

Mokelumne Wilderness and CPMA Overnight Camping 2020 Season



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To prevent the spread of COVID-19, in-person visitor services are currently unavailable. To protect wilderness resources, wilderness regulations remain in effect. Please follow these directions for overnight camping in the Mokelumne Wilderness during this period. Resources for Visiting Wilderness during COVID-19

<https://lnt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Covid-19-Guidance6-4.pdf> <https://wilderness.net/learn-about-wilderness/benefits/virus.php>

The following are required for overnight camping in the Mokelumne Wilderness outside of the Carson Pass Management Area (CPMA) Winnemucca, Round Top, and Fourth of July Lakes

1. Mokelumne Wilderness Overnight Camping Permit
2. California Campfire Permit
3. See Carson Pass section on how to reserve permits in advance of your trip for CPMA

Mokelumne Wilderness Overnight Camping Permits

Wilderness permits are available by self-issue on the Eldorado National Forest website [here](#). Please complete and sign your permit, acknowledging that you have read and agree to abide by all regulations. Email your permit to SM.FS.mokewild@usda.gov. Permit must be on your person at all times. These permits do not work for the Carson Pass Management area. Camping within 300 feet of **Emigrant Lake is not permitted** in order to protect and promote the restoration of the shorelines. For more information please call the Amador Ranger District information virtual office 209-259-3774 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Campfire Permits

The State of California requires a campfire permit for any open flame, including camping stoves. Print-ready California Campfire Permits can be obtained online easily and for free at <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>. They are valid from the date issued for the remainder of the calendar year. Please carry your campfire permit with you during your trip.

IMPORTANT: Due to dry conditions, forest-wide fire restrictions were put in effect on May 29, 2020, prohibiting all fires except in fire rings provided within developed campgrounds with a host. See Forest Order 03-20-11 (ENF Forest Order 03-20-11 - Exhibit A). Controlled propane and gas camp stoves are permitted where there is at least **3 feet** of clearance from any flammable materials with a valid CA campfire permit. Conditions may change during the season so please check for updates to restrictions before your trip.

Carson Pass Management Area

To protect the fragile alpine environment, overnight camping in the Carson Pass Management Area (Winnemucca, Round Top, and Fourth of July Lakes) is allowed only in designated campsites. Camping at Frog Lake or Corrie Lochan Lake is prohibited.

Reservations can be made on a first come first served basis by calling **(209) 268-0165** beginning at 8:00 am on the Monday of the week of your trip.

Permits become available on a weekly basis starting over every Monday. Virtual office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and reservations can only be made during regular business hours. The reservation line is a voicemail system that allows multiple voicemails to be left at the same time. There is no guarantee that you will obtain a permit for these lakes.

There are maximum stay limits. Winnemucca and Round Top Lakes have a total stay limit between the two lakes of 2 nights per person per week. Fourth of July Lake has a 3 night stay limit per person per week. There is no combining lakes to acquire a longer trip.

Limited spaces. 13 campsites total for all three Lakes. These Campsites are just tent pads, no bear boxes or other amenities. It is your choice where you camp within 150 feet from the assigned designated site post. These spaces are to regulate the amount of people staying at these lakes to preserve the shoreline and lakes themselves. Campfires are prohibited in the Carson Pass Management Area. Camp stoves are permitted with a California Campfire Permit.