

NDBMC Hike Report  
Beatty's Trail #25 to Mesa View - Pecos  
Friday, 06/21/19

**Rating**            C  
**Hike Miles**        6.0  
**Elevation Gain** 1340  
**Hike Time**        4:30

**Report** We may have erred on the side of caution in changing the hike from Hamilton Mesa to Beatty's because of FR223, but the two hikes are so similar that it really didn't make much difference. Nine hikers--including two very experienced but fairly new to ASCHG--escaped the heat and smoky air in Albuquerque to hike up through a fir/aspen forest and out onto a grassy meadow mesa with patches of wildflowers and snowy peaks to the west. On the scenic drive up, as we rounded a curve, two red-tailed hawks flew up off the road, one carrying lunch in its talons. On the trail we were pretty sure we heard an elk bugling. Wildflowers included irises, of course, plus cinquefoil, paintbrush, yellow western wallflowers, strawberries, vetch, golden pea, and masses of little white flowers I'll call daisies. On the drive back we witnessed an outside wedding at Cowles and enjoyed a stop at the hummingbird general store.

Thanks to Lindsey for sweeping and taking photos, and to John for driving and taking photos.

**Hike Leader** Pam Bliss

**Photo Album 1** [Lindsey](#)

**Photo Album 2** [John](#)