

PD-FIT - Hiking Hike Report  
Hamilton Mesa - Pecos  
Monday, 06/24/19

**Rating** C  
**Hike Miles** 6.2  
**Elevation Gain** 825  
**Hike Time** 4:38

**Report** Seventeen hikers left the fitness center at 7:15 to head to the Pecos Wilderness. We arrived at Hamilton Mesa trailhead at 10:15. Marilyn began ascent to the Mesa at 10:30. It was a beautiful, cool morning on the trail. The trail wound through aspen, spruce and pine forests to the ridge overlooking Mora River Valley. We followed the rocky path until we arrived at a log fence. This opened onto the Mesa, a grassy meadow full of blooming wildflowers. Wild Iris, Golden Pea, Indian Paintbrush and Monument Plant were a carpet of color in the meadow. We enjoyed the great views in all directions overlooking the entire Pecos Wilderness. Snow covered peaks were all around us. Santa Fe Baldy was to the southwest, Pecos Baldies were to the west, Truchas Peaks were to the northwest and Chimayoso and Santa Barbara Peaks were to the north. After eating lunch and enjoying the views, we began our return trip back to the vans. The cool breeze and the hike through the forest provided us a shady return. We arrived back at the vans at 3:55. On our return home, we stopped at the DQ for a refreshing snack. We arrived back at the center at 6:00. Thanks to Cindy and Rod for driving. Thanks to Marilyn for leading and Cindy for sweeping. Lastly thanks to Joyce and Marilyn for sharing photos.  
Mary Getting

**Hike Leaders** Marilyn Warrant and Cindy McConnell

**Photo Album** [Photos from Marilyn](#)