

MOUNT DANA AREA



Hiking Distance: About 3.0 miles roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate to very strenuous (altitude and rocky terrain last ¼ mile)
Start Elevation: 9500 feet
Elevation Change: About 3000 feet
Location: Eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park just off SR 120

Description:

This area includes the meadow area below Mount Dana, the mountain itself and the Dana Plateau area. The trail begins immediately to the south of the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park. You will hike along a mostly unmarked but well worn path. As you ascend past the meadow and lake areas you will immediately start seeing many subalpine species. The last 500 feet of vertical elevation ascent is difficult and treacherous rocky footing. Even in August for most years there will still be patches of snow on the sides of the mountain. Hiking poles are highly recommended. The higher you climb the more spectacular the views become until you finally reach the peak with its truly awe inspiring vistas. Remember it is quite

common to have afternoon thunderstorms in this area so check the local weather beforehand and plan accordingly. Peak bloom times are from the end of July through the middle of August.

Area's Blooming Period:

March		April		May		June		July		August		September			
Early		E		Mid		M		Late		L		Very Late		V	



Alpine Columbine - *Aguilegia pubescens*

Trailhead Directions:

The trailhead is immediately to the South of the park entrance station on the eastern approach to Yosemite National Park on SR 120 going through Tioga Pass.

