National Park Service

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Permit Reservation Application

IMPORTANT TRIP INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

These National Parks ONLY accept reservations for the following entry trailheads:

Cedar Grove Area: Copper Creek, Lewis Creek, and to hike the Rae Lakes Loop *clockwise*: **Entry** Woods Creek Trail (through Paradise Valley) & **Exit** Bubbs Creek Trail. For Rae Lakes Loop in the *counterclockwise* direction: **Entry** Bubbs Creek Trail & **Exit** Woods Creek Trail.

Grant Grove Area: Sugarloaf, Belle Canyon (toward Seville Lake), JO Pass, Redwood Canyon.

Lodgepole Area: **Alta** (Wolverton parking lot), **High Sierra** (Crescent Meadow parking lot), Twin Lakes.

Ash Mountain/Foothills area: Middle Fork Kaweah River, Ladybug, Garfield Grove.

Mineral King Area: Atwell-Hockett, Tar Gap, Mosquito/Mineral, Eagle Lake, White Chief, Farewell Gap, Franklin Pass, Sawtooth Pass, Timber Gap, and Paradise Ridge.

All permits for the Lakes Trail *(Pear & Emerald Lakes)* are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Lodgepole Visitor Center. **Reservations are not accepted for the Lakes Trail.**

If you plan to start your hike outside the parks on the following trails, contact Inyo National Forest: 760-873-2483, www.fs.usda.gov/inyo, or www.Recreation.gov for more information and permit reservations. Bishop, Piute, Taboose, Sawmill, Baxter, or Shepherd Passes, Onion Valley/Kearsarge Pass, Mount Whitney, Cottonwood Lakes and Cottonwood Pass. Additional trails start on the Inyo National Forest that access these national parks.

List alternate entry dates and/or trails, in order of preference, in case your first choice is unavailable.
The Entry Date is the date your entire party must actually start at the entry trail.
By submitting this application, you accept the conditions on the back of this form.
(Please print boldly and clearly in the table below):

	Entry Date	Entry Trail Reference List Above	Exit Date	Exit Trail Reference List Above
1st Choice				
2nd Choice				
3rd Choice				

(Include additional choices on a separate page, if necessary)

Number of People in group: _____ **Number of Stock Animals:** _____

Is this a GUIDED/ORGANIZED group? NO_____ YES: Group name: _____

(To find out if your group requires a Special Use Permit (SUP) or a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), go to www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/permits.htm. Additional fees are associated.)

TRIP LEADER INFORMATION

PRINT BOLDLY AND CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Day Time Phone (____)_____

E-mail _____

PAYMENT

Reservations require PRE-PAYMENT of the $15.00 wilderness camping fee. Fees are non-refundable once they have been processed.

Make checks or money orders payable to: **National Park Service** and mail to address below.

To pay by credit card, please provide the following and mail or fax to number below. Please print clearly.

Credit card# _____

Expiration date (MM/YY) _____ / _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Mail applications to: (earliest postmark March 1)

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
Wilderness Permit Reservations
47050 Generals Highway #60
Three Rivers, CA 93271

OR

FAX (credit cards only) **to: (559)565-4239**

Reservation applications are ONLY accepted from midnight (PST), **March 1 to mid-September** of each calendar year by mail or fax. Applications received outside of these dates will not be processed. Applications must be received a **minimum of 2 weeks in advance** of a trip's start date. Pre-payment must accompany the application.
PLEASE READ OTHER CONDITIONS on the back of this form. For more information, visit **www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness** or call **559-565-3766**.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
Wilderness Permit Reservation Instructions

***Step 1:* Fill out the application form**
Write clearly, firmly, and stay within the borders of the form. Fill out completely. If information is **not** legible, the Wilderness Office will need to contact you delaying the application process and risking your opportunities for your first choice. Include a good day time phone number. Be sure to sign the form.

***Step 2*: Include pre-payment with your application form**
Applications must include pre-payment of the $15.00 wilderness camping fee. This fee is the same for all reservations, regardless of the group size or the trip length. Payment may be made by credit card (VISA or MC only) or by check/money order payable to the "National Park Service." The $15.00 wilderness camping fee prepaid during the reservation process is not refundable, not transferable to other parties or future years, and not for re-sale. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a reservation, you will be contacted and your credit card will not be charged or your check/money order will be returned or destroyed.

***Step 3:* Submit your wilderness permit reservation application**
Applications are only accepted by mail or by fax. Mail to: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Wilderness Office, 47050 Generals Hwy # 60, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Fax to: (559) 565-4239. Applications will not be processed over the phone or email. Submit only one application per group per trip. Duplicate applications (different members of the group for the same trip) may result in duplicate, non-refundable charges. Separate trips must be on separate applications with payment for each application.

***Step 4:* The Wilderness Office processes your application**
Application requests will be processed in the order they are received. No preference is given to one method of submission over another. A lottery system is not used.

***Step 5:* The Wilderness Office confirms the status of your reservation by mail**
All requests will receive a written response. Allow up to two weeks to receive your confirmation letter in the mail. Please **thoroughly** read the confirmation letter. After your reservation has been processed, one change (such as adding people, different entry date, or different entry trail) may be made without additional cost. Any additional changes will incur a $10 processing fee. Changes that add people, enter on a different trail, or enter on a different date must be made with one week of the start date you have already reserved. Changes that reduce the number of people in your group will be accepted at any time and never incur the processing fee.

***Step 6:* If necessary, make arrangements for a late pick-up of your wilderness permit**
If you will be picking up your wilderness permit after 9 a.m. on the morning of your departure, you must you notify the Wilderness Office by phone before the day of your trip or by 8:30am the day of your trip. Reserved spots in the quota with no late pick-up arrangements will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis to those people physically waiting in line.

***Step 7:* Bring your confirmation letter to pick up your wilderness permit at the visitor center or permit station closest to the trailhead**
*Your confirmation letter is **NOT** a wilderness permit and is not sufficient for overnight travel.* You must pick up your actual wilderness permit at the visitor center or permit station closest to the trailhead on the afternoon before or by 9 a.m. on the morning of departure. Your confirmation letter will specify this visitor center or permit station where you must pick up your wilderness permit and detail its usual operating hours (which are subject to change due to emergencies or staffing reductions after the Labor Day holiday). If you come prepared with your estimated itinerary, you will greatly speed up the process of issuing your wilderness permit.

Other Information for Reservations and Wilderness Permits Issued by Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
Permits are required year-round for all overnight wilderness trips. Daily entry trail quotas are in place from the Friday before Memorial Day through late September. Outside the quota period, permits are obtained on a self-issue basis at visitor centers or permit stations. Permits are not required for day hikes (except for Mount Whitney from the Whitney Portal trailhead near Lone Pine on the Inyo National Forest). The Lakes Trail is the only trail for which reservations are not accepted.

Your entire group must enter the **wilderness** on the **entry date** and **entry trail** specified in the confirmation letter. Each party must travel together throughout the trip. The maximum group size is 15 people and 20 head of stock. Parties with separate permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc., or any combination thereof) may not travel or camp within ½ mile of each other if the total number of people exceeds 15.

For more wilderness information, including specific restrictions and requirements related to camping, campfires and portable food-storage canisters, you may contact the Wilderness Office at (559) 565-3766 or visit our website at **www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm.** **Have a great trip!**

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