Wilderness permits are required for entry into many of the wilderness areas located on National Forest lands in California. Permits help the Forest Service manage the wilderness by tracking visitor use patterns. In some areas visitor quotas and trailhead quotas are in effect to protect the wilderness from visitor impacts and over use. Some forests now charge money for the issuance of visitor permits to support these efforts. Wilderness permits are issued to anyone 18 years of age or older that will follow the rules, regulations and laws intended to protect both the visitor and wilderness resources.

A separate wilderness permit is required for each trip. A group of less than 15 people camping and traveling together only need one permit.

**CAMPFIRES:** In areas where campfires are allowed, you will also need a valid Campfire Permit. Campfire and stove use may be restricted during the summer. It is your responsibility to check on the current regulations at a nearby Forest Service or National Park office.

**OBTAINING YOUR PERMIT:** Wilderness permits are issued at Forest Service Ranger District offices near trailheads. To obtain your permit by mail or fax, complete this application and mail or fax it to the appropriate office. Some offices may allow you to make permit arrangements by phone, including after hours permit pickup. Reservation periods, usually in the spring, are in effect on some Forests; permit reservations may be made only during this time. On these Forests, permits are issued the remainder of the year on a first-come, first-served basis. The National Forest you plan to visit will have complete information.

**NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL:** You must obtain a permit from the National Park Service for wilderness trips that begin in a National Park. This permit will be valid for travel into adjacent Forest Service wilderness areas, as specified on your itinerary. Permits for trips that begin from a National Forest trailhead, and continue into an adjacent National Park, must be obtained from the Forest Service.
Planned itinerary for overnight camping locations | Number of nights
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(For additional itinerary, please attach an extra sheet.)

**How to receive your Wilderness Permit: Please Check One**

- MAIL
- FAX
- PICK-UP

I agree to abide by all laws, rules, and regulations which apply to this wilderness area. I will do my best to see that everyone in my party does likewise.

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Applicant’s signature             Date

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