

Trailheads: Getting into the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness

Stanislaus National Forest

ROG 16-32; 06/12



Most trailheads have no services. We ask that you help us by please packing out your trash. All mileage figures provided herein are approximate mileages. There is a one-night camping limit at all trailheads.



Arnot Creek

Elevation 6240', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 20 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road and continue 6.5 miles. Trailhead is just across from the Clark Fork Campground on left.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 32 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left and continue 6.5 miles. Trailhead is just across from the Clark Fork Campground on left.

Clark Fork

Elevation 6400', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 20 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road and continue 10 miles to the end of the road. Trail departs from right-hand side of the road along Clark Fork Creek.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 32 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road and continue 10 miles to the end of the road. Trail departs from right-hand side of road along Clark Fork Creek.

County Line

Elevation 7200', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 20 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road, continue 1 mile until crossing second bridge and turn left toward Fence Creek Campground. Continue 5.5 miles to the end of the road.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 32 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road, continue 1 mile until crossing second bridge and turn left toward Fence Creek Campground. Continue 5.5 miles to the end of the road.

Disaster Creek

Elevation 6400', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 20 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road and continue 10 miles to the end of the road. Trail departs from left-hand side of road along Disaster Creek.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 32 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road and continue 10 miles to the end of the road. Trail departs from left-hand side of road along Disaster Creek.

Seven Pines

Elevation 6400', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 26.5 miles, a mile past the Eureka Valley Campground. Trailhead is on left. Watch for trailhead sign. Parking just off highway.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 39 miles, a mile past the Eureka Valley Campground. Trailhead is on left. Watch for trailhead sign. Parking just off highway.

Sonora Pass

Elevation 9600', improved surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, accessible restrooms. Pacific Crest Trail crosses Hwy 108 at parking area.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 38½ miles. Parking area located on left.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 51½ miles. Parking area located on left.

From Bridgeport Ranger District (Bridgeport) take Hwy 395 north 17 miles to Hwy 108. Go west on Hwy 108 for 14 miles. Parking located on right.

St. Mary's Pass

Elevation 9600', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities. Pacific Crest Trail crosses Hwy 108 at parking area.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 37½ miles. Parking area is located on left.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 50½ miles. Parking area is located on left.

From Bridgeport Ranger District (Bridgeport) take Hwy 395 north 17 miles to Hwy 108. Go west on Hwy 108 for 14 miles. Parking located on right.

Wheat's Meadow

Elevation 6400', native surface, limited parking, fair overnight camping opportunities, no facilities.

From Summit Ranger District (Pinecrest) take Hwy 108 east 20 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road, continue 1 mile until crossing second bridge and turn left toward Fence Creek Campground. Continue 4 miles and look closely for trailhead sign on left (among trees), about 1½ mile before County Line trailhead.

From Mi-Wok Ranger District (Mi Wuk Village) take Hwy 108 east 32 miles to Clark Fork Road. Turn left on Clark Fork Road, continue 1 mile until crossing second bridge and turn left toward Fence Creek Campground. Continue 4 miles and look closely for trailhead sign on left (among trees), about 1½ mile before County Line trailhead.

While admiring the unspoiled beauty of the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, please observe these universal "Leave No Trace" ethics:

Walking

Stay on the trails when possible and avoid the shortcuts between switchbacks. Taking them erodes the sides of trails and local vegetation. Walk carefully through meadows (and only if you must). Place feet on solid ground, rock or sand whenever possible. Watch where you are going and pay attention at all times. If you encounter horses on the trail, they have the right of way. Don't startle them with loud, sudden movements. Move to the safest side of them (usually the lower part of the trail) and let them pass. Keep your pets leashed/under control.

Fires

It's not just the fire danger, but also the impact on the land and the effect on local wildlife habitat.

Bring appropriately warm clothes and layer dress to help you stay warm.

You may not even need a fire. If you do build a fire, use an appropriate campfire ring. Use only dead and downed wood you find in the forest to build the fire. When the fire is finished, completely extinguish it with water and don't leave until you are absolutely sure the fire is out.

Camp

Choose a site that is at least 100 feet from any water. No digging water trenches. Be smart. Campsite choice depends on activity (e.g., if you want to have a fire, use an existing site; if you don't plan on a fire, pick a durable spot and "leave no trace").

Garbage

Pack it in—pack it out. If you find trash on the trail, pick it up and take it with you.

Cleaning

Soap and food can change water chemistry and damage wildlife that are dependent on water supplies. Perform personal hygiene well away from the water source, using proper camp soaps. Pack out eggshells, fruit/vegetable peels/cores, etc. Leave nothing but the beauty.

When Nature Calls

Dig a hole 6-8 inches deep and 100 feet from any water source, campsite or trail. Cover hole with soil, pine needle dung or other decomposing matter. Take a little walk to find a suitable place—one that allows for proper decomposition and privacy—but be aware of where others may look to camp after you've departed. A conscious effort on everyone's part will make the wilderness areas a much more enjoyable experience for all enthusiasts.

Courtesy

Travel in such a manner as not to be noticed. Keep your group small and unobtrusive. Keep pets and children under control at all times. Destroying nature's splendor for the sake of fun or ignorance is inexcusable. Most of us simply seek the quiet, simplistic qualities found in pristine settings and

You can get more information by contacting:

Mi-Wok Ranger District
(Lower Highway 108 corridor)
24695 Hwy 108
PO Box 100
Mi Wuk Village, CA 95346
(209) 586-3234
TDD: (209) 586-0262

Summit Ranger District
(Upper Highway 108 corridor)
#1 Pinecrest Lake Road
Pinecrest, CA 95364
(209) 965-3434
TDD: (209) 965-0488