

Rainbow Mountain Climbing Directions

Getting to the Trailhead

The easiest way to the summit is about 5 miles involving some YDS class 3-4 climbing. Start at the campsite at the end of Lovell Canyon. Take I-15 from Las Vegas west to NV SR-160 (aka Blue Diamond Road) and follow it over Mountain Springs Summit, reaching Lovell Canyon Road in 3.5 miles. Drive 3 miles on Lovell Canyon Road heading north before joining a dirt road heading northeast for a final 2.6 miles before reaching the campsite and trailhead (~5,800').

Route to the Summit

Follow the wash going northeast for 0.7 miles when you'll find a fork in the wash heading east-northeast and north. Follow the wash heading due north for approximately 0.25 miles before leaving the wash on the east side heading northeast to gain the main north-south ridge at 7,000'. Head north along the ridge, passing over Peak 7,211 (feet). Continue north along the ridge just past a point at 7000' due west from Rainbow Mountain. From here drop down to the saddle 800' below downclimbing some YDS class 3-4. From here, the route is easier on the north side allowing you to gain the ridge with some more class 3 scrambling.