

# EAGLE MEADOW AREA



**Hiking Distance:** About 2.3 miles  
**roundtrip**  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Start Elevation:** About 7500 feet  
**Elevation Change:** About 100 feet  
**Location:** Stanislaus National Forest  
**Map:** USFS Dardenelle Quadrangle 490-4

Area's Blooming Season	March		April		May		June		July		August		September	
	Early		E	Mid		M	Late		L	Very Late		V		

## Description:

This area is located in Stanislaus National Forest and is accessible from SR 108. The trail is mostly level with only slight elevation changes for your hike. The elevation of the meadow is about 7000 feet so if you are unaccustomed to altitude take it easy. Depending on the previous winter's snowfall and the melt rate, the meadow may be inaccessible until the middle or end of June. There is a stream that runs through the meadow and the rest of the area is generally wet for most of the summer and fall. Because of this it is a good idea to take waterproof or water resistant boots for your visit. This is a great area to observe subalpine species. In a normal weather year the blooming period begins in middle June and continues until August with a few species that are earlier bloomers and several that can be later in blooming. This trail starts in the Eagle Meadow Horse Camp and skirts along the edge of Eagle Meadow under the gaze of Eagle Peak. This section of the trail is not shown on existing maps. The older trail which ran through the meadow was closed to allow for restoration of the meadow (the new trail is at the tree line under the peak). The turnaround point for this trip is at the crossing of Eagle Creek. You could cross the creek and continue on the trail as it ascends the Eagle Creek drainage to Eagle Pass. The wildflowers found along the trail are typical for this elevation and meadow edge habitat with plenty of Angelica, Lupine, Mule Ears, Scarlet Gilia, and Horsemint.



### **Trailhead Directions:**

**From SR 108 turn off at the sign for Eagle Meadows (14 miles east of Strawberry) and follow forest road 5N01 to Eagle Creek, a distance of 7.7 miles. The first 5.5 miles are paved. Several roads lead off of 5N01 so watch for forest service signage (basically keep right at main intersections. On reaching Eagle Creek turn right into the Horse Camp and go about 0.1 mile to the trailhead sign**

**(keep to the left always). There is a restroom facility in the camping area near the trailhead.**

