



Campground Information Eldorado National Forest



Wentworth Springs Road Area

Georgetown Ranger District
(530) 333-4312

Crystal Basin Recreation Area

Pacific Ranger District
(530) 644-2349

Highway 88 Area

Amador Ranger District
(209) 295-4251

Highway 50 South

Placerville Ranger District
(530) 644-2324

General Information

- ♦ **Fees:** Campground fees are subject to change. Call for current fees. At some campgrounds there is an extra charge for each additional vehicle and/or pets.
- ♦ **Limits:** Single-family campsites are designed to accommodate 6 persons and 2 vehicles. Double sites handle 12 persons and 4 vehicles.
- ♦ **Parking Spurs:** Short parking spurs are 25' in length, long spurs are 50', but may vary.
- ♦ **Accessibility:** Some campgrounds have accessible facilities for people with disabilities.
- ♦ **Hookups:** RV filling from piped water sources in campgrounds and day use areas is NOT permitted.
- ♦ **Stay limit:** Each stay is limited to 14 days per district.
- ♦ **Check-out time** is 1:00 p.m. **Check-in time** is 2:00 pm.
- ♦ **Pets** are permitted and must be kept on a 6-foot leash at all times.

Reservations

National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS)



Toll-Free: 877-444-6777
TDD: 877-833-6777
INTL: 518-885-3639
Internet: www.Recreation.gov

Reservation Related

Most but not all campgrounds are on the National Recreation Reservation Service. Call the appropriate number indicated under each campground description.

Your reservation will be held for 24 hours in case you are delayed. If you need to make emergency contact, call the appropriate Ranger District, American Land and Leisure at (530) 293-0827 for the Crystal Basin and Highway 50 facilities, or Sierra Recreation at (209) 295-4512 for the Highway 88 corridor.

Interagency Senior and Access Passes

Senior Passes are available for a one-time \$10.00 fee to persons 62 years of age or older. Access Passes are available free to qualifying persons who are blind or permanently disabled. These cards entitle the holder to special discounts at federal recreation areas. They do not apply to group sites, cabin rentals, parking, or wilderness permits. For more information, please contact your nearest Forest Service office.

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Airport Flat

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,300', 16 units. No fee. Vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, bear boxes, all sites accessible. No water. Located in the Crystal Basin, 27 miles from Highway 50 on Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Where the road forks to go to Loon Lake or Gerle Creek Campground, take the Gerle Creek branch. The campground is about 3 miles from the fork, on the right. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Azalea Cove

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900', 10 units. No fee. Vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, bear boxes, bike rack. All sites accessible. No water, no grills. No garbage service. Located along the Union Valley bike trail on the East shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 14 miles from Highway 50 on Ice House Road. May be reached by bike, trail, or boat from Sunset Boat Ramp. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations*



Bear River Group

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 6,000'. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, bear boxes. 4 group units, 3 for 25 persons, 1 for 50 persons. Located 40 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, go south 2 1/2 miles on Bear River Road. At the "Y" intersection go west across the dam, and south 2 miles (stay left). Boat ramp nearby. Store with private campgrounds on north side of the reservoir about 2 miles from the group campground. *Reservations are available by calling the NRRS.*

Big Meadows

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 5,300', 54 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, boat ramp. One accessible site available. Flush toilet accessible from site #52. Travel 22 miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs Road, then 27 miles northeast on Forest Road 2. Campground is located about 1.5 miles northwest of Hell Hole Reservoir. *No reservations.*



Big Silver Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. Fee. One group unit for 50 people. No water, vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Accessible sites and toilets. Located along the Union Valley Bike Trail on the east shore of Union Valley Reservoir, about 16 miles from Highway 50 on Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Parking for bike trail. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *Reservations are available by calling the NRRS.*



Black Oak Group

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,400'. Four group camp areas. Fee. Site #1, 50 people, no trailers, piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, not accessible. Site #2, 75 people, self-contained vehicles only, no toilets, difficult access. Site #3, 50 people, no trailers, piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, not accessible. Site #4, 25 people, no trailers, piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, not accessible. Located near Stumpy Meadows Lake, 21 miles from Georgetown on the Wentworth Springs Road (Primary Forest Route 1). Boat ramp 2 miles from site. *Reservations are available by calling the NRRS.*

Blue Lake (Lower)

(Amador Ranger District) - PG&E - Elevation 8,100'. 16 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle and charge for pets. Has piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fishing, boating. From Highway 88 (either 6.6 miles east of Carson Pass, or 2.5 miles west of the Highway 88/89 junction), take Blue Lakes Road 12 miles to the first campground. *No reservations.*

Blue Lake (Upper)

(Amador Ranger District) - PG&E - Elevation 8,200'. 32 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle and charge for pets. Has piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fishing, boating. See Blue Lake Lower for travel directions. The campground is 1.3 miles past Upper Blue Lake Dam Campground. *No reservations.*

Blue Lake Dam (Upper)

(Amador Ranger District) - PG&E - Elevation 8,200'. 25 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle and charge for pets. Has piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fishing, boating. Blue Lake Lower for travel directions. Go 1/4 mile beyond Middle Creek Campground. *No reservations.*



Camino Cove

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,875'. 32 units. Vault toilets, fire rings. No water, grills or picnic tables. Located on northwest shore of Union Valley Reservoir, 17 miles from Highway 50. From Highway 50 go 7 miles north on Ice House Road. Turn left on Peavine Ridge Road, go 3 miles west to Bryant Springs Road, turn right, go 5 miles north past West Point boat ramp. Continue 1.5 miles east to campground turn-off on right. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Caples Lake

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 7,800'. 34 units (1 double). Fee. Charge for each additional vehicle. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Good hiking and fishing area. Boat ramp, boat rentals, and store nearby. Trailhead into Mokelumne Wilderness nearby. Overnight wilderness permits required. Located 59 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88. *No reservations.*



Capps Crossing Group

(Placerville Ranger District) - Elevation 5,200'. Fee. Group site for up to 40 people. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. On the north fork of the Cosumnes River, fishing, gold panning. From Highway 50, 15 miles east of Placerville, take Sly Park Road south 6 miles to Jenkinson Lake. Turn left across the dams on Jenkinson Lake, onto Mormon Emigrant Trail (Iron Mountain Road). Go 10 miles, turn right on North South Road, go 7 miles to the campground. *Reservations are available by calling the NRRS. Seven single sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis when the campground is not reserved for a group.*



China Flat

(Placerville Ranger District) - Elevation 4,800'. 18 units (1 double unit). Some units and all toilets are handicapped accessible. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables. On Highway 50, 30 miles east of Placerville, turn south at Kyburz on the Silver Fork Road. The campground is located 3 miles from Kyburz on the Silver Fork of the American River. *No reservations.*



Dru Barner Park

(Georgetown Ranger District) Elevation 3,000'. 48 units for equestrian and/or single-family use. Fee. Well water, some picnic tables, some grills, some fire rings, flush toilets. Open year-round. An annual day-use pass is available. Seven miles east of Georgetown, turn left on Bottlehill Bypass Road. Go 1 1/2 miles on gravel road to the park. No motorcycles. Equestrian trail nearby. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Fashoda Tent

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 30 walk-in units (service road available for unloading equipment). Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills; one site and one toilet accessible. 5 picnic units (one accessible). Showers are available at the Fashoda Tent parking lot. Located on the Sunset peninsula near the beach area at Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 13 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). *Reservations are available by calling the NRRS.*



Gerle Creek

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,300'. 50 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, bear boxes, 4 picnic units, interpretive trail and fishing pier accessible for wheelchairs. Campground located on Gerle Creek Reservoir in the Crystal Basin about 27 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Where Ice House Road forks to go to Loon Lake or Gerle Creek Campground, take the Gerle Creek branch. No motorboats. *Reservations may be made for by calling the NRRS.*



Hell Hole

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 5,200'. 10 walk-in tent units. Fee. Vault toilets, piped water, picnic tables, fire rings. Travel 22 miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs Road, then 29 miles northeast on Forest Road 2 (51 miles from Georgetown), 1 mile northwest of Hell Hole Reservoir. Boat ramp. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Upper Hell Hole

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,600'. 15 units. No fee. Stream or lake water, pit toilets, boat ramp. **Campfire permits required.** Located on the east end of Hell Hole Reservoir. Travel 22 miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs Road, then 29 miles northeast on Forest Highway 2 and three miles northeast by boat or trail only (54 miles from Georgetown). Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Ice House

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,500'. 83 units (includes double units 51, 53, 58, 64, 73, 74). Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Hiking and biking trail. Picnic area, boat ramp/boarding dock and dump station nearby. Three units and some toilets accessible. Located at Ice House Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 11 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3), and 1.5 miles east on Forest Road 32. *Reservations may be made for Lower Loop sites 1-38, Upper Loop sites 48 - 52, 54- 57, 59-63, 65-72, 75- 83 and double units 51, 53, 58, 64, 73, 74 by calling the NRRS.*



Ice House Boat Ramp

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,500'. Day Use parking fee. Accessible boat-loading platform, vault toilet, piped water. Overflow camping allowed for self-contained vehicles for a fee. No campfires, no hookups. *No reservations.*



Jones Fork

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 10 units. Fee. Accessible vault toilet, picnic tables, bear boxes, fire rings. No water. Located 13.5 miles from Highway 50 off Ice House Road, on the east shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, at the southern end of the Union Valley Bike Trail. Parking is available for the bike trail. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Kirkwood Lake

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 7,600'. 12 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, bear lockers. On Highway 88, 57 miles east of Jackson or 1/2 mile west of Kirkwood Ski Resort sign. Short parking spurs only (25'), no trailers, narrow road access. No motor boats. *No reservations.*



Lone Rock

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,800'. 5 units. No fee. Vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, bear boxes, bike rack. No water. Picnic area with 5 units. No garbage service. Pack it In, Pack it Out. Located along the Union Valley Bike Trail on the east shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 12 miles from Highway 50 on the Ice House Road (Primary Forest Road 3). Accessed by bike, trail, or boat from Sunset Boat Ramp or Jones Fork parking area. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Loon Lake

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 53 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, bear boxes, grills, boat ramp/boarding dock. Some accessible campsites and toilets. Located on Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 29 miles north of Highway 50 via the Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Parking access to Desolation Wilderness. Obtain overnight wilderness permits in advance at the Pacific Ranger District, 4 miles east of Pollock Pines/Sly Park exit on Highway 50. Self-issue day permits are available at the Wilderness parking lot. *Reservations may be made for sites 1-39, 41-46, 48, 50-53 and double site 43 by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Loon Lake Boat Ramp

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. Accessible boat-loading platform. Day Use Parking fee. Overnight camping fee for self-contained vehicles. Vault toilets, piped water, no campfires. No hookups. Five picnic sites. *No reservations.*



Loon Lake Equestrian Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 5 units will accommodate 25 people. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. *Reservations are required and may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Loon Lake Equestrian

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 9 units. Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. *Reservations may be made for sites E5-E9 by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Loon Lake Group #1

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. Reservations required. Fee. Accessible vault toilet, piped water, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. The 10-unit group campground will accommodate walk-in tent camping for 50 people, moderate to difficult access. Central parking area will accommodate RVs. *Reservations may be made for by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Loon Lake Group #2

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. Reservations required. Fee. Accessible vault toilet and one campsite accessible, piped water, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. 6 units will accommodate 35 people. *Reservations may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*

Middle Creek

(Amador Ranger District) - PG&E - Elevation 8,200'. 5 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle and charge for pets. Water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fishing. From Highway 88 (either 6.6 miles east of Carson Pass, or 2.5 miles west of the Highway 88/89 junction), take Blue Lakes Road 12 miles to the first campground. Go 1.5 miles beyond Lower Blue Lake Campground. *No reservations.*



Middle Fork Cosumnes

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 5,600'. 11 units semi-primitive camping. Fee. Vault toilets. No water. From Highway 88, 32 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 8 miles north on Forest Road 63 (Cat Creek Road) to the river and campground. Swimming, fishing and picnicking. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Middle Meadows Group

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,700'. Two group camp areas. Fee. One site for 25 people, one for 50 people. Piped water, vault and flush toilets, picnic tables, group stoves, group fire rings. Sites are not accessible. Located 22 miles east of Georgetown. From Wentworth Springs Road (Primary Forest Route 1), turn north on Eleven Pines Road (Primary Forest Route 2), 25 miles to the campground. Located adjacent to Long Canyon Creek for fishing and wading. 50 miles from nearest town. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. By reservation only. *Reservations may be made by calling the NRRS.*



Mokelumne

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 3,200'. 13 units semi-primitive camping. No fee. Vault toilets, picnic tables. No water or garbage service. Located 38 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 8.5 miles south on Forest Road 92 (Ellis Road), and 2.5 miles east on Forest Road 8N50 (Salt Springs Road). 1 of 3 adjacent campgrounds on the Mokelumne River. Swimming holes nearby. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Moore Creek

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 3,200'. 8 units semi-primitive camping. No fee. Vault toilets, picnic tables. No water. Located 38 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 8.5 miles south on Forest Road 92 (Ellis Road), and 2.5 miles east on Forest Road 8N50 (Salt Springs Road), and a 1/2 mile east on Forest Road 7N08. 1 of 3 adjacent campgrounds on the Mokelumne River. Swimming holes nearby. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Northshore

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 15 units. Fee. Accessible vault toilets and campsites, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. No water. Located on the northwest shore of Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 31 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Where Ice House road forks to go to Loon Lake or Gerle Creek Campground, take the Loon Lake fork to

the right. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Northwind

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,500'. 9 units. Fee. Accessible vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, and bike trail access. No water. Tents OK. Located on the north shore of Ice House Reservoir in the Crystal basin, 11 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). At the entrance to Ice House Campground, take the left fork 1 1/2 miles to Northwind. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Pardoes Point

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 6,000'. 10 tent units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Pit toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, piped water. Located 40 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88 and 4 miles south on Bear River Road. *No reservations.*



Pipi

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 4,100'. 51 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Located 26 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 0.8 miles northwest on Omo Ranch Road, and 5.9 miles north on North/South road. Some accessible toilets and campsites. Swimming holes nearby. Handicapped-accessible boardwalk and fishing piers. *Sites 1, 3, 6, 7, 14-17, 20, 21, 24-28, 30-32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42-44, 45, 48-51, double sites 17, 42 and triple site 28 may be reserved by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Pleasant

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,500'. 10 units. No fee. Boat or trail access only. Picnic tables, fire rings. No water. No garbage service. Pack it In, Pack it Out. Located on the northeast shore of Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 29 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road. May be reached by boat or trail (approximately 3.5 miles) from the Loon Lake campground. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



Ponderosa Cove Group

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,400'. Fee. One group site (75 people). Piped water, vault toilets, 5 parking spurs, parking lot for 10 vehicles, picnic tables, group grill, fire ring, bear boxes. Seventeen miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs road. East of the dam on the north side of the road. *Walk-in and reservations.*



Red Fir Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,500'. Fee. The campground accommodates 25 people and 6 vehicles. Accessible vault toilet, piped water, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Tents only, **no trailers or RVs**. Located on the northwest shore of Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 31 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). *Reservations are required and may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Sand Flat

(Placerville Ranger District) - Elevation 3,900'. 29 units (1 double unit and 6 walk-in tent sites). Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Located on the South Fork of the American River next to Highway 50, 28 miles east of Placerville. Store and restaurant nearby. Fishing. *No reservations.*



Silver Creek Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,200'. 1 site for 40 people. Fee. Stream water, vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, no grills, no trailers. Campground adjacent to Silver Creek in the Crystal Basin, 9 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (near Ice House Resort). Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *Reservations are available from by calling the NRRS.*



Silver Fork

(Placerville Ranger District) - Elevation 5,600'. 35 units (4 double units). Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilets, picnic tables. On Highway 50, 30 miles east of Placerville, turn south at Kyburz on the Silver Fork Road. The campground is located 8 miles from Kyburz, on the Silver Fork of the American River. Swimming, fishing, hiking. *No reservations.*

Silver Lake East

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 7,200'. 62 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Located at Silver Lake, on Highway 88, 52 miles east of Jackson. Store and boat rental nearby. *Sites 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19-29, 34, 36-39, 42, 44-48, 50, 52, 53, 55-58, 62 and double site 14 may be reserved by calling the NRRS.*

Silver Lake West

(Amador Ranger District) - EID - Elevation 7,200'. 35 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle, charge for pets. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables. Located at Silver Lake on Highway 88, 52 miles east of Jackson. Store and boat rental nearby. *No reservations.*



South Fork Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,200'. 15 units. Fee. The 15 units accommodate up to 125 people. Vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings. No water. No garbage service - Pack it In, Pack it Out. Located near the South Fork of the Rubicon River in the Crystal Basin, approximately 23 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3), and 0.5 miles west on Forest Road 13N28. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *Reservations may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*

South Shore

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 5,900'. 22 units. Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Located 40 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88 and 3 1/2 miles south on Bear River Road. Boat ramp and store with private campgrounds on north side of reservoir about 2 miles from the campground. *Sites 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, 21, 22, double sites 1, 11, 16, and triple site 19 may be reserved for by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Strawberry Point

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 5,500'. 10 units. Fee. Accessible vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Bike trail access. No water. Located on the north shore of Ice House Reservoir in the Crystal Basin. Travel 11 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). At the entrance to Ice House Campground, take the left fork 2 miles to the campground. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*

Stumpy Meadows

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,400'. 40 units (includes double units 15, 18). Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills and boat ramp. No water skiing. Two accessible sites available. Located near Stumpy Meadows Reservoir on Wentworth Springs Road (Primary Forest Route 1), 17 miles east of Georgetown. *Sites 1, 4, 6-14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23-27, 30, 32-37, 40 and double units 15 and 18 may be reserved by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Stumpy Meadows Boat Ramp

(Georgetown Ranger District) - Elevation 4,400'. Some parking lot spaces available for self-contained vehicles. Fee. Vault toilets, no water, no campfires. Picnic area adjacent. *No reservations.*



Sugar Pine Point

(Amador Ranger District) Elevation 6,000'. 8 units (2 double units). Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Pit toilets, picnic tables, fire rings. No water. Located 40 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 2.5 miles south on Bear River Road, and 3 miles east on Forest Road 8N20. *No reservations.*



Sunset

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 131 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, and bike trail access. Picnic area, swimming beach nearby, boat ramp/boarding dock and dump station nearby. Located on the Sunset peninsula at Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 14 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Showers available at the Fashoda Tent parking lot. *Reservations can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service for sites 9, 15, 19-25, 27-31, 33-36, 52-55, 57-63, 65, 72-75, 78-80, 99-111, 122-131 and double units 4, 26, 32, 40, 51, 56, 64, 76, 77.*



Sunset Boat Ramp

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. Accessible boat loading platform. Day Use parking fee. Overflow camping allowed for self-contained vehicles for a fee. Vault toilet, piped water. No hookups. No campfires. Located on the Sunset peninsula at Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 13 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). *No reservations.*



Wench Creek

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 100 units. Fee. Piped water, flush and vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, and bike trail access. Located on the east shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, about 15 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). *No reservations.*



Wench Creek Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 2 group units (50 persons each). Fee. Piped water, flush toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Bike trail access. Located on the east shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, about 15 miles north of Highway 50 via Ice House Road

(Primary Forest Route 3). *Reservations may be made for by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Wentworth Springs

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,000'. 8 units (2 double units). No fee. Vault toilet, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. No water. Located 1 mile north of Loon Lake, go 29 miles north on Forest Road 3 (Ice House Road), 1.5 miles east on Forest Road 14N07, and 3 miles east on Forest Road 14N34 (dirt). Access recommended for motorcycles and 4WD vehicles only. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



West Point

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,875'. 8 units. No fee. Vault toilet, fire rings. No grills, no picnic tables, no water. Located on northwest shore of Union Valley Reservoir, 15 miles from Highway 50. From Highway 50 turn north on Ice House Road (Primary Forest Road 3.) Go 7 miles, turn left on Peavine Ridge Road, go 3 miles west, make a right turn on Bryant Springs Road. Go 5 miles north to just past West Point Boat Ramp on the right. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*



West Point Boat Ramp

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,875'. No launch fee. No camping. Day-use and boat trailer parking only. Vault toilet. No water. Located on northwest shore of Union Valley Reservoir, 15 miles from Highway 50. From Highway 50 turn north on Ice House Road (Primary Forest Road 3.) Go 7 miles, turn left on Peavine Ridge Road, go 3 miles west, make a right turn on Bryant Springs Road. Go 5 miles north, cross the dam, boat ramp is on the right.



White Azalea

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 3,500'. 6 units semi-primitive camping. No fee. Vault toilets. No water or garbage service, or picnic tables. Located 38 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, 8.5 miles south on Forest Road 92 (Ellis Road), and 3 miles east on Forest Road 8N50 (Salt Springs Road). 1 of 3 adjacent campgrounds on the Mokelumne River. Swimming holes nearby. *No reservations.*



Wolf Creek

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 42 units. 39 accessible campsites. Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, bear boxes, grills. Located on the north shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin. Travel 19 miles north of Highway 50 on the Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3), then 3 1/2 miles west of Ice House Road. Dump station nearby at

Yellowjacket Campground. *Reservations may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service for sites 1 - 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40 and double units 33, 36, 38, 41.*



Wolf Creek Group

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. There are 3 group areas, reservable separately or together, accommodating 25, 25, and 50 people. Located on the north shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin. See family listing for travel directions. *Reservations may be made for by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Woods Lake

(Amador Ranger District) - Elevation 8,200'. 25 units (2 double units). Fee, plus charge for each additional vehicle. Accessible vault toilets, piped water, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, bear lockers. 8 accessible picnic sites adjacent to the lake. Located 63.5 miles east of Jackson on Highway 88, and 2 miles south of the highway (near Carson Pass). No motor boats. *No reservations.*



Wrights Lake

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 7,000'. 67 units (3 double units). Camping fee and fee for extra vehicles. Picnic units. Piped water, accessible vault toilets, picnic tables, bear boxes, fire rings, grills, boarding dock. No motor boats. *Reservations are required for sites 1-6, 8-30, 32-36, 38-54, 57-68, and double sites 7, 31, 56 from the Friday after Fourth of July through Labor Day Weekend through the National Recreation Reservation Service.* Weather permitting, the campground is available on a first-come, first-served basis before and after reservation period.

Located in the Crystal Basin, there are two ways to access, this facility. Travel 11 miles north on Ice House Road (Forest Road 3), then take a right on the Wrights Lake tie road (Forest Road 32) which will "T" into the Wrights Lake Road. The second access is from Highway 50, 4.5 miles east of Kyburz turn north on Wrights Lake Road (Forest Road 4).

Parking and access to Desolation Wilderness trailheads. Obtain overnight wilderness permits in advance only at Pacific Ranger District, 4 miles east of the Pollock Pines/Sly Park exit on Highway 50. Self-issue day permits are also available at the lake in the summer. (530) 644-2349.

Dump Stations

- ◆ **Bear River Resort**, Highway 88.
- ◆ **Crystal View Station**, 6529 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines, 530-644-3490.
- ◆ **Yellowjacket Campground**, along entrance road. North shore of Union Valley.
- ◆ **Peninsula Recreation Area** near Union Valley Reservoir, on the road to Sunset Campground.
- ◆ **Ice House Campground** on Ice House Reservoir.
- ◆ **Ice House Store** on Ice House Road.
- ◆ **Loon Lake** at the boat ramp.
- ◆ **KOA Campground** at Meyers, Highway 50.
- ◆ **KOA Campground** 6 miles west of Placerville, north side of Highway 50, Shingle Springs Drive exit.
- ◆ **Plasse's Resort**, Silver Lake, Highway 88.
- ◆ **Sly Park Recreation Area**, 5 miles from Pollock Pines, south of Highway 50.
- ◆ **Stumpy Meadows**, next to Ponderosa Cove campground on Wentworth Springs road, 25 miles east of Georgetown. See campground host at site #2 at Stumpy Meadows for a key.



Wrights Lake Equestrian

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 7,000'. 15 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, fire rings. Picnic area, fishing, and the family campground are nearby. *Some units are reservable through the National Recreation Reservation Service.* Weather permitting, the campground is available on a first-come, first-served basis before and after these dates. For information on wilderness permits and travel directions, see the family campground listing.



Yellowjacket

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 4,900'. 40 units. Day Use parking fee. Boat ramp (no camping on boat ramp), piped water, vault and flush toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Dump station nearby. Located on the north shore of Union Valley Reservoir in the Crystal Basin, 19 miles north of Highway 50 and about 2 miles off Ice House Road. *Sites 1-19 may be reserved by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*

Bear Country

In most cases, bears are not a threat, but they do deserve your respect and attention. When camping and hiking in bear country keep alert and enjoy the opportunity to see these magnificent animals in their natural habitat.

Keep Your Camp Clean

Keep clothing, tables, grills, and camp stoves free of grease. Pick up and properly dispose of all food debris, human waste, bones, or garbage in the vicinity. Keep your tent and sleeping bag free of food smells. Do not wear the clothes you cooked with in your tent. **Store Your Food Properly, and practice Leave No Trace.**

Seal all food in airtight containers. Store all food, related supplies, and ice chests in your car trunk, pickup cab, camper shell, or suspended at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet away from the tree trunk. Bear resistant containers can be purchased from outdoor recreation stores. Bears recognize ice chests, cans, and backpacks, so store them as food. Also, store grocery bags and scented articles such as deodorant, soap, hairspray, sunscreen and toothpaste. Cover them to hide them from view. Make sure your windows are closed, bears don't see well but they do smell well.

Dispose of Garbage Properly

Put garbage in bear proof garbage cans where available or secure it with your food. *Never bury it, bears will dig it up.*

Sleep Well Away From Food or Dumpster Areas.

It is best to sleep 100 yards away from properly stored food and dumpsters if possible, preferably upwind.

Hiking Hints

Never Approach Bears

Not even to take their pictures. Some bears may seem "tame" until you get too close or threaten their young. **LEAVE BABY BEARS ALONE.**

Make Noise

Most bears will avoid people and leave an area when they know people are present. Making noise allows the bear to move away before a confrontation occurs. Most bear attacks are caused when a bear is startled at close range. Remember this is **BEFORE** you encounter a bear. Noise may initially deter a bear, but in close encounters it could aggravate rather than scare off the bear.

Safety in Numbers

Travel with friends and avoid hiking at night. Make sure children are close to you or at least within sight at all times. Roaming dogs can easily disturb a bear and may lead an angry bear back to you. Keep your dog on a leash.



“Pick Your Own Spot” Camping

Most of the land in the National Forest is open to camping free of charge which is referred to as “dispersed” camping. Visitors can camp just about anywhere in the national forest, unless specifically prohibited*. Maps and staff are available at most Forest Service offices to assist visitors in finding a suitable spot.



Not being in a campground means that there will not be certain conveniences.

- ◆ **No piped water:** It is best to bring your own water. Lake, stream or spring water may be contaminated.
- ◆ **Human Waste:** Proper disposal of human waste is important. Leaving human waste in dispersed camping areas can spread disease, lead to contaminated water supplies, contaminate soils, attract wildlife, and spoil a camping area. Portable eco-friendly human waste disposal systems which allow you to safely "Pack It Out" are commercially available and recommended. As a last resort, choose a spot at least 200' away from water sources and campsites, dig a small hole at least six inches deep, and cover it when you are through. Seal your toilet paper in a bag, pack it out, and dispose of it properly.
- ◆ **No trash service** - Pack It In, Pack It Out,

Campfire Permits



When you camp in developed campgrounds, no campfire permit is required. If you plan to stay **outside maintained campgrounds, you may want a campfire for cooking**, enjoying its warmth, or roasting marshmallows.

For campfires, stoves, lanterns or barbeques used outside a recreation vehicle, you need a campfire permit.

It is free, valid for a full year from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, and may be obtained in person from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or CALFIRE offices. Your responsibility for building and putting out your fire safely is explained on the campfire permit.

Be aware that as fire danger becomes greater, campfires may be prohibited. Please check to find out if there are any fire restrictions in the area where you intend to camp.

***No dispersed camping is allowed around the following lakes** because of heavy visitor use and the presence of summer homes:

- ◆ Echo Lake
- ◆ Caples Lake
- ◆ Gerle Creek Reservoir
- ◆ Ice House Reservoir
- ◆ Kirkwood Lake
- ◆ Silver Lake
- ◆ Stumpy Meadows Reservoir
- ◆ Woods Lake
- ◆ Wrights Lake

Water Quality

Water quality testing is not performed on open water sources such as lakes, streams and springs. Boil or treat before using.

Traveling In The Forest



In 2008, roads and trails on the Eldorado were designated for wheeled motor vehicle travel. Vehicle travel off these designated roads and trails is prohibited. In addition:

All dirt roads and trails are closed to motor vehicle use between January 1 and March 31. The Seasonal Closure may be longer if roads or trails are wet and susceptible to damage. This closure is intended to protect water quality and prevent rutting and damage to these roads and trails. Visit the Forest's website or call one of our offices for current status.

Approximately 600 miles of paved and gravel roads are not affected by the closure. The Rock Creek area near Georgetown has its own seasonal closure policy and procedures.

The Motor Vehicle Use Map is a free map available at any of the Eldorado National Forest offices and on our website. This map shows the roads and trails on the Eldorado National Forest that are designated for motor vehicle use and which ones are restricted during the seasonal closure.