



Stock Use

Crater Lake National Park has no stock trails which provide views of Crater Lake itself. However, the park's backcountry has many miles of trails suitable for stock use which explore diverse lower elevation forests, including the full length of the Pacific Crest Trail within the park (but not the alternate trail).

Stock users must know and observe all regulations. Please use extreme care to leave the park's backcountry in its natural state.

For use within the park, stock animals are defined as horses, mules, burros, and llamas. Dogs are not considered stock animals.

Regulations

Travel

Stock animals are permitted only in the following areas:

- Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), not including the PCT alternate
- Bald Crater Loop Trail
- West Boundary (Bert Creek) Trail
- Stuart Falls Spur Trail (from park boundary to PCT)
- Lightning Springs Trail (to hitching post ¼ mile below Rim Drive)
- Bybee Creek Stock Camp and access trail

Stock animals are not permitted on paved roads, except to cross for access to an authorized trail. All stock animals must remain on the established stock trails. Free trailing or loose-herding is not allowed. Use hitch racks or high-line pickets, keeping stock at least 100 feet from any water source.

Groups

Party size is limited to 8 persons and 12 head of stock.

Permits

All overnight trips require a free backcountry permit, available only in person at the park visitor centers or ranger station. Overnight groups must use the Bybee Creek Stock Camp.

Parking

For trips beginning in the park, horse trailers should park at:

- the Pacific Crest Trail parking area on Highway 62, ¾ mile west of the Munson Valley Road Junction; or
- the Pacific Crest Trail parking area on the North Entrance Road, 7 miles south of Highway 138.

Feed

Stock users must carry pelletized feed. To protect the Crater Lake ecosystem, all other feed types are prohibited, including hay and seed type feeds. Grazing is prohibited.

Trash

Parties are required to pack out all trash. Manure should be raked, spread or otherwise dispersed.

For more information...

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