

## Heather Trail to Cayuse Flats 38 km

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Where Heather meets Bonnevier, it is open and single track. Heather Trail is a feast of wildflowers, amazing 360 degree views, meadows, steep descent on rocky ridge to Nicomen Lake. Long downhill switchbacks are on Grainger Creek Trail and Hope Pass Trail.

### Getting to Bonnevier Junction

- Take road across from Manning Park Lodge, drive up toward Blackwall Peak about 17 km.
- Find **trail at upper parking lot** at post for Heather Trail.
- Follow Heather Trail.



- Turn right at this post to go toward Nicomen Lake. Trail curves left.
- You reach Buckhorn Camp.
- Continue up Heather Trail.
- You reach post at Bonnevier and Heather.

### Heather Trail



- Bonnevier is on your right.
- Head straight (west) along Heather toward mountains.

- Reach post for First Brother, go straight to stay on Heather Trail.
- Come to intersection of Kicking Horse Camp. Post indicates 9 km to Nicomen Lake. Continue toward Nicomen Lake.
- Rocky switchback descends toward Nicomen Lake.

### Nicomen Lake

- Reach Nicomen Lake Camp (post indicates lake 1 km to your right). Go right. (→)
- Reach campsite/hut at Nicomen Lake (**aid station is at this hut**).
- Reach intersection of Nicomen Lake Trail and Grainger Creek Trail.

### Grainger Creek Trail

- Head left/west to Grainger Creek Trail. (←)
- Grainger Creek Trail descends for about 8 km. The creek is on your right.
- Cross bridge and come to big arrow that points to left and uphill. (Water source here for refill.)
- Reach Hope Pass Trail at a T-junction (map there). Turn LEFT down river.

### Hope Pass Trail

- Head south on Hope Pass Trail.
- Continue descent for about 6 km.
- At road fork, keep RIGHT to go uphill. (↑)
- Cross Skaist River on big logs.

### Cayuse Flats

- **Cayuse Flats aid station will be here.** Relay exchange here.
- You reach intersection of Skagit Bluffs Trail marked with a **sign** at Hwy 3. Hwy 3 is below on your left side.
- Descend to parking lot.