



SONORA PASS AREA

Hiking Distance: 5 miles roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate with some steep grades
Start Elevation: 9600 feet
Elevation Change: About 800 feet
Location: Entrance from SR 4
Calaveras County
Map: USFS Sonora Pass
Quadrangle 489-3

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

Description:

This hike is part of the Pacific Crest Trail heading north from Sonora Pass. From the Sonora Pass parking area the trail climbs slowly for a mile, traversing several gullies. Along this section you will find many Pennyroyal, Mules Ears, Sneezeweed, Valerian, Blue Flax, and Wandering Daisy; and above you to the north some pinnacles which the trail will eventually reach and where we turnaround for this trip. The trail then begins to climb more steeply and reaches a switchback turn to the east. The eastward section climbs more swiftly and crosses some steep slopes which can have some long-lasting snow banks that may be difficult to cross in the early season (July), plus some sections of the trail may be eroded (unless recently maintained). Check with the Forest Service about trail conditions if you have any doubts.

Trailhead Directions:

From Sonora take highway 108 east to just before Sonora Pass and turn onto the short paved road to the parking area with the Forest Service sign for Sonora Pass Trailhead. The trail begins next to the vault toilets.



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1200 ft



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