

Plant Guide to Dawson Saddle Trail

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0.00	This guide does not follow the old unsigned trail exactly at Dawson Saddle, SR2 (7903 feet). Instead, head east on SR2 to the new trailhead, about 0.04 miles beyond (east) of Mile Marker 69.59.		
0.00	Plants at trailhead, in order from west (on the right) to east, beginning at the Jeffrey pine 5 steps to the right of the trailhead.		
0.00 r 1	Jeffrey pine	<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	99 / 9
0.00 r 2	*Jerusalem oak	<i>Dysphania botrys</i>	99 / 1
0.00 r 3	giant blazing star	<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	40 / 1
0.00 r 4	rock buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum saxatile</i>	75 / 5
0.00 r 5	threadleaf common rabbitbrush	<i>Ericameria nauseosa var. oreophila</i>	15 / 3
0.00 r 6	Grinnell's beardtongue	<i>Penstemon grinnellii var. grinnellii</i>	99 / 9
0.00	(pinedrops, <i>Pterospora andromedea</i>)		
0.00	The trailhead		
0.00 r 7	Nevin's bird's beak	<i>Cordylanthus nevini</i>	30 / 2
0.00 l 8	squirreltail	<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	99 / 9
0.00 l 9	California brickellbush	<i>Brickellia californica</i>	2 / 2
0.00 l 10	Davidson's buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum davidsonii</i>	5 / 2
0.00	Begin hiking trail		
0.00 11	pussy paws	<i>Calyptridium monospermum</i>	30 / 2
0.00 l 12	silky lupine	<i>Lupinus elatus</i>	99 / 9
0.01 r 13	green-leaf manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>	99 / 9
0.01 b 14	Davidson's lotus	<i>Acmispon nevadensis var. davidsonii</i>	25 / 2
0.01 r 15	pinegrove groundsmoke	<i>Gayophytum oligospermum</i>	50 / 5
0.01 r 16	santolina pincushion	<i>Chaenactis santolinoides</i>	20 / 3
0.01 17	white catch-fly	<i>Silene verecunda</i>	15 / 2
0.01 l 18	white fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	99 / 9
0.02	Switchback to right; sign: "Dawson Saddle Trail. Built by Boy Scouts the summer of 1982 to commemorate the 75th year of world scouting. Total volunteer hours 3540. Elevation 7903 feet. USFS".		
0.05 r 19	Davidson's phacelia	<i>Phacelia davidsonii</i>	6 / 2
0.06 l 20	sugar pine	<i>Pinus lambertiana</i>	99 / 9
0.07 l 21	pine lousewort	<i>Pedicularis semibarbata</i>	99 / 9
0.07 l 22	broad-seeded rock-cress	<i>Boechera platysperma</i>	20 / 2
0.08 l 23	Tehachapi ragwort	<i>Packera ionophylla</i>	20 / 2
0.08 r 24	mountain whitethorn	<i>Ceanothus cordulatus</i>	99 / 9
0.09	Switchback to left; jct. old path to right that leads now to a steep dropoff in 6 paces.		
0.09 r 25	slender woodland star	<i>Lithophragma tenellum</i>	99 / 2
0.09 r 26	Southern California draba	<i>Draba corrugata</i>	5 / 1

0.09	b 27	beaked penstemon	<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>	50 / 4	0.66	l 48	San Bernardino beardtongue	<i>Penstemon caesius</i>	50 / 5
0.11	l 28	southern Sierra phacelia	<i>Phacelia austromontana</i>	99 / 4	0.72	49	plain mariposa lily	<i>Calochortus invenustus</i>	1 / 1
0.14	r	(alpine sulfur-flowered buckwheat, <i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>minus</i>)			0.72		Trail leaves ridge and is just below ridge on east side.		
0.18	b 29	curl-leaf mountain-mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	99 / 3	0.77		Trail now goes farther below the ridge. An old trail, in disrepair, is on the ridge.		
0.18	l	(snow-plant, <i>Sarcodes sanguinea</i>)			0.85	r 50	bush chinquapin	<i>Chrysolepis sempervirens</i>	99 / 9
0.19	b 30	one-sided bluegrass	<i>Poa secunda</i> ssp. <i>secunda</i>	20 / 2	0.91		Cross small drainage with lots of lodgepole pine		
0.19	l	(California cliff-brake, <i>Pellaea mucronata</i> var. <i>californica</i> ; clasping-leaved caulanthus, <i>Caulanthus amplexicaulis</i> ; a waif of desert pincushion, <i>Chaenactis stevioides</i>)			0.97	l 51	linedrops	<i>Pterospora andromedea</i>	5 / 3
0.19	l 31	Mojave linanthus	<i>Leptosiphon breviculus</i>	99 / 2	0.97		Cross small drainage with lots of lodgepole pine		
0.19	l 32	San Gabriel linanthus	<i>Linanthus concinnus</i>	3 / 2	1.02		Deep bear clawmarks on lodgepole pine, 6.5 feet above ground, in August 2002.		
0.19	r 33	woolly mountain-parsley	<i>Oreonana vestita</i>	99 / 3	1.05		Cross small drainage.		
0.19		Switchback to right.			1.11		Mt. Baden-Powell now visible again, now on the right of Mt. Burnham.		
0.20	l 34	Parish's needlegrass	<i>Stipa parishii</i> var. <i>parishii</i>	30 / 3	1.17		First small area burned in 2002 Curve fire. Only spot fires occurred along the rest of the trail, beyond the edge of the main fire.		
0.21	l 35	alpine sulfur-flowered buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i> var. <i>minus</i>	40 / 3	1.20		Saddle with view of Mt. Wilson, San Gabriel Peak, Mt. Islip, Twin Peaks, Strawberry Peak, and Mt. Waterman. Trees have numerous bear claw marks. Trail heads back to east side of ridgeline.		
0.25	l 36	wax currant	<i>Ribes cereum</i> var. <i>cereum</i>	20 / 4	1.20	r 52 sp	wreath plant	<i>Stephanomeria virgata</i> or <i>S. exigua</i> ssp. <i>coronaria</i>	1 / 1
0.27	l 37	Ross' sedge	<i>Carex rossii</i>	5 / 2	1.20	l	(limber pine, <i>Pinus flexilis</i>)		
0.27	r	(Sierra gooseberry, <i>Ribes roezlii</i> var. <i>roezlii</i>)			1.21	r	(spineless horsebrush, <i>Tetradymia canescens</i>)		
0.28	l 38	lodgepole pine	<i>Pinus contorta</i> ssp. <i>murrayana</i>	99 / 9	1.24	b 53	limber pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	99 / 9
0.30	r	Jct. with old trail from Dawson Saddle. Prickly cryptantha, <i>Cryptantha echinella</i> , is found 0.03 miles down the old trail.			1.35	r 54	Yosemite rockcress	<i>Boechea repanda</i>	1 / 1
0.30	r 39	Burlew's onion	<i>Allium burlewii</i>	99 / 9	1.38	r	Unusual closed depression		
0.31	l 40	toothed wintergreen	<i>Pyrola dentata</i>	1 / 1	1.39		The final saddle on the trail. The trail now leaves the ridgeline and traverses the north slope of Throop Peak.		
0.34	l 41	low pussytoes	<i>Antennaria dimorpha</i>	7 / 1	1.44	r 55	Sierra gooseberry	<i>Ribes roezlii</i> var. <i>roezlii</i>	2 / 2
0.37	l 42	bitter root	<i>Lewisia rediviva</i> var. <i>minor</i>	99 / 5	1.45		Cross drainage. Many lodgepole pines here.		
0.38		Begin open area.			1.54		Cross middle of three small drainages that join below the trail.		
0.39	l	(Peirson's lupine, <i>Lupinus peirsonii</i>)			1.62		Cross drainage.		
0.39	l 43	southern alpine buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum kennedyi</i> var. <i>alpigenum</i>	99 / 5	1.67		Cross drainage that is a limber and lodgepole pinecone graveyard.		
0.39		Now on ridge for first time. The trail will stay close to the ridgeline for the next 0.4 mile.			1.72		Cross drainage.		
0.39		(fir mistletoe, <i>Phoradendron bolleanum</i> , 100 feet south)			1.79		Jct. PCT; elevation 8860 feet; end plant trail guide.		
0.39	l 44	Sierra mousetail	<i>Ivesia santolinoides</i>	30 / 1			Off-trail only species given in guide:		
0.40	r 45	pine dwarf-mistletoe	<i>Arceuthobium campylopodum</i>	40 / 1	0.19	56	clasping-leaved caulanthus	<i>Caulanthus amplexicaulis</i>	1 / 1
0.41	r 46	Peirson's lupine	<i>Lupinus peirsonii</i>	75 / 2	0.19	57	desert pincushion	<i>Chaenactis stevioides</i>	1 / 1
0.41		From right to left, view of the three peaks of Williamson Peak with the South Fork Trail below, Waterman Mountain, Strawberry Peak, Twin Peaks, Throop Peak, Mt. Burnham and Mt. Baden-Powell			0.19	58	California cliff-brake	<i>Pellaea mucronata</i> var. <i>californica</i>	20 / 1
0.44	47	snow-plant	<i>Sarcodes sanguinea</i>	5 / 2	0.30	59	prickly cryptantha	<i>Cryptantha echinella</i>	5 / 1
0.56		Trail leaves ridge, now on east (left) side slightly below the ridge.			0.39	60	fir mistletoe	<i>Phoradendron bolleanum</i>	1 / 1
0.60		Jct. faint trail that merges from the right that leads to ridge.			1.21	61	spineless horsebrush	<i>Tetradymia canescens</i>	1 / 1
0.63		Back on ridge.			http://tchester.org/sgm/plants/guides/dawson_saddle_trail.html Updated 7 June 2016.				