

GIANELLI CABIN AREA



Hiking Distance: 4.4 miles roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate
Start Elevation: About 8600 feet
Elevation Change: Up to 500 feet
Location: In Stanislaus National Forest
Map: USFS Pinecrest Quadrangle
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Area's Blooming Season	March		April		May		June		July		August		September	
	Early		E	Mid		M	Late		L	Very Late		V		

Description:

This trail is well maintained and is one of several major entry points to the Emigrant Wilderness area. The flower survey extends only as far as Powell Lake. It first ascends 500 feet on a moderately graded trail with several switchbacks to Burst Rock, a point of historical interest on the old emigrant trail with nice views of the South Fork watershed and the distant peaks such as the Three Chimneys. It then descends to the Powell Lake (8800') turnoff (at 2.1 miles). This turnoff is not signed, but is a well defined use trail on the left offering two different paths to the lake. You cannot see the lake at the turnoff point, but you can a little ways further on the trail -- so if you see the lake on the left, you have missed the turnoff. Burst Rock has a large number of Silver Raillardella and some Lobb's Buckwheat. Between Burst Rock and the lake is a large group of Colville's Lupine. The area around the lake usually has a fair number of Alpine Laurel, Arrow-leaved Butterweed, and some Labrador Tea.

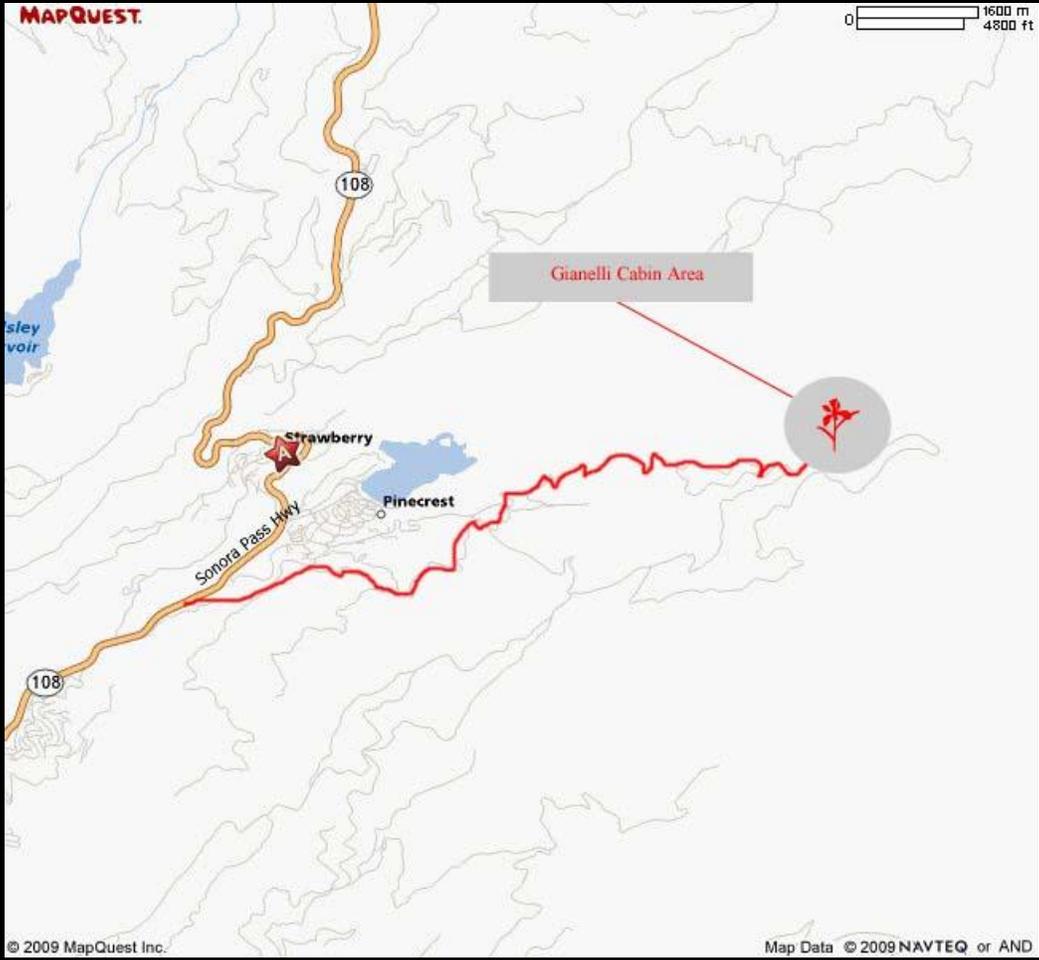
Trailhead Directions:

From highway 108 about a mile past Cold Springs turn off onto signed Crabtree Road (4N26). Follow this paved road to Aspen Meadow, 7.0 miles. At Aspen Meadow turn left, go past the pack station and follow signs to Gianelli Cabin (7.1 miles) on a partly paved (1.5 mi) but mostly well graded dirt road. During the early season it is wise to check at the Summit Range Station to see if the road is open. (An alternate route from the Summit Ranger Station is to take the road to Dodge Ridge Ski Area and at the entrance to the ski area parking turn right on the paved connector road 4N06Y to Crabtree Road.)



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