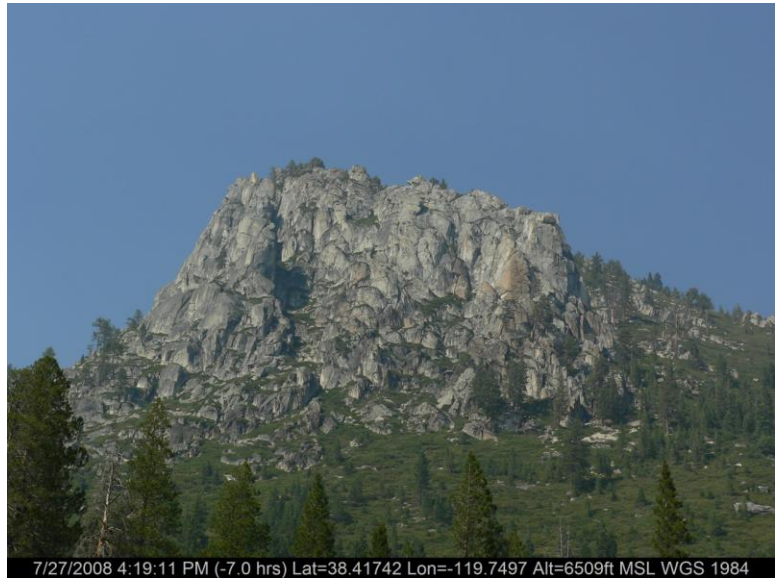


DISASTER CREEK TRAIL



Hiking Distance: 6.2 miles
roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate
Start Elevation: 6450 feet
Elevation Change: About 1200 feet
Location: In Stanislaus National Forest
Map: USFS Disaster Peak Quadrangle 489-2

Area's Blooming Season

March	April	May	June	July	August	September
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	Early		Mid		Late	Very Late

Description:

This trail climbs up the canyon carved by Disaster Creek which is only visible from a few places until the turnaround point. It is not a particularly scenic route, but does offer an abundance of wildflowers. There is a rather relentless climb of about 700', first via switchbacks, and then a long stretch above Disaster Creek before reaching the first stream crossing, after which the grade moderates somewhat. From there to a meadow with spring seeps is a long stretch (about a mile or more) where you will find a large number and diversity of wildflowers. The meadow area has many Copeland's Owls Clover, Corn Lilies, Swamp Onions, Tall Butterweed, and some Toad Lilies.

The turn around point is just after a fir forest where Disaster Creek splits into several branches and there are large banks of rocks and gravel. For the first time the trail is next to the creek.



Trailhead Directions:

From Highway 108, take the well-signed Clark Fork Rd turnoff (about 19 mi east of Strawberry). This paved road deadends at Iceberg Meadow, 9.5 mi. The signed trailhead is about 500 feet from the road end and is signed.

