



**National  
Park  
Service**

## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Permit Reservation Application

### TRIP LOGISTICS

If your first choice is unavailable, list alternate entry dates and/or trails, **in order of preference**. List as many alternate dates and/or trails to which you can commit. The **entry date** is the date your entire party must actually start at the entry trail. **Please read other conditions on the back of this form.**

	Entry Date	Entry Trail	Exit Date	Exit Trail
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Choice				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Choice				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Choice				

*(Include additional pages if necessary)*

#### Your Estimated Itinerary

Date	# Nights	Campsite Location	Date	# Nights	Campsite Location

**Number of People** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Stock Animals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a GUIDED/ORGANIZED trip?** (Circle)    **YES**                      **NO**

**If yes, write name of GUIDE SERVICE** (i.e. Sierra Club) **or ORGANIZATION** (i.e. BSA Troop #30)

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### HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR WILDERNESS PERMIT RESERVATIONS

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

**FAX TO:**  
(559) 565-4239

**QUESTIONS:**  
(559) 565-3766

Reservation applications are only accepted from **March 1 to September 10** for each respective calendar year. Applications received outside these dates will not be processed. Reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance. Payment must accompany the application. During the non-quota season (from the Sunday following the last week of September through the Thursday before Memorial Day) permits are self-issued.

### Wilderness Office Use Only

8557-W-\_\_\_\_\_ Processed By \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Code \_\_\_\_\_

### TRIP LEADER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES/PAYMENT

Reservations require pre-payment of the \$15.00 permit fee. **Reservations are non-refundable, non-transferable, and not for re-sale.**

Circle the method of payment:

**Visa   MasterCard   Check   Money Order**

Make checks or money orders payable to "National Park Service."

If paying by credit card, please provide the following:

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Permit Reservation Instructions

## **Step 1: Fill out the application form**

Applications will be accepted by mail and fax from March 1 to September 10. Reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance of a trip within the quota season (the Thursday before Memorial Day through the Sunday following the last full week in September).

## **Step 2: Include payment**

Applications must include pre-payment of the wilderness camping fee. The \$15.00 per party fee prepaid during the reservation process is non-refundable. Payment may be made by credit card (VISA or MC only) or by check or money order made out to "National Park Service."

## **Step 3: Submit**

By mail: Wilderness Office, 47050 Generals Hwy # 60, Three Rivers, CA 93271. By fax: (559) 565-4239.

## **Step 4: Wilderness Office processes application**

Application requests will be processed in the order they are received. No preference is given to one method of transmission over another.

## **Step 5: Wilderness Office sends confirmation**

All requests will receive a prompt response. Confirmation letters will be sent with the assigned entry date & entry trail.

### **Reminders/Conditions for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness**

Permits are required year round for overnight wilderness trips. Trail quotas are in place from the Friday before Memorial Day through the Sunday after the last full week in September. During the non-quota season, use self-issue permits located at visitor centers in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. Permits are not required for day hikes. The Pear Lake Trail is the only trail for which reservations are not accepted. Wilderness permits for the Pear Lake Trail must be obtained in person at the Lodgepole Visitor Center.

Submit only one application per group. Duplicate applications, even from different members of the party, may result in duplicate non-refundable charges. Separate trips must be on separate applications with payment for each application. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a reservation, no charge will result. Once a reservation has been issued, there are no refunds. Reservations are not transferable to other parties or future years. Reservations are not for re-sale. Each processed reservation is allowed one free change to the party leader, entry date, entry trail, and/or party size. Each additional change will incur a \$10 processing fee.

Your entire party 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 number of people allowed per party is 15. Parties with separate permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc. or combination thereof) may not travel or camp within ½ mile of each other if the total number of people exceeds 15.

If you do not **confirm or pick up** your permit before 9:00 am on your entry date, your reserved permit will be cancelled and re-issued to other parties on a walk-up basis.

Pick up your reserved wilderness permit at the issue station closest to your entry trail (Roads End Permit Station, Kings Canyon Visitor Center, Lodgepole Visitor Center, Foothills Visitor Center, or Mineral King Ranger Station) in person by 9:00 am on the day of departure or the afternoon before.

For more wilderness information, including specific restrictions and requirements related to camping, campfires and portable bear-proof canisters, you may contact the Wilderness Office at (559) 565-3766 or visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm>. Be aware that this phone number will not accept reservation requests. Please submit application by mail or fax only.

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