

Picnic and Day-Use Areas

Highway 108/ Mi-Wok & Summit Ranger Districts



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Looking for a cool, quiet spot on the water to fish or have a secluded picnic lunch? You may want to visit some of these fine locations to find that perfect spot. **These areas**



are available for use from 6 am to 9 pm daily. No overnight camping is allowed.

Locations are listed in ascending order, driving east on Highway 108 above Sonora.

Riverside (Tuolumne) Day-Use Area

Located on the North Fork of the Tuolumne River. Turn onto Buchanan Mine Road (1N01) from Tuolumne Road. Proceed 2.5 miles along paved road, exiting at the Riverside Day Use Area sign. Area has BBQ grills, picnic tables, garbage service and restrooms. No drinking water available. Swimming area open for season. Fires allowed in BBQ grills only.

South Fork (Stanislaus) Day-Use Area

Located at junction of Forest Road 2N63 (Italian Bar Road) and 4N02 on the South Fork of the Tuolumne River. Take South Fork Road out of Twain Harte (from Middle Camp Road) for a distance of about 5 miles to the site. Open 6 am to 9 pm daily. Good fishing spot with moderate flows in river. No services, no facilities.

North Fork (Tuolumne) Day-Use Area

Located on the North Fork of the Tuolumne River. Turn on Forest Road 3N01 at Long Barn exit from Hwy 108. Proceed 2 miles to just before the bridge, exiting 3N01 at the North Fork Day-Use Area sign. BBQ grills and picnic tables available. No garbage service or drinking water available. Moderate flows in river. Fires allowed only in BBQ grills.



Lyons Reservoir Day-Use Area

Located on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. Take the main access road (3N14) from Highway 108. Proceed 2 miles to the reservoir. Park in designated parking areas. BBQ pit and picnic table provided, as are garbage service, drinking water and restrooms. Fire allowed in BBQ grills only. Fishing from shoreline is allowed. This area is owned by PG&E; site is located on private property.

Reservoir is a drinking water reservoir. No boating, rafting, swimming or any other bodily contact with water allowed. The Lyons Lake area is closed to Off-Highway Vehicles. All other motor vehicles are restricted to the main access road (3N14) from Hwy 108 east of Sierra Village down to the day-use area near the lake. Road 4N02 on north side of the lake is closed to all motor vehicles throughout the year (between the two private gate closures). No public right-of-way on this section of road.

Fraser Flat Day-Use Area /Fishing Piers

Located on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River, next to Fraser Flat Campground. Turn onto Forest Road 4N01 from Highway 108. Proceed 3 miles to Fraser Flat Campground on left side of road. Area has BBQ grills, fire rings, picnic tables, garbage service, drinking water and accessible restrooms. Two fishing piers and concrete walkways allow wheelchair access to river for fishing. There is a \$5.00 fee charged for use of picnic table, parking and/or BBQ grill within the Day-Use Area; otherwise, no fee required for fishing only. Use of fire is permitted in BBQ grills and campfire rings only.

Sand Bar Flat Day-Use Area

Located at the northeast end of Sand Bar Flat Campground, near the floating bridge. Take a left turn on Forest Road 4N01. Stay on this road for a distance of 11.5 miles, staying left at the fork in the road at Spring Gap and making a sharp right turn on Forest Road 4N88. Turn left on Forest Road 4N85 at the gravel pit and follow road for 3.5 miles to campground.

These two day-use sites include picnic tables, BBQ grills, drinking water, restrooms and garbage service. No fees. Overnight camping is prohibited at day-use sites. Fire can only be used at the BBQ grills—no ground fires or rock fire rings permitted.

Pinecrest Lake Day-Use Area

Located at Pinecrest Lake Basin Recreation Area on Pinecrest Lake Road. Follow Hwy 108 to Pinecrest Lake Road turnoff; turn right and proceed 1 mile to Pinecrest Lake. Signage indicates appropriate areas for day-use activities. Area has BBQ grills, picnic tables, garbage service and restrooms. Drinking water available. Swimming area is separate from boating area. Fires allowed in BBQ grills only. There are accessible restrooms at the Amphitheater and South Shore venues.

Beardsley Reservoir Day-Use Area

Located at Beardsley Dam on Forest Road 5N02 at the south end of Beardsley Reservoir. Turn left at the Beardsley Dam sign on Hwy 108, 4 miles past Strawberry. Follow the paved road all the way to the Day-Use area. Area has BBQ grills, picnic tables, garbage service, a boat launch and restrooms. Drinking water available. Swimming and boating allowed in the reservoir. Fires allowed in BBQ grills only. No ground fires are allowed. Good fishing; Beardsley Afterbay has special fishing Restrictions. Be sure to consult California Department of Fish and Game Rules.

Donnell Vista

Located on Hwy 108 overlooking Donnell Reservoir, approximately 13 miles above Strawberry. Turn left at the Donnell Vista sign and follow directional signs to parking and trails. Walkway leads to point overlooking Donnell Reservoir. The restrooms and some of the paths are wheel chair accessible. There are picnic tables but no BBQ grills. No ground fires allowed in area.

Cottonwood Picnic Area

Located on Clark's Fork Road, just off Hwy 108. Turn onto Clark's Fork Road 15 miles above Strawberry; follow road for about 5 miles until reaching sign on the right indicating picnic area. Area has picnic tables and accessible restroom but no BBQ grills. Situated on the Clark Fork of the Stanislaus River. No ground fires allowed in area.

Douglas Picnic Area

Located on Hwy 108 between Eureka Valley and Kennedy Meadows camping areas.

Follow Hwy 108 for a distance of about 25 miles beyond Strawberry to sign indicating picnic area. Area has picnic tables, restrooms and BBQ grills. No drinking water available. Situated on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River. Fires allowed only in BBQ grills.

Trailheads

Other good spots for a quiet day or a secluded picnic include several of our more popular trailheads. Overnight camping is allowed on entry trailheads into Wilderness areas only by parties holding a valid Wilderness Permit. Such permit holders may use these areas for camping the night before entering the Wilderness area or the night after exiting the Wilderness area. Amenities available at each trailhead are listed. Campfire permits are necessary for use of fire or gas-operated stoves and BBQs.

China Flat Trailhead (Middle Fork)

Located adjacent to the Beardsley Afterbay fishing area on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. Turn left from Hwy 108 at the Beardsley Dam sign, 4 miles past Strawberry. Follow the paved road to the Beardsley Reservoir, cross the Dam and go left, continuing to follow the dirt and gravel road past the powerhouse to the parking area. Area has vault toilets and picnic tables, but no BBQ grills available. No drinking water available.

Crabtree Camp (Wilderness trail)

Located on Crabtree Rd (Forest Road 4N26) at the Crabtree trailhead into the Emigrant Wilderness. Take Crabtree Road exit from Hwy 108 and follow signs to trailhead. Area has picnic tables, BBQ grills and restrooms. No drinking water available.

Kennedy Meadows (Wilderness trail)

Located on Hwy 108, next to Emigrant Wilderness. Area has 4 picnic tables, 4 BBQ grills, accessible restrooms and drinking water. A \$5 camping fee is charged for overnight use.

Sonora Pass Trailhead (Wilderness trail)

Located on Hwy 108, intersecting the Pacific Crest Trail, at Sonora Pass. Area has picnic tables and restrooms. No BBQ grills or drinking water.