2022 Mt Whitney Lottery

A record number of applications were submitted for this year’s lottery. Applications were accepted February 1 through March 15, 2022 on the Recreation.gov website.

26,767 applications requesting trips for 115,209 people were submitted.

- 29% of Group Leaders were Awarded one of their requested dates
  - 2,739 won Overnight
  - 4,243 won Day Use
- 71% of applications were Unsuccessful
  - 17,102 unsuccessful because dates requested were full when the application was processed.
  - 2,256 applications were disqualified.
  - 386 applications withdrawn by the group leader

Results are posted under the individuals account profile on Recreation.gov March 24th.

April 30 is the deadline for successful applicants to claim the date awarded by completing the reservation details and paying $15 per person reservation fee.

Any unclaimed dates will be released for reservations on May 1st.

Dates Fully Reserved

Day Use in the Mt Whitney Zone dates filled completely May 20 to October 10
- 92% of the season filled by the lottery

Mt. Whitney Trail Overnight dates filled May 1 to October 20
- 99% of the season filled by the lottery
What People Asked for - First Choice
37% of applications requested Day Use as the first choice
63% of applications requested the overnight permit as the first choice

Most Popular Time to Visit Mt Whitney is July and August

First Weekend in August is Traditionally the Most Requested Date
55,140 people requested permits for Mt Whitney August 5-7 (Friday- Sunday)
1% were successful

Where People are From

Number of Applications
17,649 California
8,939 Other States in USA
179 International

Successful Applications
4601 California
2395 Other States in USA
27 International