

Sequoia & Kings Canyon

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Wilderness Permit Application

(please fill out this form online prior to printing it out and submitting it via mail or fax)

Reservations are available for the following trailheads:

Cedar Grove Area (Trails 1-4 in the [Wilderness Trip Planner](#)): Lewis Creek, Copper Creek, Woods Creek, Bubbs Creek

Grant Grove Area (Trails 5-8): Redwood Canyon, Sugarloaf, Belle Canyon, JO Pass

Lodgepole Area (Trails 9-12): Twin Lakes, Alta, High Sierra

Foothills Area (Trails 13-15): Middle Fork Kaweah River, Ladybug, and Garfield Grove

Mineral King Area (Trails 16-25): Paradise Ridge, Timber Gap, Sawtooth Pass, Atwell-Hockett, Tar Gap, Mosquito Lake, Eagle Lake, White Chief, Farewell Gap, Franklin Pass

Permits for trips to Pear and Emerald lakes are issued on a first-come, first-served basis at Lodgepole Visitor Center.

Reservation applications are accepted from midnight (PST), **March 1 to mid-September**. Applications received outside of this time frame will not be processed. Applications must be received **a minimum of two weeks in advance** of a trip's start date. Payment must accompany the application.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm or call 559-565-3766.

Trip Information

List alternate entry dates and/or trails, in order of preference, in case your first choice is unavailable. Your entire party must start on the entry date at the entry trail listed on your permit. Exit dates and exit trails can be estimated.

Entry Date	Entry Trail	Exit Date	Exit Trail
1			
2			
3			
4			

Preferred number of people in group: _____ Minimum number of people acceptable: _____ Number of stock animals: _____

Is this a guided/organized group? _____ If 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

Name _____ City _____ State _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____ Email (for confirmation letter) _____

Payment

Reservations require payment of the \$15 wilderness camping fee. Fees are non-refundable once they have been processed. Make checks and money orders payable to **National Park Service**. To pay by credit card, please provide the following:

Credit card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

Submit Applications

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

Fax: 559-565-4239

Wilderness Permit Reservation Instructions

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Step 1: Fill out the application form.

Fill out the form electronically prior to printing it out, or write legibly. Please include a daytime phone number to avoid delays with your reservation. Use the Wilderness Trip Planner on our website to find trailhead names. Only one application and payment is needed per group. (Duplicate applications may result in duplicate, non-refundable charges.) To reserve more than one trip, fill out a separate application for each trip, and include payment with each application.

Step 2: Include payment of the \$15 wilderness camping fee with your application.

The wilderness camping fee is the same for all reservations, regardless of the group size or trip length. Payment can be made by credit card (VISA, MC, AMEX, Discover, JCB, or Diner's Club; be sure to provide a signature) or by check/money order payable to the National Park Service. The fee is not refundable, not transferable to other parties or future years, and not for re-sale. If we cannot process your reservation, we will contact you and your credit card will not be charged or your check/money order will be returned or destroyed.

Step 3: Mail or fax your wilderness permit application.

Mail to: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Wilderness Office, 47050 Generals Hwy #60, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or fax to: (559) 565-4239. Applications cannot be submitted over the phone or by email.

Step 4: Read and print your emailed confirmation letter.

The Wilderness Office processes applications in the order they are received. Applications received prior to March 1 will not be processed. All applicants will receive an email response within two weeks.

Step 5: Bring your confirmation letter to pick up your wilderness permit.

Your confirmation letter is not a wilderness permit and cannot be used for overnight travel. Your confirmation letter will include details of where to pick up your permit. Permits are issued during normal operating hours by trailhead rangers who provide important area information. There are no "night drops." You can pick up your wilderness permit on the afternoon prior to your hike date (after 1:00) or by 9:00 am on the morning of your entry date. If you need to pick up your permit later than 9:00 am on the morning of your entry date, notify the Wilderness Office (559-565-3766 or seki_wilderness_office@nps.gov). If you do not make arrangements for a late pickup, your reservation will be cancelled at 9:00 am and your spots may be given to people waiting for walk-up permits.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make changes to my trip after my application is processed?

Changes to the entry date or trail and increases in group size must be made at least one week before your entry date. One change can be made with no cost. Any additional changes result in a \$10 processing fee. (Changes to reduce group size can be made at any time with no additional cost.)

When are permits required? When are entry trail quotas in place?

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 self-issued at visitor centers or permit stations. Permits are not required for day hikes. Permits for the Lakes Trail (to Emerald and Pear Lakes) cannot be reserved, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Are there limits on group sizes?

The maximum group size is 15 people (10 in Redwood Canyon, and 8 when traveling off maintained trails in certain areas). Your group must use the entry trail on the entry date shown in the confirmation letter, and travel together throughout the trip. If your group is larger than 15, you must split into smaller groups that travel and camp at least ½-mile apart.

For more wilderness information, including specific restrictions and requirements related to camping, campfires, and portable animal-resistant food-storage containers, visit our website at www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm. **Have a great trip!**