

# ≡ Rough & Ready Flat

## Recreation Opportunity Guide



*Use Season:* All Year

*Elevation:* 1,375 ft.

*Length:* 0.3 miles

*Difficulty:* Easy

*Activities:* Wildflower viewing, picnicking, walking, hiking, nature study, and educational visits. The trail passes through the Rough and Ready Area of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACEC), designated for its special status plants and Serpentine ecosystem. OHV, bike, and horse use is prohibited.

*Facilities:* Covered picnic area, Riverview picnic area, parking area. Wheelchair accessible trail.

*Safety Concerns:* Ticks, poison oak, rattlesnakes. Please keep dogs under control.

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**History and Visitor Information:** Rough and Ready Flat has been a popular wildflower observation area for decades where the evolution of new plant species (hybrids) is occurring. The impetus to protect the area began in 1937 with the Illinois Valley Garden Club. In 1994, a total of 1164 acres of BLM land surrounding Rough and Ready Creek were designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) to protect botanical, wildlife/fisheries, hydrologic systems and other natural systems or processes.

The Rough and Ready area is located in a region which is recognized as one of 200 biologically outstanding ecoregions in the world. It harbors a multitude of rare or special status plants endemic to the serpentine soils of the Siskiyou Mountains. Staying on the main trail avoids erosion and disturbing sensitive vegetation. A gate key is available for check out at Illinois Valley Visitor Center in Cave Junction for those who may have difficulty in accessing the area by foot.



**Location:** T40S R8W Sec 18; Longitude and Latitude: 42.09287, -123.68376

**Driving Directions:** Drive south on Highway 199 from Grants Pass and proceed past Cave Junction. Approximately 4.5 miles south of Cave Junction, turn right on to the Rough and Ready Wayside Parking Area (FS 4201). The trail-head is located on the side opposite the highway. There are eight parking spaces at the wayside.

