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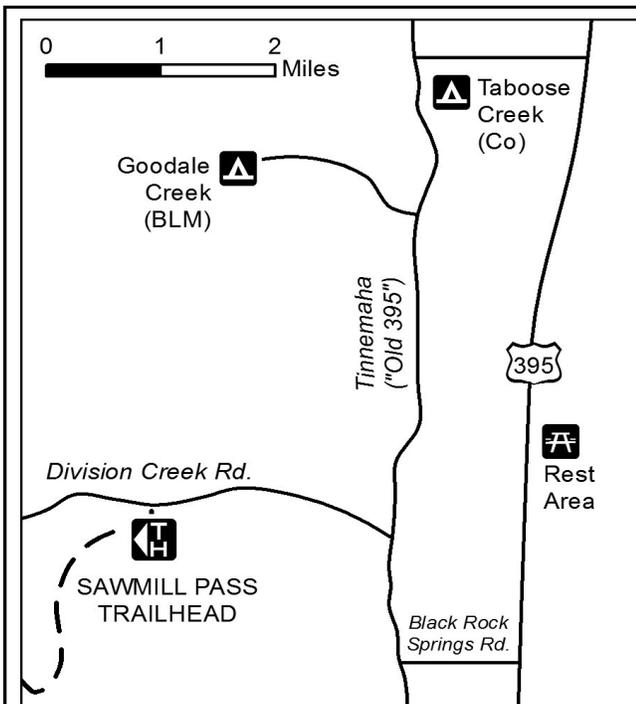
Inyo National Forest



Sawmill Pass Trail

Sawmill Pass Trail climbs steeply from the desert (4,600') to Sawmill Lake (10,000'). Beyond the lake, the trail crosses Sawmill Pass (11,350') and enters Kings Canyon National Park, where it joins the John Muir Trail.

This is an extremely strenuous trail. There is no water or shade in the first few miles, so a pre-dawn start is recommended during the summer.



Access:

From US Highway 395, approximately 8 miles north of Independence, CA:

- Turn west onto Black Rock Springs Rd. Travel approximately 3/4 mile to its end.
- Turn north onto Tinnemaha Rd. / "Old 395". Drive approximately 1 1/4 miles to Division Creek Rd.
- Turn west onto Division Creek Rd.

Sawmill Pass trailhead is located on Division Creed Rd, approximately 2 miles west Old 395. Though unpaved, the road is suitable for standard passenger vehicles.

Season:

Relatively snow free approximately June through October.

Trailhead Facilities:

Water: No

Campgrounds: The nearest developed campgrounds are Goodale (BLM) and Taboose Creek (Inyo County). They are about 6 1/2 miles north of the trailhead, on Old 395.

On The Trail:

Food Storage: Food, trash and scented items must be stored in bear-resistant containers or counter-balanced 15 feet above the ground and 10 feet horizontally from a tree trunk. Bear-resistant containers are strongly recommended.

Camping: Use existing campsites. Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of the trail and within 100 feet of water.

Human Waste: Bury human waste 6"-8" deep in soil, at least 100 feet from campsites, trails, and water.

Campfires: Campfires are prohibited above 10,400 ft.

Pets: Pets must be under control at all times.

Additional Regulations: Information about Kings Canyon National Park regulations is available at www.nps.gov/seki or at Inyo National Forest visitor centers.

Permit & Quota Information:

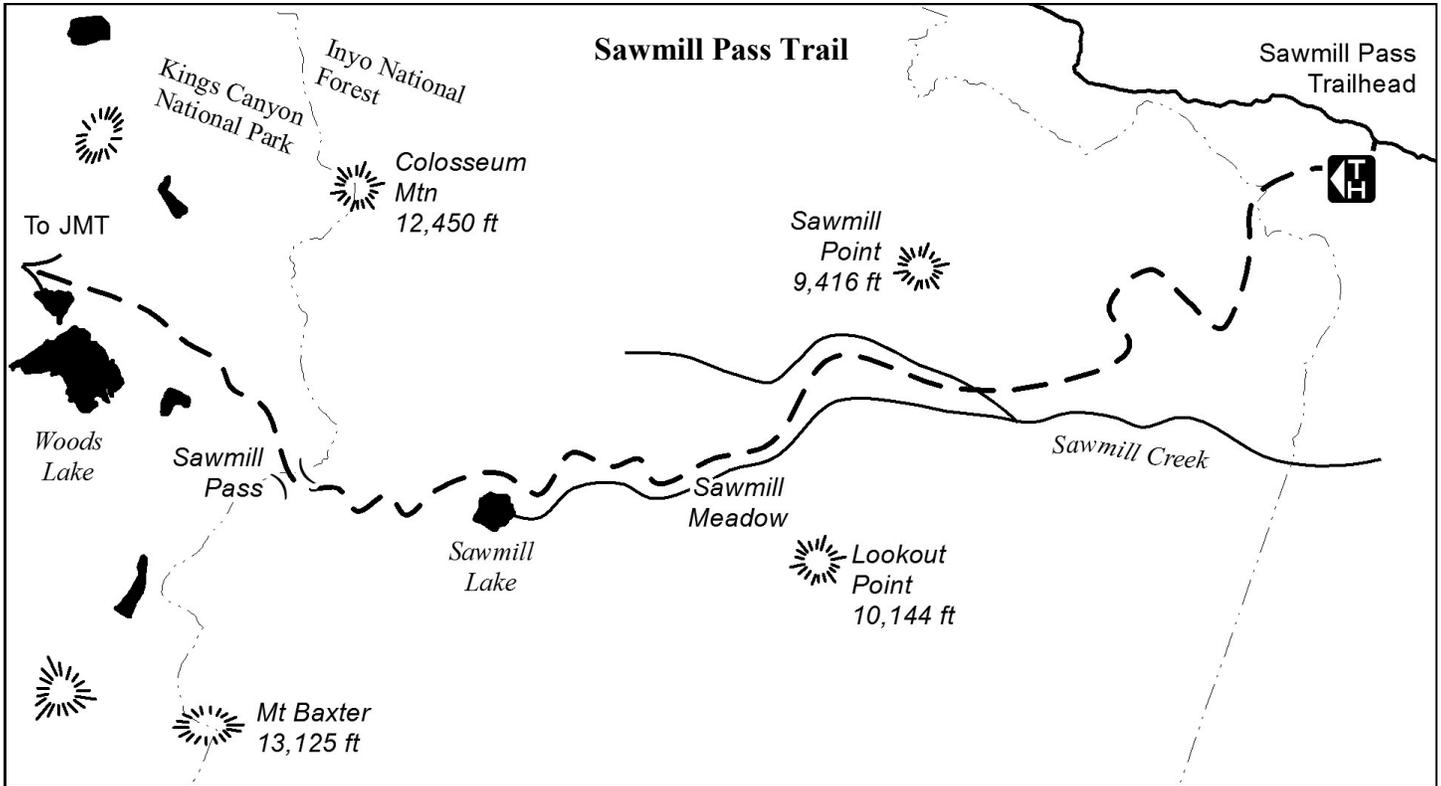
Permits are required for overnight trips. Obtain permits at any Inyo National Forest ranger station or visitor center.

Between May 1 and Nov 1, overnight use is limited to 10 people per day. Permits may be reserved up to 6 months in advance at www.recreation.gov.



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Location	Distance	Elevation
Trailhead	0 miles	4,600 ft
Sawmill Lake	8 miles	10,000 ft
Sawmill Pass	11 miles	11,350 ft
John Muir Trail	15 miles	10,350 ft



Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Maps:

USGS Quad: Aberdeen; Mount Pinchot

Tom Harrison: Kings Canyon High Country; Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Need more information?

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