

ST. MARY'S PASS TRAIL



Hiking Distance: About 3.0 miles
roundtrip
Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous (altitude)
Start Elevation: About 8500 feet
Elevation Change: About 2000 feet
Location: Stanislaus National Forest
Map: USGS

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

Description:

This area is about 60 miles east of Sonora and is just before the summit crossing of Sonora pass on SR 108. A word of caution and that is to remember that you will be starting your hike at over 7000 feet and climbing to an elevation of over 10000 feet. So if you are unaccustomed to exertion and hiking at altitude take it easy and carry lots of water and some aspirin. The hike to the top is a fairly steady grade with a few places where you traverse some loose rock fields, but for the most part the trail is an easy walk. There are several small streams that cross the trail and have interesting flowers on their banks. Remember that at this elevation the quantity of snowfall and intervening weather can make a significant difference in blooming times. In a normal weather year the blooming period begins in early July and continues until about the middle of August with a few species that are earlier bloomers and several that are relatively later in blooming.



Trailhead Directions:

There is a sign and access is on the north side of SR 108 about 2-3 miles west of the Sonora Pass summit. The trailhead is adjacent to the gravel and rock parking area.

