



The Eagle Mountain Railroad was constructed in 1947–1948 by the Kaiser Steel Corporation to haul iron ore 51 miles from Kaiser's Eagle Mountain Mine to an interchange with the Southern Pacific mainline at "Ferrum" (Latin for "iron"). The EM features grades as steep as 2.15 percent on its climb out of the Salton Trough. The railroad was last used in 1986 and remains dormant.

This northward view near the high point on line, appropriately called Summit, features a long cut grade to lower the high point and thus the grade. The Eagle Mountains and Joshua Tree National Park are in the distance.



Parts of the EM are washed out near Summit.



Some sort of a loading facility on the EM about 4 miles north of Summit.