

Bear Habitat: Proper Food Storage is the Law!

Bears can grab unattended food or easily break into cars that have food in them. They become bold and sometimes aggressive in attempts to get more. Too often these bears must be killed.

This is why you may be fined if you do not store food properly. The following reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of a bear break-in:

Drivers

Never leave any food or scented item in cars where food-storage boxes are provided.

Picnickers

Never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.



Your Fees Help the Parks & the Forest!

Most entrance and camping fees stay right here, invested in improving facilities and protecting resources. Fees have paid for repairing roads, campgrounds, trails, picnic areas, and restrooms. They have updated visitor centers, exhibits, and slide programs. For details on fee options and commercial fees, ask at entrance stations, visitor centers, or search www.nps.gov/seki for "fees."

• **7-day pass** to Sequoia & Kings Canyon & Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest: \$20 per vehicle (private, non-commercial) or \$10 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.

• **12-Month Pass** to Sequoia & Kings Canyon & Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest: \$30 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year. Not valid at Crystal Cave).

Lodge Guests

Keep cabin doors closed any time you leave.

Campers

Store food day and night in the metal boxes provided (avoid bringing coolers that won't fit; most boxes are 47" long x 33" deep x 28" high. Store ALL food, coolers, related items, and anything with an odor (even non-food) — including unopened cans and bottles. Latch the box completely. Food not stored properly will be impounded. Where boxes are not provided, seal food to reduce odors, cover it well, and close the windows. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in bear-proof containers or store it like food. Take infant seats out of cars; the smells they absorb may attract bears.

Backpackers

Hanging food is not effective in these parks! Store all food in a portable canister. Less than 3 pounds, it holds up to 5-day's food for one and fits in a pack. Metal boxes in a few backcountry locations offer backup storage. Rent or buy a canister at park visitor centers or markets.

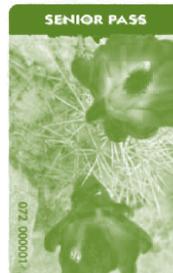
Everyone

Don't let bears approach you or your food. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks toward them (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Abandoning your food teaches bears that approaching humans is acceptable. However, if a bear does get food, never try to take it back.

• **Interagency Annual Pass:** \$80. Valid for entrance fees for one year at federal recreation sites nationwide (not valid at Crystal Cave).

• **Seniors Interagency Pass:** \$10 one-time fee buys a lifetime entrance pass for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or over (not valid at Crystal Cave).

• **Accessibility Interagency Pass:** Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Take appropriate documentation to park entrance stations (not valid at Crystal Cave).



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Wilderness Overnights

Wild places are hazardous and help may not be available. Be prepared to be fully self-reliant. Know and follow restrictions, as they protect both the environment and your experience.

Permits

Required for overnights (not day hikes). Issued in summer (reservations available) and self-issued the rest of the year at trailhead locations near where you are hiking or riding.

Quotas & Permits: Each trail has a daily entry quota and a required wilderness camping fee (\$15) between late May and late September. Requests to reserve a permit for a certain date within the quota season are accepted starting March 1 and at least 2 weeks before your trip's start date. Permits must be picked up the afternoon before (starting at 1pm) or by 7am on the day of departure at the park permit station/visitor center nearest your trailhead.

Jennie Lakes & Monarch wildernesses in the National Forest (FS): Permits not required but the FS requires free fire permits for any open flame.

Camping in the park's "frontcountry" is permitted only in campgrounds. Camping or sleeping in vehicles is not allowed in parking lots, pullouts, picnic areas, or trailheads in the park.

See www.nps.gov/seki or contact:

Wilderness Permit Reservations
Sequoia & Kings Canyon N.P.
47050 Generals Highway #60
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Telephone: 1-559-565-3766
Fax 565-4239

Pear Lake Ski Hut

Operated by SNHA 12/17-4/29, it sits in a granite basin high above Lodgepole. At 9,200 feet elevation, in winter it is surrounded by glistening snowfields and icy rock walls. Six strenuous miles on skis or snowshoes get you to its ten bunkbeds and wood-pellet stove. A great opportunity to experience winter in the High Sierra: 1-559-565-3759 (reservations required). Also check www.sequoia-history.org for SNHA's winter-travel seminars.

Bearpaw High Sierra Camp

Operated by DNPS mid-June to mid-September, snow permitting. A tent hotel and restaurant 11 miles out on the High Sierra Trail. Reservations (required) taken starting at 7am on January 2; www.visitsequoia.com, 1-888-252-5757.