

**Cardinal Mountain** (13,397)

From Taboose Pass climb either the southwest spur or a chute to its right. Class 2.

**Peak 12,851** (1 SW of Cardinal Mtn.) The ascent from Taboose Pass is very easy.

**Peak 12,285** (0.75 NW of Goodale Mtn.)

From the lake a mile southeast of Taboose Pass climb the class 3 west slope.

**Goodale Mountain** (12,790)

The class 3 summit rocks of this peak can be reached via the east slope (class 1) or from the saddle to the west (class 2).

**Striped Mountain** (13,120+)

The northeast and east slopes, reached from Taboose Pass, are class 2. The west ridge is class 2.

**Peak 12,720+** (1 SW of Striped Mtn.)

Both the northwest ridge and the southeast ridge have been climbed; the latter is class 3.

**Peak 13,259** (0.6 S of Striped Mtn.)

The south slopes and east ridge combination is class 2. The north face has been done and is class 3.

**Striped Mountain** (4017 m; 13,120 ft+)

From *Taboose Pass*. Class 2. First ascent July 1905 by George Davis. First winter ascent late 1960s by Tom Ross. Head southeast from Taboose Pass to the cirque between Striped Mountain and Goodale Mountain. Climb the northeast slope to the summit.

West Ridge. Class 2. First ascent August 1, 1948 by Fred L Jones. This ridge is most easily climbed on its northern side.

From *Goodale Creek*. Class 2. First ascent August 11, 1948 by Fred L. Jones. Climb to the saddle between

*Striped Mountain and Goodale Mountain from Goodale Creek*. Ascend the east slope of the peak to the summit. This route was originally climbed from the Woods Creek drainage, which crosses the Sierra crest east of Peak 4043m (13,259 ft); this variation is class 3.

**Goodale Mountain** 3893 m; 12,790 ft *West Slope*. Class 2. First ascent July 23, 1939 by Norman Clyde, Allan MacRae, and Albion J. Whitney. First winter ascent January 12,1969 by Jim Jenkins, Art Wester, and Ed Lane. Climb to the saddle between Goodale Mountain and Striped Mountain from either Taboose Pass or Goodale Creek. The summit block is class 3.

*East Slope*. Class 2. This is a long climb from the Owens Valley. The starting point is between Taboose Creek and Goodale Creek.

**Peak 3744m** 12,285ft;

0.8 mi NW of Goodale Mountain

The class 3 west face of this peak was climbed on September 18,1970 by Andy Smatko, Bill Schuler, and Tom Ross.

**Peak 3917m** 12,551 ft; 1.0 mi SW of Cardinal Mountain

First ascent August 5, 1945 by A. J. Reyman, via the class 1 southeast ridge.

**Cardinal Mountain** 4083 m; 13,397 ft

First ascent August 11, 1922 by George Downing, Jr. Ascend a chute on the south side of the mountain from the vicinity of Taboose Pass. The chute is class 2, and it is filled with disagreeably loose rock.

The east ridge from Stecker Bench is class 2, and was first climbed February 7,1971 by Tom Ross.

*County Line*. Class 2. First ascent 1993 by Paul Richins and his daughter, Sierra Richins. Head northwest from Taboose Pass to the spur ridge that is to the east of Lake 3620m+ (11,840 ft+). Follow this ridge to the north and then to the northeast to some towers. Move to the southern side of the ridge crest, then traverse across three or four gullies before climbing back onto the crest. Follow the ridge to the summit.

*Taboose Pass* is the shortest of the three trails leading to the Sierra crest (6¼ miles, 5,972 feet of gain), but it seems to be in the desert all the way to the summit of the pass. On the other hand, the view from the summit is outstanding, and it will rejuvenate any hiker who has just ascended its barren east side.

***Cardinal Mountain (13,397)***

**Voge/Smatko**

Class 2. First ascent August 11, 1922, by George Downing, Jr. From Taboose Pass ascend either the southwest spur or the chute slightly to the east. A narrow, pinnacled stretch, which must be traversed if the southwest spur is followed, is bypassed by using the chute.

Cardinal Mountain can be easily ascended from Stecker's Bench on the north side of Taboose Creek, to which a trail leads from the end of the road on Red Mountain Creek.

***Peak 12,905 (1.15 SSE of Taboose Pass)***

First ascent unknown. The northwest ridge, north slopes and northeast ridge are class 2.

***Striped Mountain (13,120+)***

First ascent July, 1905, by George R. Davis, route unknown.

*Route 1. From Taboose Pass.* Class 2. From Taboose Pass proceed southeast to a lake north of the mountain and ascend either the northeast or east slopes. This is probably the route of first ascent.

*Route 2. West ridge.* Class 2. First ascent August 1, 1948, by Fred L. Jones. In climbing by this route follow the drainage above the twin lakes west of Striped Mountain, keeping well up on the north slope. Any of several chutes on the southwest face of the mountain lead to the summit plateau, though some are more difficult than others.

*Route 3. From Woods Creek.* Class 3. First ascent August 11, 1948, by Fred L. Jones. From the lake east of Mount Pinchot ascend the west slope of the crest to the junction of the ridge running east between two forks of Goodale Creek. Descend a steep, narrow chute to the head of the north fork of Goodale Creek. Ascend an easy chute to the saddle between Goodale and Striped mountains, from which either can easily be climbed. The route is class 3 to Goodale Creek and class 2 from there.

***Peak 13,259 (0.55 S of Striped Mountain)***

First ascent unknown. Ed Lane and Gary Lewis climbed the north face on September 26, 1965. Class 3. Andy Smatko, Bill Schuler, Ellen Siegal and Tom Ross climbed the south face and east ridge on June 9, 1968. Class 2. The name Snowdrift Peak was proposed because of the prominent snowdrift near the summit.

***Peak 12,285 (0.75 NNW of Goodale Mountain)***

First ascent on September 18, 1970, by Andy Smatko, Bill Schuler and Tom Ross via the class 3 west face. The name Red-wind Peak was suggested because of the mountain's color and the extremely windy conditions of the first ascent.

***Goodale Mountain (12,790)***

*Route 1. From the west.* Class 2, except for class 3 summit rocks. First recorded ascent July 23, 1939, by Norman Clyde, Allan A. MacRae, and Albion J. Whitney. Apparently they climbed it from the saddle to the west. This saddle can be reached easily from Taboose Pass.

*Route 2. From Woods Creek.* Class 3. First ascent August 1, 1948, by Fred L. Jones. For details see Route 3 up Striped Mountain. From the saddle to the east the class 2 west slope is followed.

*Route 3. East slope.* Class 1. The east slope of Goodale Mountain can be climbed from the road ends between Taboose and Goodale creeks, and apparently has been by deer hunters.