

36 CFR §2.10(a) – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

Designated Campgrounds:

Potwisha	Sunset
Buckeye Flat	Azalea
Lodgepole	Crystal Spring
Dorst Creek	Sheep Creek
Cold Spring	Sentinel
Atwell Mill	Canyon View
South Fork	Moraine

- Camping in designated campgrounds is limited to 30 days total during the calendar year, with no more than 14 of the 30 days falling between June 14th and September 14th.
- Campground use fees, if applicable, shall be paid immediately upon arrival.
- Occupancy shall not exceed the limits as posted in each campground.
- Check out time is 12:00 noon.

Backcountry/Wilderness Camping:

- Camping in the following areas is restricted to designated sites or users:

Bearpaw Meadow	Paradise Valley
Emerald Lake Basin	Pear Lake Basin
Upper & Lower Funston Meadow – stock users only	

- Camping in the following areas is restricted as noted:

Heather and Aster Lakes Basin – Closed to all camping
Bullfrog Lakes – Closed to all camping within ¼ mile of the lake or ponds
Charlotte Lake – Two night camping limit
Eagle Lake – No camping between the trail and the lake
Hamilton Lakes – Two night camping limit
Hockett Meadow – No camping between the trail and Whitman Creek
Kearsarge Lakes – Two night camping limit
Little Clair Lake – No camping within 100 feet of lake
Mosquito Lake #1 – Closed to all camping within ¼ mile of the lake
Paradise Valley – Two night camping limit within the valley
Rae Lakes – Two nights per lake
Redwood Canyon – Ten person, two night limit
Timberline Lake – Closed to all camping

- All persons remaining overnight in backcountry and wilderness areas must have in their possession a valid Wilderness Use Permit. This permit shall also serve as a valid campfire permit and, when so endorsed in writing, may serve as a permit to take stock overnight into non-developed areas. Stock Use and Meadow Management requirements, as well as Minimum impact requirements accompanying such permit

shall constitute terms and conditions of the permit and violation of such terms and conditions is prohibited.

- The maximum number of people allowed per camping party in the SEKI backcountry and wilderness areas is 15. Parties with separate wilderness permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc. or combination thereof) may not travel or camp within one half mile of each other if the total number of people exceeds 15.
- The maximum number of stock allowed per camping party in the SEKI backcountry and wilderness areas is 20. Some meadows have more restrictive limits. Parties with separate wilderness permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc. or combination thereof) may not travel or camp within one half mile of each other if the total number of stock exceeds either the 20 head limit or the more restrictive limit for that meadow.
- No person shall camp within the SEKI backcountry and wilderness areas for a period greater than 21 consecutive nights or for a cumulative total in excess of 63 days in any calendar year. Additionally, no person shall camp in the same location, within ¼ mile radius, for more than 14 consecutive nights.
- The posting of signs may further restrict overnight occupancy in certain backcountry and wilderness areas. All persons shall obey such restrictions.
- The list below represents backcountry and wilderness sequoia groves and whether or not camping and fires are allowed.

<u>Grove</u>	<u>Camping</u>	<u>Wood Fires</u>
Oriole Lake	Yes	Yes
East Fork	Yes	Yes
Redwood Mountain	Yes	No
Redwood Canyon	Yes	No
Big Springs	Yes	No
Garfield	Yes	Yes
Castle Creek	Yes	Yes
Cahoon Creek	Yes	Yes
Horse Creek	Yes	Yes
Redwood Meadow	Yes	Yes
Eden Creek	Yes	Yes
Cedar Flat	Yes	Yes
Dennison	Yes	Yes
Devils Canyon	Yes	Yes
South Fork	Yes	Yes
Muir	No	No
Pine Ridge	Yes	No
Skagway	Yes	No
Suwanee	No	No
Dillonwood	No	No

(b)(1) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- At well-established, existing campsites.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as food (human, pet and stock), coolers and ice chests (with or without contents), garbage (empty cans and bottles, food wrappers, etc.), recyclables, first aid kits, cleaning solutions, drinks (canned or bottled), toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, cosmetics, scented tissues, etc.), insect repellants, tobacco products, and any other related scent items. Such items shall be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations. Dirty non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed or stored as a food item.

Developed Areas:

- Food items must be stored in bear resistant food-storage lockers where provided.
- Where food-storage lockers are not provided, the following conditions apply:
 - In developed frontcountry areas not provided with bear-resistant food-storage lockers:
 - In residences and lodging: Food items must be stored inside and not be visible from the exterior of the building.
 - All other developed areas: Food items must be stored inside a vehicle trunk or, if the vehicle has no trunk, must be placed as low in the vehicle as possible, and covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed.
 - Hard-sided and hard-topped vehicles: Food items may be stored in such vehicles that contain built-in refrigerators, provided it is covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed. Shades must be drawn when the vehicle is not occupied.

The counterbalance technique may not be used when space in a food-storage locker is available. Only those items as described above may be stored in food-storage lockers, and only when the owner is camped in the immediate area. No food and/or gear caches may be stored in food storage lockers.

Backcountry/Wilderness Areas:

- Food items must be stored in one of the following ways:
 - In a SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage container,
 - In a bear-resistant food storage locker, or
 - Suspended at least twelve feet above the ground and ten feet horizontally from a tree trunk or other vertical support using the SEKI counterbalance technique.

Portable SEKI approved food storage containers include commercially manufactured individual food canisters or panniers, bear-proof food storage boxes, and/or steel drums with locking metal lids.

Backpackers camping above treeline and parties using stock are exempt from this requirement provided that a human, alert guard is maintained to safeguard food and garbage not stored as described above.

Specified Restricted Wilderness Areas:

Within the wilderness area bordered by the following landmarks: Sawmill Pass and the Woods Creek drainage on the north, Forester Pass and the Kings/Kern Divide on the south, the Sierra Crest on the east, and Cedar Grove, South Fork of the Kings River, and Sphinx Crest on the west. All trail corridors and cross-country routes within the area are included in the restriction.

Within the Dusy Basin wilderness areas including all camp areas from Bishop Pass to the junction with the John Muir Trail in Leconte Canyon and all cross-country areas in Dusy Basin and Palisades Basin.

Within the Rock Creek wilderness areas of Sequoia National Park including all camp areas in the Rock Creek drainage, including Miter Basin, Soldier Lake, Siberian Outpost and Rock Creek proper. Specifically, the area is defined as areas (including cross country routes) in the Rock Creek drainage west of Cottonwood and New Army Passes, south of Crabtree Pass, south of Guyot Pass, and north-northwest of the Sequoia National Park boundary and Siberian Pass.

- From the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31, all parties camping in the wilderness areas defined above must have SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage containers with the capacity to store all garbage, scent and food items. This applies to all groups, regardless of party size, whether hiking on trail or cross-country, whether traveling with stock or receiving stock support (i.e. drop trips and/or spot trips). All garbage, scent, and food items must be stored in these containers when food is not being used, prepared or consumed. Stock parties must have SEKI approved bear resistant panniers and/or steel drums with locking lids.
- Long distance through hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail with a valid wilderness permit must either carry SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage containers or stay at sites with food-storage lockers and store all garbage, scent and food items in those boxes.
- The techniques of counterbalancing or hanging food by other methods, or posting a guard to protect improperly stored food, are prohibited within the restricted areas described above, except when snow prevents access to food-storage lockers.

Food Storage restrictions apply to all persons in all areas of these parks.

Food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be stored properly when not attended or in control by the user.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES. AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

- **Generators may not be used in the following areas of Lodgepole and Dorst Campgrounds: Sites 36- 60 (RV's and tents) and sites 69 – 150 (tents only) in Lodgepole; and sites 74 – 127 (tents only) in Dorst.**

The use of generators adds an unnatural sound to a natural setting and experience. By restricting the areas in which generators may be used parties using generators and those preferring a natural ambiance will both receive opportunities to enjoy their park camping experience.

- **Generators maybe used in Lodgepole and Dorst Campgrounds only during the following hours: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and in designated sites.**

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- **Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks:**

Buses must shut down their engines when not underway. Idling shall not exceed 5 minutes. Buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required Pre Trip Vehicle Inspection.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by park visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. This regulation conforms to the state bus regulations.

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the parks in the following areas:

All areas except:

- Kaweah River drainage, above 9,000 feet elevation.
- Kern River drainage, above 11,200 feet elevation.
- Kings Canyon National Park, above 10,000 feet elevation.
- Hamilton Lakes
- Granite Basin
- Nine Lakes Basin
- Those Sequoia groves, identified in §2.10 and §2.13 of this compendium, where wood fires are prohibited.

36 CFR §7.8 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS, SEQUOIA and KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

1. *SEKI MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 46 (PET POLICY)*
2. *SEKI MINIMUM IMPACT REGULATIONS: CAMPING*
3. *SEKI MINIMUM IMPACT REGULATIONS: STOCK USE*