

Hamilton Mesa

The closest trailhead to Hamilton Mesa is at Iron Gate Campground, a little ways past the Tererro store. The road to the campground is very rough and high clearance is necessary, 4x or all-wheel drive helpful. (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/santafe/recarea/?recid=75902>) The trail is moderately-difficult with an elevation gain of 400 feet to the first meadow, 2 miles from the trailhead (4 miles roundtrip). The meadow is lush with wildflowers and the views of the mountain peaks spectacular. Take water and sun protection.

Pecos Wilderness – Hamilton Mesa

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Achillea millefolium- Yarrow
Amauriopsis dissecta (Bahia dissecta) – Ragleaf bahia
Artemisia dracuncululus – Tarragon
Boechera stricta (Arabis drummondii) - Drummond's rockcress
Brickellia grandiflora- Tassel-flower Brickellbush
Campanula rotundifolia - Harebell
Dasiphora fruticosa - Shrubby cinquefoil
Eremogone fendleri - Fendler's Sandwort
Erigeron speciosus - Showy fleabane
Fragaria vesca - Wild strawberry
Galium boreale - Northern bedstraw
Gentiana affinis - Pleated Gentian
Geranium caespitosum – Purple Geranium
Geranium richardsonii - Wild geranium
Helianthella parryi – Perry's wood sunflower
Heterotheca villosa – Hairy Golden-Aster
Hymenoxys hoopesii - Orange sneezeweed
Ipomopsis aggregata -Skyrocket
Lathyrus lanszwertii - White peavine
Mertensia lanceolata – Lanceleaf bluebells
Packera fendleri - Fendler's ragwort
Penstemon barbatus - Scarlet bugler
Physocarpus monogynus - Ninebark
Potentilla hippiana – Woolly cinquefoil
Potentilla pulcherrima - Beautiful cinquefoil
Rosa woodsii - Woods rose (fruit)
Rudbeckia hirta - Blackeyed Susan
Solidago simplex – Narrow goldenrod
Symphoricarpos rotundifolius – Snowberry (fruit)
Trifolium pratense – Red clover