretches along the trail.

Getting There

Drive north on I-25 from Santa Fe and take the exit for Glorieta (about 15 miles from Santa Fe). At the exit proceed across the highway and turn left heading toward the Glorieta Conference Center. Stop at the gate house if a guard is there and let them know you are day hikers (or backpackers) and then proceed straight along the road. If no guard is present proceed ahead. Follow the main road as it curves around the conference center until you come to a small building with a parking lot to its left with a sign that reads "Hikers Parking". Park here the trail begins just down the side road (past the RV campground). Be sure to sign the trail register on the way in.

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