



Many colorful wildflowers grace the meadows along the road up to the Fairview Peak lookout and make it a great place to look for butterflies.



Although common east of the Cascades, Nuttall's linanthus is rarely found on the west side, but is common on Fairview and at the base of Bohemia.

Bohemia Mountain & Fairview Peak

Location & USGS Map

T23S.R1E.S14; Fairview Peak

Difficulty

Easy to moderate

Distance

Bohemia: 1.6 miles round trip

Fairview: 2.3 miles round trip walk or drive on road

Elevation gain

600 feet (5350'–5987') and 600 feet (5350'–5938')

Peak bloom

Late June to August, peak in July

Highlights

Unusual plants, butterflies, view

Directions

Exit I-5 at Cottage Grove. Head east on 2400 following signs for Dorena Lake. Continue on this road for 19 miles to Brice Creek Road #2470. 3.9 miles past the Brice Creek trailhead turn right onto Rd 2212 at a sign for Bohemia Saddle. After 6.4 miles turn right onto Rd 708 at a sign for Fairview Peak at "Noonday Saddle". In another 1.9 miles turn left onto Rd 2460 at Champion Saddle. Follow this somewhat rough road for 1.1 miles to the parking area between Bohemia Mountain and Fairview Peak.

In this historic mining district, the twin peaks of Bohemia Mountain and Fairview Peak offer some of the best botanizing in the central Cascades. At nearly 6000', Bohemia and its slightly shorter neighbor are the tallest points in the Calapooyas, a botanically rich transitional region between western and southern Oregon. They are close together enough to be easily explored by parking in the saddle in between. It is also possible to drive right to the lookout at the summit of Fairview, but this allows for only a cursory view of the many beautiful flowers growing in the sloping meadows alongside the road. The abundant cushions of white phlox-like flowers are Nuttall's linanthus (*Linanthus nuttallii*), one of the most unusual plants that can be found here. Big displays of western blue flax, small-flowered penstemon, mountain cat's ear, sulphur buckwheat and pink owl's clover brighten the meadows. Hummingbirds dash frenetically above masses of scarlet gilia. Look for glacier lilies and alpine candytuft (*Thlaspi montanum*) beside lingering snowbanks in early July.

A short rocky trail leads to the summit of Bohemia Mountain. Along this path are colorful patches of bleeding heart and wood betony (*Pedicularis bracteosa*) and striking lacy clumps of fern-leaved lomatium. On open outcrops look for rock-loving plants like Cascade fleabane, spotted saxifrage, creamy stonecrop and the stunning magenta cliff penstemon. From the summit of either mountain the view is impressive.