

CAMPGROUNDS

California Hot Springs Area

GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT
SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST



The Western Divide Ranger District is located in the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains. The District offers varied environments and activities. Elevations range from 3,000-9,000 feet. Vegetation includes annual grassland, oak-woodlands, brush fields, mixed conifer forest, riverside willow-cottonwood, and giant sequoia groves. On April 15, 2000, President Clinton proclaimed the Giant Sequoia National Monument which encompasses most of the District.

The District is very scenic and rich in history. Native Americans once occupied the area. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the California Hot Springs Resort was well known as a lively place with the natural hot springs and big band podium. The District boasts of the southernmost grove of giant sequoias, the Deer Creek Grove. The Trail of 100 Giants, a 1.3 mile fully accessible trail, is located along the Western Divide Highway.

Recreational opportunities include: camping, fishing, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and sightseeing.

Enjoy your stay and please help us protect the natural resources of the area. Please dispose of trash in trashcans or take it with you to throw away at home.

RESERVATIONS AND FEES: If fees are charged, instructions for fee payment are posted in a conspicuous location near the campground entrance. Fees are to be paid within 1/2 hour after entering the campground. Reservations for campsites in most developed campgrounds can be made by calling Recreation.gov toll free at 1-877-444-6777, or on the Internet as follows: www.recreation.gov Reservation fees are charged. Some campsites are available on a "first-come first-served" basis. Camping is limited to 14 days in any 30-day period on the Forest.

DISPERSED CAMPING AREAS: Many undeveloped areas are suitable for camping with a self-contained vehicle, for large groups, or by people who just want to get away and "rough it" or dry camp. Campfire permits are required. Visitors must take their trash, including toilet paper, out with them. RV users must use the dump stations at approved disposal sites off the Forest. Please check in at the Ranger Station for directions to dispersed camping areas.

OHV's AND MOUNTAIN BIKES: Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's) that are licensed or registered under the Green Sticker program are allowed on dirt roads signed for their use with a brown and white Forest Service Road Sign. These roads also appear on the Sequoia National Forest Map. All trails outside wilderness areas are open for bicycles unless signed closed.

FIRE SAFETY: Campfire Permits are required for campfires and charcoal barbecues outside of designated campgrounds. Pick up your permit (free) at any Forest Service, CDF, or BLM office. Smoking is allowed only in developed campgrounds, in a vehicle, or building. Make sure your campfire is DEAD OUT before leaving and never leave children unattended near a fire!

RIVERS AND CREEKS: *WARNING - entering rivers is dangerous; watch out for treacherous currents and slippery rocks.*

PETS: Pets are welcome. In developed recreation areas, pets must be under control and on a leash no longer than six feet. Please be courteous and dispose properly of your pet's waste.

DRINKING WATER: Piped water at campgrounds is safe to drink and checked regularly. Visitors should not drink spring or stream water without proper treatment. To be safe, boil or filter all water from rivers and streams before drinking.

FIREWOOD: Campers may collect fuelwood for campfire use. Gathering wood for removal for home use requires a permit (for a fee). Contact the District Office for more information.

DRIVING SAFETY: Be alert and keep to the right when driving steep and narrow mountain roads. Use lower gears and don't ride your brakes.

BEARS: Black bears and other scavengers such as raccoons, squirrels, and jays live in Sequoia National Forest and they are naturally attracted to food and other scented items such as sunscreen and citronella candles. Please protect your food and your personal safety by storing coolers and all other food and scented items inside your vehicle whenever you are not using them. Keep a clean campsite and never feed wild animals!

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS:

LEAVIS FLAT: In California Hot Springs, 35 miles SE of Porterville via J-22. Paved and dirt roads; suitable for RV's 16' long; 9 family units; toilets; water; elevation 3,100 feet. Fishing in season. Campground open year around. Supplies at Hot Springs Resort. Fee is \$18.00 per night. Reservations available.

WHITE RIVER: 3 miles SE of California Hot Springs along White River Road 23S05. Suitable for RV's 16' long; paved and dirt road; 12 family units; toilets; water; elevation 4,000 feet. Open May to October. Fishing in season. Supplies at Pine Flat or Hot Springs. Fee is \$18.00 per night. Reservations available.

REDWOOD MEADOW: 58 miles SE of Porterville via Hwy 190 and Western Divide Highway. Suitable for RV's 16' long; 15 family units; toilets; water; elevation 6,500 feet; open May to October; supplies at Ponderosa Lodge and R-Ranch; campground adjacent to the Trail of 100 Giants. Fee is \$18.00 per night. Reservations available.

LONG MEADOW: 57 miles SE of Porterville via State Hwy 190 and Western Divide Highway. Group site for 36 people. Suitable for 16' long RV's; elevation 6,500 feet; toilet; *No water*; open May to November; supplies at Ponderosa Lodge and R-Ranch. Fee is \$81.00 per night. By reservation only.

HOLEY MEADOW: 60 miles SE of Porterville. Suitable for RV's 16' long; paved and narrow dirt road; toilet; *No water*; elevation 6,400 feet. Open May to

October. Supplies available at Ponderosa Lodge and R-Ranch. Group site for 60 people. Fee is \$135.00 per night. By reservation only.

LOWER PEPPERMINT: 10 miles N of Johnsondale on Peppermint Creek via Lloyd Meadow Road (22S82). Paved road; 17 family units; toilets; water; elevation 5,300 feet. Open May to October. Fishing in season. Not suitable for trailers. Supplies at Ponderosa Lodge and R-Ranch. \$17.00 per night. No reservations available, FEE DEMO campground. Your fee dollars are used for improvements.

SELF SERVE CAMPING AREAS:

Self Serve camping areas are located at Panorama and Frog Meadow. At a self serve campground, you are welcome to use the campground, but no cleanup is provided. Please take your trash home and help keep the campground clean.

FROG MEADOW: 26 miles NE of Glennville via State Hwy 155 and Forest Roads 24S15, 23S16 and 24S50. Paved and narrow dirt roads; unsuitable for trailers and motor homes; 10 family units; toilets; *No water*; elevation 7,500 feet. Self-service (pack it in, pack it out). Open June to October. Supplies at Glennville. No fees required.

PANORAMA: 25 miles NE of Glennville via State Hwy 155 and Forest roads 24S15 and 23S16. Paved and narrow dirt roads; unsuitable for trailers and motor homes. *No water*. Self-service (pack it in, pack it out). Open June to October, weather permitting. Supplies at Glennville. No fees required.

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