

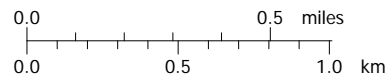
Kearsarge Pass**Distance** 8 miles round-trip**Elevation Gain:** Approx. 2,600 ft elevation gain**Location:** Onion Valley**Time of Year:** May through October (Snow may be present through late-July)

Directions from Bishop: Head South on HWY 395 to the town of Independence. Once in Independence, make a right at Market street. Continue on Market street, which will eventually turn into Onion Valley Rd all the way up to the Onion Valley parking lot; park here. You will find the trailhead for Kearsarge Pass near the western end of the parking lot, past the bathrooms.

Description: From the trailhead, you immediately start climbing up the well marked trail. You will find little side trails branching off to various lakes along the way, but you should have no issues staying with the main trail. The climb is moderate, and involves topping out at nearly 12,000 ft (top of Kearsarge Pass). Once at the top, enjoy the views out west towards Bullfrog Lake and the Great Western Divide. Return the way you came for a nice downhill cruise back to the trailhead.



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