

# Devils Postpile

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## Stock Use



Many people enjoy animal packing in the backcountry. In Devils Postpile National Monument most people on horseback are either visiting the Rainbow Falls area, or are crossing the park on the John Muir or Pacific Crest trails. As you travel with your stock along monument trails, we encourage you to minimize your impact on the land and toward other visitors. Practicing good trail etiquette helps ensure that everyone enjoys their visit; it also establishes a better understanding between the different wilderness users, and that benefits everyone.

### Day Trips: Devils Postpile National Monument

#### Where can I park my horse trailer?

The best place to access the monument with a horse trailer is from the Rainbow Falls Trailhead. Parking is limited and turnarounds are tight.

Horse trailer parking is not permitted at the Devils Postpile parking area and the trail from there to the postpile formation is not open to stock.

#### Where can I cross the river?

Cross the upper middle fork of the San Joaquin River at the stock bridge indicated on the map near the eastern boundary of the park. The bridge located near Soda Springs is not designed to handle stock and is closed to stock use. Open river crossings are prohibited for your safety and to reduce the impact to the fragile riparian ecosystem.

#### Which trails can I use within the monument?

The John Muir Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, King Creek Trail and most of the Rainbow Falls Trail (see the map on back for details).

#### Can I let my stock graze?

Grazing of stock is not permitted anywhere within the monument. Please consider packing weed-free feed for your stock. The spread of exotic plants in the Sierra Nevada has compromised many Sierran meadows, forests, and wildlife. Each year, Devils Postpile spends hundreds of staff and volunteer hours to remove these noxious weeds.

#### Can I travel off trail?

Stock are not allowed off trail anywhere in the monument.

### Camping with Stock

#### Can I camp overnight with stock?

Backcountry camping is not allowed within the monument. This applies to backpackers as well as stock users. The only place to camp within the monument is in the Devils Postpile Campground. The campground can not accommodate stock.

#### Is there anywhere in the Reds Meadow Valley where I can camp with my stock?

Yes. There are three horse campsites provided in the Agnew Meadows Campground.

There are hitching posts, but no corrals and no water troughs. Water faucets are available. Weed free hay is appreciated. For reservations visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

### Trail Courtesy and Regulations

Stay on the trails. Monument staff, partners, and volunteers work hard to maintain the monument trails. Your efforts to “Leave No Trace” minimize impact on wildlife, soil, and vegetation.

Ride single file on the trail; do not shortcut trails or switchbacks. When traveling on switchbacks and steep trails with limited visibility, travel slowly and be cautious of other approaching trail users. Muddy stretches and most snow covered portions of the trails should be crossed rather than skirted.

Few hikers know that they should pull off to the downhill side of the trail when encountering stock. You may need to ask hikers to stop while you pass. Conversation while passing each other may reduce the chances of frightening the horse.

Are you planning a longer trip into the Inyo National Forest? You can get detailed information regarding wilderness stock use by calling (760) 924-5500, or visiting their website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo).

# Devils Postpile Stock Use Map

## Stock Regulations Summary Per 36CFR 2.16(G)

- Off trail stock use is prohibited within the monument.
- River crossings only permitted at stock bridge.
- Grazing is prohibited in the monument.

