

Columbia Coast Wildflower Hikes 2008

General notes: Please call the hike leader at least 48 hours before the hike to confirm attendance. Hikes are usually restricted to 12 people; no pets please. Wear gear suitable to the day's weather. Bring food and water. Our focus is the local ecosystem, not land-speed records on trails—we hike gently. If high winds are expected, hikes will be postponed. If rain is expected, hikes will go forward as scheduled. If in doubt, or if you have questions, please call the trip leader. For wildflower lists of these and other local sites, go to www.reachone.com/columbiacoastplants

Date & Time	Location	Details
1 Saturday, April 12, 2008, 9 a.m.	Rainforest Loop, Cape Disappointment State Park	Meet in the parking area at the isthmus in the middle of the park. Short hike on good trail in the woods, after which we will visit the Confluence Art sites nearby in the Park. Wear walking shoes. Lovely coast rainforest site with big trees and nice views of Bakers Bay. About 1.5 miles round trip.
2 Saturday, May 17, 2008, 9 a.m.	Scarboro Hill and Canyon Creek at Fort Columbia State Park	About 4 miles round trip. Meet at the upper parking area near the trailhead, hike over Scarboro Hill and east into old growth forest. This is a good hike to see many flowers of the Coast Range. During peak flowering it is staggeringly floriferous. Moderately strenuous, wear good boots or walking shoes.
3 Saturday, June 14, 2008, 9 a.m.	Saddle Mountain State Park	Meet in the parking lot at the trailhead. This is a <u>strenuous</u> 6 mile round trip, which is best done with stout walking shoes or boots, walking sticks, water, food and appropriate clothing. Saddle Mtn has a long flowering period, and more species than any other site in this area.
4 Saturday, July 12, 2008, 9 a.m.	Bay to ocean at Leadbetter Point, Willapa NWR	Meet at north parking lot. We will hike out the bayside beach and north trail to the ocean. About 3 miles round trip, all within 20 ft of sealevel. Plant communities to see include: sand beaches, salt marsh, interdunal wetlands and coastal dunes.

Hike Leader & Contact Information

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Please call **more than 48 hours before planned hikes** so that we know how many hikers to anticipate for the trip. Carpool if possible.