



Inyo National Forest Wilderness Permit Application



GROUP LEADER

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Alternate leaders:

It is recommended that there are three (3) listed alternates: others in the group that may use the permit in your absence.

FEES/PAYMENT

Reservations require a \$5.00/person fee, unless you enter the **"Whitney Zone"** at any point during your trip, then you must apply the **\$15.00 per person fee instead** of the \$5.00 fee. **Reservations are non-refundable, non-transferable to other parties or future years, and not for re-sale.**

Group size _____ X fee _____ = _____ total fee
(max. 15)

(Circle) **VISA MasterCard check money order**

Credit card number:

Expiration date (month/year) _____/_____

Print name on credit card _____

Signature _____

LOGISTICS

Not for Use in Mt Whitney Lottery- see Mt Whitney Lottery ONLY application.

List alternate dates and /or trails, **in order of preference**, in case your first choice is unavailable. There is no limit to the number of entry dates /trails you can list. The **entry date** is the date your entire party *must actually start at the entry trail and enter the wilderness boundary* (excludes trailhead campgrounds). **Please read other conditions on the back of this form.**

	Entry Date	Exit Date	Entry Trail Name	Exit Trail Name	1 st Camp Location
1 st Choice					
2 nd Choice					
3 rd Choice					
4 th Choice					
5 th Choice					
6 th Choice					
7 th Choice					
8 th Choice					
9 th Choice					
10 th Choice					
11 th Choice					
12 th Choice					

(Include additional pages if necessary)

Primary mode of travel: **foot**____ **other**_____ **pack animals**_____ number & type

Is this a GUIDED trip? (Circle) **YES** **NO**

Wilderness Permit Reservation Instructions

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General Application Form – Not for Use in February Mt. Whitney Lottery

Step 1. Fill out the application form: Applications will be accepted by mail, fax and phone six-months in advance of entry date and up until 2 days before a trip if space is still available.

Step 2. Payment: Applications must include payment of the reservation fee. There is a \$5.00 / person non-refundable reservation fee, unless you enter the "Whitney Zone" at any point during your trip, then you must apply the \$15.00 / person fee instead of the \$5.00 fee. Payment may be made by credit card (VISA or MC only), or by check or money order made out to: USDA Forest Service (US Funds only).

Step 3. Submit to: Wilderness Reservation Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514; Fax (760) 873-2484; Phone (760) 873-2483.

Step 4. Selections: Application requests will be processed in the order they are received. No preference is given to one method of transmission over another.

Step 5. Confirmation: All requests will receive a prompt response.

Mt Whitney Special Instructions. Use this application for the following trips to Mt Whitney:

- Main Mt Whitney trail reservations **after April 1st**.
- Trip that **ENDS** on the Mt. Whitney Trail, but begins on any other Inyo National Forest trail (such as Shepherd Pass, Kearsarge Pass, North Fork of Lone Pine Creek, etc). Apply as you would for "Other Trails" and use "Trail Crest" as exit trail.
- North Fork Lone Pine Creek access to the Mountaineer's Route, East Face/ Buttress.

Use the "**Mt Whitney Lottery ONLY**" application for the **February lottery**.

A day hike permit cannot be used to begin or end an overnight trip.

Applications must include payment of **\$15.00 per person** reservation fee if at any point during your trip you enter the "Whitney Zone".

For available dates and when to apply for remaining space for the Main Mt Whitney trail, refer to the Inyo National Forest website or phone the Wilderness Reservation Office after April 1st.

Reminders/Conditions: For Golden Trout, John Muir, Ansel Adams, and Hoover Wilderness Areas

Permits are required year round for overnight wilderness trips and day use beyond Lone Pine Lake on the Main Mt. Whitney trail. Quota season is from May 1st through November 1st, except for George Creek/Mt. Williamson, for which special restrictions apply. For non-quota season use self-issue permits, located at Inyo National Forest Visitor Centers.

Submit only one application per group. Duplicate applications, even from different members of the party, may result in duplicate non-refundable charges. Separate trips must be on separate applications with payment for each application. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a reservation, no charge will result. Once a reservation has been issued, there are no refunds. Reservations are not transferable to other parties or future years. Reservations are not for re-sale.

Your entire party must enter the **wilderness** on the **entry date** and **entry trail** specified in the confirmation letter. No exceptions.

If there is space available you can: change your date of entry or trailhead for a \$10 Change of Reservation Processing Fee or add to your party size by paying the additional \$5 per person (\$15 per person for the Mt. Whitney Zone) reservation fee. For space availability, refer to our website or contact the Wilderness Permit and Reservation Office.

If you do not **confirm or pick up** your permit before 10:00 am on your entry date, your reserved permit will be canceled and will be re-issued to other party's on a walk-in basis.

The **North Fork of Lone Pine Creek** is not included in the Main Mt. Whitney trail lottery. For this trail follow the application instructions for "All Other Trails- Not Main Mt. Whitney".

Pick up your reserved wilderness permit at an Inyo National Forest Ranger Station and Visitor Center, in person up to two days before the entry date of your trip. At that time you will receive up to date site-specific information regarding bear canister requirements, bighorn sheep protection areas, camping, campfire, and other specific restrictions. See our website for more information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo>

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