Solution Pools (10,730) (11)

Difficulty: Class 2+ Distance: 1.6 miles Elevation Gain: 600 ft.

Time: 35 RP



Introduction:

Solution Pools gets its name from the pools of water on the boulders. Only one pool remains. We do not recommend getting in the water as there are high amounts of methane and sulfur in it. Solution Pools is at the southern end of a long ridge extending from Old Baldy.

Description:

Start at the pull off right after the Crags campground. Hike past a couple of campsites through a meadow. The trail is faint in this section. Make a turn to the right and follow the trail up the small drainage. There are many cairns to help guide you. Soon you will reach a flat spot below a cliff band. Follow the cliff band south until a cairn marks the way up the cliff band (class 2+). Once on the rocks head north to the pools (class 2).

Extra Credit: Unnamed 10770 ft., class 2, 0.2 miles, 10 RP, 50 ft.

From solution pools head east across a large flat area and up the easy slopes to yet another ranked summit in the camp area. There are two candidates for the high point .2 miles apart. Visit both to be sure to bag the high point.



