



Forest Service

Inyo National Forest



Parking at Whitney Portal

Plan Ahead for 2016 Whitney Portal Road Reconstruction Project

Whitney Portal Road will be re-paved in 2016. Work is scheduled to begin in March and be completed in November. Parking will be limited even when construction is suspended on weekends, or holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day).

Hikers are strongly encouraged to carpool, consider being dropped off by friends, or hire a shuttle service to access Whitney Portal. At times, there may not be a parking space available.

Day hikers staying at Whitney Portal Campground should consider leaving vehicles parked at their campsite and walk the National Recreation Trail 1/2 mile to the trailhead.

Walk-in wilderness permits will be limited for Whitney Portal area trails during periods of parking congestion.

Hikers must display a parking permit on the dash of their vehicle with "Not to Exceed Parking Date" visible while parked at the portal. Only groups with a wilderness permit that starts at Whitney Portal will be issued a parking permit. Day hikers will be issued a one day parking permit for the date of their hike. Overnight hikers will be issued a parking permit for up to 3 nights. A parking permit does not guarantee a parking space.

- Hiker parking lot is limited to a maximum of 3 nights, no long term parking.
- Roadside parking is limited to a maximum of 24 hours, and only where permitted by signage.
- When construction is ongoing near Whitney Portal, roadside parking is not allowed.
- Maximum vehicle length in parking lots is 20 ft.

You may not park or stage a vehicle at Whitney Portal if you are exiting from the PCT, JMT, HST or any other route that did not start at Whitney Portal.

Parked vehicles without a permit, that overstay their limit, interfere with construction activities, or are unsafely parked will be towed.

Expect Delays on Whitney Portal Road:

There may be times with minimal delays, however 30 minute delays should be expected. During some stages of construction there will be two 3-hour closures per day.

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Be Bear Aware!

At Whitney Portal:

- Do not leave your pack unattended.
- Never store food in tents.
- Secure ice chests and food in food storage lockers.
- Do not leave food in your car!
- Bear have been known to break into car trunks, RV's and camper shells.

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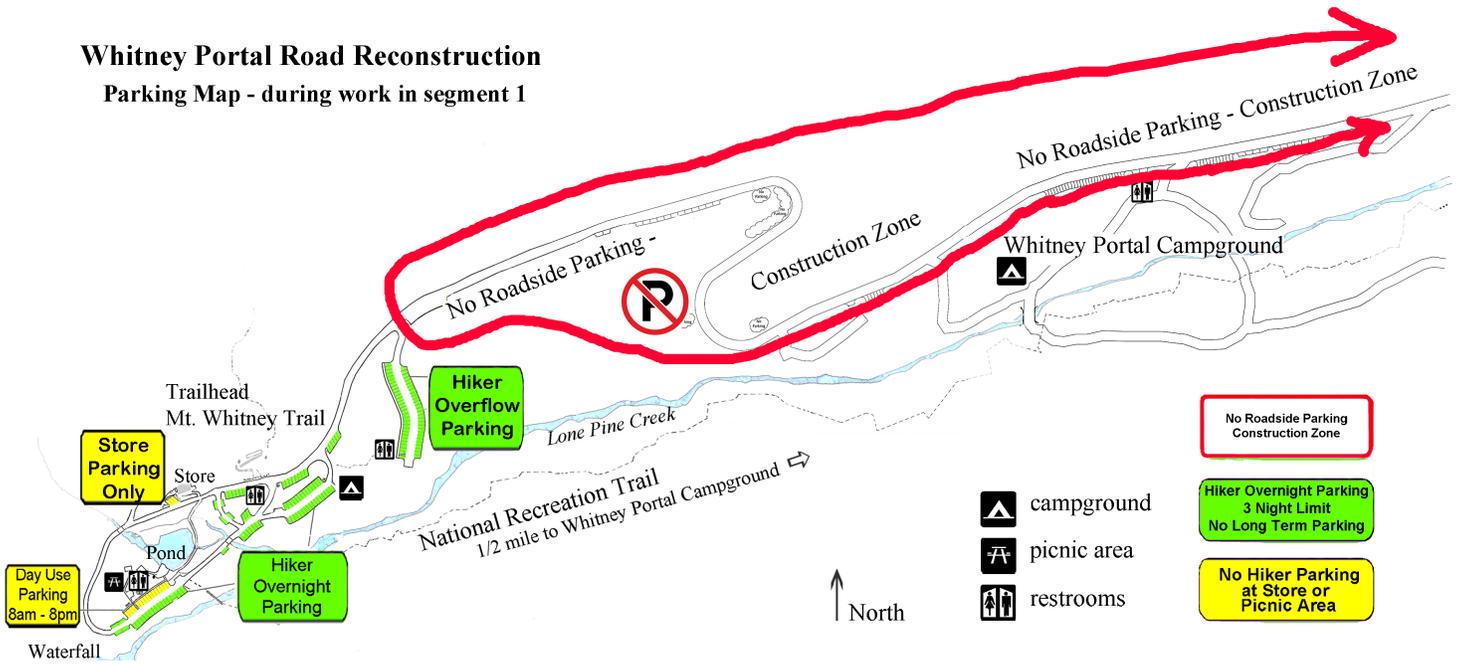
Mt. Whitney Ranger District

101 State Highway 136
Junction of US 395 & CA 136
Lone Pine, CA 93545

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Whitney Portal Road Reconstruction

Parking Map - during work in segment 1



During the stage of construction when roadside parking is allowed, parking is limited to one day.

Whitney Portal Road Reconstruction

Parking Map - during work in segments 2 & 3

