

Drive-in continued.....

Marian Sheltered bowl behind a ridge with views of the San Joaquin Valley. Up a rugged road, high clearance vehicle recommended. OHV trails nearby. Tent only. 5 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 6,590'

Pine Springs Shaded under tall pines, up a rugged dirt road. Accessible by small RVs, trailers, and tents. OHV trails nearby. 12 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 5,800'

Pleito Creek Located in a canyon on a difficult, high clearance 4x4 trail. Tent only. One first-come site. Fire ring, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,575'

Rancho Nuevo Grassy area in a steep-sided canyon, with river and creek crossings, high clearance vehicle recommended. Tents only. Dick Smith Wilderness access. 3 first-come sites. Fire rings, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 3,500'

Salt Creek Located in a canyon on a difficult, high clearance 4x4 trail. Tent only. One first-come site. Fire ring, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,575'

Sunset Streamside location by difficult motorcycle and 4x4 trails. Tent only. One first-come site. Fire ring, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,575'

Thorn Meadows Hike-in 2/3 mile to oak and pine shaded camp next to Sespe Wilderness. Horse corral. Thorn Meadows Road 7N03B damaged/impassable before campground. Park at Cedar Creek TH, high clearance vehicle suggested. Tent only. 3 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,985'

Toad Springs Tucked into a cottonwood shaded canyon by a seasonal stream. Tent or small RV only. OHV trails nearby. 5 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, no toilet. No fee. Year-round Elev 5,660'

Valle Vista Pinyon shaded mesa with spectacular views of the San Joaquin Valley. Difficult entrance road. Accessible by small RVs, trailers, and tents. 6 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Year-round. Elev 4,820'

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CAMPING

Mt. Pinos Ranger District Los Padres National Forest



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The Mt. Pinos Ranger District includes a variety of camping areas including concession operated developed campgrounds, camps accessible by road, and hike-in camps. Some camps are available seasonally from May through October, others can be used year-round. Disbursed camping is also allowed 1/4 mile away from designated campgrounds.

Information about trail camps is listed in the Backpacking Trails & Camps brochure.

Fire restrictions vary by time of year and location. Please check current fire restrictions before camping in the forest. A California Campfire Permit is required for all flame. Permits are available at no cost from Ranger Stations and online www.preventwildfire.ca.gov

The maximum number of people per campsite is five. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only. Camping is limited to 14 days in a single campground or area, and a total of 21 days in the forest during a calendar year.

Drinking water is not available in campgrounds. Always filter water taken from open water sources.

For the most current information, call the Ranger Station at 661-245-3731 x0 or visit the Los Padres National Forest website.

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Ballinger Canyon Semi-paved road off of Highway 33 to an open camp area in junipers. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. OHV trails accessible from campground only. 13 sites, some reservable. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. Day use and overnight fee area. Year-round. Elev 3,000'

Campo Alto Under towering jeffrey pines at the top of Cerro Noroeste mountain, surrounded by the Chumash Wilderness. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. 2 group and 17 family sites, some reservable. Fee area. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 8,260'

Chuchupate Located on Frazier Mountain close to OHV and hunting areas, partially shaded under jeffrey and pinyon pines. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. 29 sites, some reservable. Fee area. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 6,220'

McGill On the paved road to Mt Pinos, under jeffrey pines with views of the valleys below. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. 2 group and 78 family sites, some reservable. Day use and overnight fee area. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 7,460

Mt Pinos Farther up Mt Pinos, shaded with views to the south and east. Difficult entrance for large vehicles. Accessible for small RVs and tents. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. 19 sites, some reservable. Fee area. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 7,820'

Reyes Creek Tucked into a canyon of oaks and cottonwood trees, some streamside sites. Trailhead to Sespe Wilderness behind campground. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. One group, 24 family sites, some reservable. Fee area. Year-round. Elev 3,920'

Drive-in Campgrounds

Aliso Park Seven miles off of Highway 166 west of New Cuyama, shaded by oaks. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. 7 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Year-round. Elev 2,900'

Caballo On Forest Rd 9N27 shaded by oaks and pinyon pines. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. OHV trails nearby. 6 first-come sites, no fee. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 5,920'

Cherry Creek At the end of rugged, high clearance 4x4 trail in a wooded canyon. Tent only. 2 first-come sites. Fire rings, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 5,372'

Chula Vista Walk in 500' from parking lot at top of Mt Pinos. Shady sites near the meadow. Tents only. 12 first-come sites. Recreation pass required for parking in winter. Fire rings, tables, vault toilets. Year-round, snow covered in winter. Elev 8,300'

Cottonwood Streamside location over very difficult 4x4 trails. Tent only. One first-come site. Fire ring, no toilet. No fee. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,575'

Dutchman At the junction of Alamo Mountain Road and Miller Jeep Trail, some shade, high-clearance vehicle recommended. Tents only. 5 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 6,675'

Goldhill Camping Area Beside Piru Creek, open area next to cottonwood trees. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. OHV trails nearby. Open area, no sites. Portable toilets, trash bins. Recreation pass required. Year-round. Elev 3,880'

Halfmoon Off Grade Valley-Mutau Road 7N03 over several creek crossings, semi-shaded by jeffrey pines. High clearance vehicle recommended. OHV trails nearby. 10 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Seasonal May - Oct. Elev 4,720'

Kings Adjacent to staging area for motorcycle trail. Under juniper and cottonwood trees. Accessible for RVs, trailers, and tents. 6 first-come sites. Fire rings, tables, vault toilet. Recreation pass required. Year-round. Elev 4,240'