Mount Rainier National Park

Wildflower Guide



Editor's Note

One of the things that Mount Rainier National Park is most famous for are the wildflowers. The meadows become spectacular carpets of colorful flowers. The season is short, and the exact timing can vary each year depending on the weather, but in general the flowers are in peak bloom from mid-July to mid-August. Frosts often set in by late August.

The flowers you'll see vary from the forest flowers at lower altitudes (approximately 2,000 to 4,500 feet above sea level) to sub alpine blooms higher up (approximately 2,000 to 4,500 feet above sea level).

There are more than 150 different types of flowers. In this guide, I have included 30 of the most common and most beautiful so you can identify them as you're walking around the national park.

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American Bistort Sub Alpine



Bear Grass Sub Alpine



Broadleaf Arnica Sub Alpine



Broadleaf Lupine Sub Alpine



Canada Goldenrod Forest



Cascade Aster Sub Alpine



Cow Parsnip Forest



Cusicks Speedwell Sub Alpine



Edible Thistle Sub Alpine



Elegant Jacob's Ladder Sub Alpine



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Elephant's Head Sub Alpine



False Bugbane Forest



Fireweed Forest



Goat's Beard Forest



Grey's Lovage Sub Alpine



Hooded Ladies Tresses Forest



Jeffrey's Shooting Star Sub Alpine



Magenta Paintbrush Sub Alpine



Mountainbells Forest



Oceanspray Sub Alpine



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Oregon Sunshine Sub Alpine



Patridgefoot Sub Alpine



Pink Mountain Heather Sub Alpine



Pink Wintergreen Forest



Sickletop Lousewort Sub Alpine



Smallflowered Penstemon Sub Alpine



Subalpine Daisy Sub Alpine



Tiger Lily Forest



Western Coralroot Forest



White Bog Orchid Forest