

Rancho Nuevo 24W03 Between Rancho Nuevo CG on Forest Rd 7N04A (high clearance vehicle recommended) to the Upper Rancho Nuevo TC, Dick Smith Wilderness, 5.25m. Connects to the Deal Trail 24W04 at Deal Junction TC. Seasonal May - Oct unless accessed from Deal Trail. Elev +1,107/-552'. Deal Junction TC 2m, elev 3,700' and Upper Rancho Nuevo TC 5.25m, elev 4,065'

Rocky Ridge 27W04 Accessible only from the Painted Rock TC by the Sierra Madre Rd 32S13. Winds north down the ridge, connecting to Bull Ridge Trail 26W01 in Lions Cyn, 5.5m. No access from the north. Year-round. Elev +599/-2,617'. TC 10.5m from Aliso Park CG with interesting rock formations, minimal shade, elev 4,650'

Salisbury Canyon 26W02 From the Bull Ridge Trail 26W01 just below the Sierra Madre Rd 32S13, crossing Salisbury Potrero, dead-ending at private property, 4.5m. No access from the north. Year-round. Elev +45/-207'

San Emigdio Mesa Springs 22W21 From near the west end of the Tumamait Trail 21W03 and Toad Springs motorcycle trail 22W01 (closed), Chumash Wilderness, 5.8m. Seasonal May - Oct from Cerro Noroeste Mtn. Elev +378/-2,560'. TC 4m, elev 6,000'

Santa Barbara Canyon 25W02 TH located on Buckhorn Rd 9N11 south of Cox Flat. Connects to Madulce Trail 28W09, Dick Smith Wilderness, 7m. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev +2,151/-642'. Madulce TC 7m, elev 5,100'

Sweetwater 27W06 Access to the Sisquoc Wild and Scenic River and Sisquoc Trail 27W07 on the Santa Lucia District from Sierra Madre Rd 32S13, San Rafael Wilderness, 6.8m. Year-round. Elev +1,135/-3,580'

Tumamait 21W03 Named for Vincent Tumamait, a Chumash elder who died in 1992. Following the ridge between the Condor Observation Site on Mt Pinos and Cerro Noroeste (formerly Mt Abel), passing Sawmill and Grouse Mountains, as well as the end of the North Fork 22W02 and Mesa Spring 22W21 trails, in the Chumash Wilderness, 4.5m. Year-round from Mt Pinos (east) side with snow/ice during winter. Elev +1728/-1042'. Sheep TC on North Fork Trail 22W02, south .5m, elev 8,350'

Remember! Know current fire restrictions. Carry plenty of water. Pack out everything you take in.

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Backpacking Trails & Camps

Mt. Pinos Ranger District Los Padres National Forest



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The Mt. Pinos Ranger District has several areas for backpacking. The available trails range from easy overnights to places for extended, multi-day trips. There are high elevation trails for conditioning, hiking and camping in snow, and escapes from summer heat. There are lower elevation trails accessible in all seasons.

Trail camps are open all year, although roads to trailheads may be closed. Wilderness passes are not required. Please be sure to inform friends or family where you are going and when to expect your return. Don't forget to let them know when you are home!

A California Campfire Permit is always required for any flame. Forest conditions may make it unsafe to have open fires and sometimes even camp stoves. Please check with the Ranger Station for current fire restrictions.

Water availability is always a concern in this forest. Check for water reports on the HikeLosPadres.com website (and be sure to add a report after your trip). Expect to carry water, especially during summer and fall trips on most trails. Always filter water from open sources.

Please follow Leave No Trace guidelines (Int.org) along the trails and while camping. Plan to carry out all trash and garbage (including and especially used toilet paper!)

You are sharing the forest with the wild inhabitants. Keep food and interesting smelling items in air-tight containers, away from your camp. Be a noisy human while hiking to avoid coming upon animals unexpectedly.

Know before you go, call the Ranger Station at (661) 245-3731 or check HikeLosPadres.com for current information.

Trail Descriptions

Buck Creek 18W01 Between the Hardluck CG (closed) and the TH on Sewart Mtn near the top of Alamo Mtn, very rugged trail in the Sespe Wilderness, 11.25m plus 3.1m added by closure of CG road from the gate by Alamo Fire Station. Year-round from lower end. Elev +5,488/-1,835'. TC not maintained, 2.9m from TH, elev 3,920'

Bull Ridge 26W01 From Sierra Madre Rd 32S13 north through Salisbury Potrero, dead ending at Lower Lions Cyn TH (closed), only accessible from the south, 10.5m. Connects to Salisbury Cyn 26W02 and Rocky Ridge 27W04 trails. Year-round. Elev +708/-3,016'. Salisbury Potrero TC not maintained, 1.5m from road, elev 4,550'

Cedar Creek 21W10 From TH on Thorn Meadows Rd 7N03B to the Gene Marshall-Piedra Blanca Trail, Sespe Wilderness, 6.3m. Connects with Fishbowls 21W05 and Piedra Blanca 22W03 trails. Seasonal May - Nov. Elev +2,052/-906'. TC 2m from TH, elev 5,800'

Deal 24W04 From Hwy 33 through Bear Cyn to Rancho Nuevo Trail 24W03, Dick Smith Wilderness, 6.25m. Connects to Deal Connector at 1.6m. Year-round. Elev +1,386/-1,375'. Deal Junction TC 6.25m from Deal TH, elev 3,700'

Deal Connector 24W01 From Hwy 33 to the Deal Trail 24W04 above Bear Cyn, access to the Dick Smith Wilderness, .75m. Year-round. Elev +159/-395'

Fishbowls 21W05 Named for the bowl shaped pools on upper Piru Creek. Follows creek from TH on Grade Valley Rd 7N03 to Cedar Creek Trail, Sespe Wilderness, 7.9m. Connects with Cedar Creek 21W10 and Piedra Blanca 22W03 trails. Seasonal May - Nov. Elev +1,607/-673'. TC 5.8m from TH, elev 5,200''

Gene Marshall-Piedra Blanca 22W03 National Recreation Trail beginning at the TH south of Reyes Creek CG to the Piedra Blanca TH at the end of Sespe Rd 6N31 on the Ojai District, Sespe Wilderness, 17m. Connects to Cedar Creek 21W10, Reyes Peak 23W04, and Sespe River 20W13 trails. Year-round from Reyes Creek TH. Elev +5,028/-4,077'. Upper Reyes Creek TC 3m, elev 4,625' and Bear Trap TC 4.7m, 5,000'

Jackson 27W05 Connecting Painted Rock TC on Sierra Madre Rd 32S13 and Sycamore TC on Sisquoc River Trail 30W12 on the Santa Lucia District, San Rafael Wilderness, 4.7m. Year-round. Elev +742/-3,318'. Painted Rock TC 10.5m from Aliso Park CG with interesting rock formations, minimal shade, elev 4,650'

Johnston Ridge 20W12 Between Johnston Ridge TH near the end of Grade Valley Rd 7N03 and the Sespe River Trail 20W13 on the Ojai District, Sespe Wilderness, 9.5m. Connects with Little Mutau 20W10 and Stonehouse 20W35 trails. Seasonal May - Nov. Elev +3,490/-987'

Judell 26W05 From the Sierra Madre Rd 32S13, south into Santa Lucia District and the Sisquoc Trail 30W12, San Rafael Wilderness, 5m. Year-round. Elev +886/-2,561'

Little Mutau 20W10 Between TH on the top of Alamo Mtn and Johnston Ridge Trail 20W12 in the Sespe Wilderness, 8 m. Seasonal May - Nov. Elev -2786/+966'. TC not maintained, 6m from TH, elev 5,200'

North Fork Lockwood 22W02 Between end of Boy Scout Camp Rd and the Tumamait Trail 21W03, Chumash Wilderness, 6.25m. Park outside gate and walk .25m on road to TH. Year-round, snow-covered in winter at higher elevations. Elev +3,173/-170'. Lily Meadows TC 3m, elev 6,630' and Sheep TC 6m, elev 8,350'

TH = trailhead TC = trail camp CG = campground