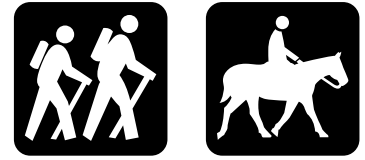


John Muir Wilderness

Sierra National Forest



The John Muir Wilderness encompasses approximately 584,000 acres in the Sierra and Inyo National Forests. It extends along the crest of the Sierra Nevada from Mammoth Lakes southeasterly for 30 miles, and then forks around the boundary of Kings Canyon National Park to Crown Valley and Mt. Whitney.

Elevations range from 4,000 feet to 14,496 feet at Mt. Whitney with many peaks above 12,000 feet. Deep canyons as well as beautiful meadows among the many lakes and streams characterize the Wilderness. The South and Middle Forks of the San Joaquin River, the North Fork of the Kings River and many creeks, which drain into the Owens Valley, originate in the John Muir Wilderness.

Stands of jeffery and lodgepole pine, incense cedar, and red and white fir can be found on the lower western slopes of the Sierra Nevada. Higher up are lodgepole, whitebark, and western pine, red fir and mountain hemlock. The highest elevations are barren granite. Summer temperatures range from 25 to 85 degrees and there is usually a frost-free period from mid-July through August. In summer, afternoon and evening thunderstorms are common.

Wilderness Permits and Trailhead Quotas

A wilderness visitor permit is required for all overnight trips into the wilderness. Trailhead quotas are in place year-round. For all trails, 60 percent of the trailhead quota is available through advanced reservations and 40 percent is available 24 hours prior to entry for walk-in customers, first come-first served. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable reservation fee for each person for all trails. There is a \$10.00 charge for any changes to a confirmed reservation. For trips exiting at Mt. Whitney there is a \$15.00 fee. First come, first served permits are free of charge.

Group Size

Group size is limited to 15 people and 25 head of stock are permitted on overnight trips.

Proper Food Storage

Backcountry and wilderness users are required to store food or refuse in a manner designed to keep bears from gaining access to it. Visitors are encouraged to use bear-resistant food canisters to safeguard food. If a bear canister is not available, the counter-balance method of storing food is also an acceptable method.

Bear-Resistant Canisters

These portable containers are the only effective way for backpackers to store food in wilderness. Each canister weighs less than 3 pounds, fits in a full-sized backpack, and is capable of holding up to 3 to 5 day's worth of food for one person. When using the canister remember the following guidelines:

- Store all food, cosmetics, toothpaste, soap, and refuse in the canisters.
- At night or when you are way from camp, leave your empty pack on the ground with all pockets and flaps open.
- Put the canister 50 feet from your sleeping area.
- Leave the canister on the ground.
- Do not hang the canister from a tree.

Bear Canister Purchase and Rental

Through a partnership with Three Forest Interpretive Association, the Forest Service offers bear canister rentals at the High Sierra Station located in the Florence/Edison area. Canisters are available for \$3.00 per day. A \$75.00 refundable deposit per canister is required. Canisters must be returned to the office from which they were rented.



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Campfires

Campfires are not permitted above 10,000 ft. north of Mt. Shinn and above 10,400 ft. south of Mt. Shinn. In addition, site specific closures include the Purple Lake drainage, North and South Forks of Big Pine Creek, Tye Lakes, Sabrina Basin, Kearsarge Pass, Golden Trout Lakes and Robinson Lakes drainage, Main Mt. Whitney Trail, North Fork of Lone Pine Creek, Mey-san Lakes drainage, and within 1,000 feet of Anvil Camp on the Shepherd Pass trail.

Leave No Trace

To practice **LEAVE NO TRACE**, follow these simple practices:

- Camp at least 100 feet from meadows, stream banks, and lakeshores.
- Do not shortcut switchbacks.
- Keep soaps and detergents (including biodegradable ones) out of lakes and streams.
- Treat stream or lake water before using. Boil at least 5 minutes to remove harmful organisms.
- Bury all human waste and toilet paper 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 100 feet from water where runoff won't carry contamination into lakes and streams.
- Use gas stoves in the high country.
- Do not use wood from live or dead standing trees.
- Pack out all your trash.

For information on regulations, permits, and conditions, contact:

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Trailheads and Quotas

Trailhead Number	Trailhead Name	Daily Advanced Reservation	Daily First Come First Served
J51	Statum/ Spanish	5	3
J52	Crown/ Rancheria	6	4
J53	Woodchuck	12	8
J54	Courtright	15	10
J55	Corbet	5	3
J56	Dutch	5	3
J57	Florence	21	14
J58	Hooper	5	3
J59	Bear Div.	6	4
J60	Bear Ridge	6	4
J61	Mono Creek	18	12
J62	Devils Graveyard	12	8
J63	Margaret Lakes	5	3

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