Eight Dollar Mountain
Recreation Opportunity Guide

**Use Season:** All Year

**Fees:** None

**Elevation:** 2120 ft.

**Length:** Boardwalk: 1/8 mile; Jeffrey Pine Loop: 1 mile

**Difficulty:** Boardwalk - Easy; Jeffrey Pine Loop - Moderate

**Activities:** Wildflower viewing, walking, hiking, nature study, and educational visits. OHV, bike, and horse use is prohibited.

**Facilities:** Restrooms (handicap accessible), parking area, trail, interpretative panels, beginning point for the TJ Howell Botanical Drive along Forest Service lands.

**History and Visitor Information:** Eight Dollar Mountain may have gotten its name from a nearby discovery of a gold nugget worth $8.00. Another story is that a man wore out a pair of shoes worth $8.00 walking around its base. On March 25, 1856, the Battle of Eight Dollar Mountain, a skirmish in the Rogue River Indian War, was fought in this area.

The Eight Dollar Mountain recreation site features the Eight Dollar Mountain Interpretive Boardwalk which is handicap accessible and a hiking trail known as the Jeffrey Pine Trail. The upper boardwalk is approximately 1/8 mile long and has educational panels along the route. The Jeffrey Pine Trail for those seeking more of a challenge, is a one mile loop hiking trail that overlooks the Illinois River.

Both trails pass through the 1200 acre Eight Dollar Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACEC), designated for its special status plants and Darlington fen (wetland). The Eight Dollar Mountain Darlington fen is characterized by the California pitcher plant (*Darlingtonia californica*), a carnivorous plant which feeds on insects when they become trapped in the vase shaped leaves of the plant. This area is one of the larger, more easily accessible fens in the Illinois Valley. Water travels through the pitcher plant area from intermittent streams.

**Features:** Boardwalk (wheelchair accessible), interpretive trail with botany guide, views of the Siskiyou Mt. Range and Illinois River.

**Safety Concerns:** Ticks, poison oak, rattlesnakes.

**Location:** 38 S, 8 W, Sec 28; Longitude and Latitude: 42 13 55.36856, -123 39 33.24131

**Driving Directions:** Drive south on Highway 199 from Grants Pass and proceed past Selma. Approximately 3.5 miles south of Selma, turn right on Eight Dollar Road (FS 4201). Approximately 0.8 mile is Eight Dollar Mountain. Turnleft into the parking area alongside the road. The trailhead is located across the road up the paved driveway. Parking near the trailhead and restroom is limited to handicapped only.