Rising from near sea level in the south to more than 7,000 feet at the summit of Snow Mountain, the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument offers more than 300,000 acres to explore. Approximately 197,000 acres of the monument are administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and 103,000 acres by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

These lands have been home to Native American populations for more than 11,000 years and continue to sustain traditional cultural practices and study. The California Wilderness Act of 1984 designated 26.750 acres as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Other cultural sites tell the story of homesteading, mining, and ranching, and the park has vast tracts that shaped the economy of this region. The monument offers stunning wildflower displays, steep canyons, and ridge lines with expansive mountain views. Prominent rivers have helped shape the landscape and the diverse habitats within.

This is an important migration corridor for wildlife. Many of the plants and animals here are endemic to the Berryessa Region. Some have developed unique adaptations to live in or tolerate serpentine soils. Over 150 million years of geological history are exhibited in these lands. These lands serve as an outdoor classroom, offering opportunities for research and study.

Look, learn, and enjoy the stories of the Berryessa Region and the Snow Mountain Wilderness during your visit.

For more information, visit:

http://www.blm.gov/CA/region5/mendocino/nm/bernsmo

In an Emergency Call 511

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There is something for everyone at Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. The monument provides opportunities for hiking, picnicking, camping, birding, fishing, swimming, hunting, hang gliding, whitewater rafting, climbing, and many other outdoor activities. Please contact us for updated information about seasonal access.

### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Off-Highway Vehicles**

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation is a popular activity, with many areas having developed trails, roads, and facilities for OHV use. The Mendocino National Forest Motor Vehicle Opportunity Guide (MVOG) and trail maps for U.S. Indian Valley and Bolt Knoxville Management Areas provide detailed information about OHV trails and uses within the monument. These maps are available online and at Mendocino National Forest and BLM offices.

Be aware that some roads allowing OHV use may also have regular vehicle traffic. All OHV users on public lands in the State of California must wear a safety helmet and all vehicles must be registered in compliance with State of California regulations.

**Hunting and Fishing**

Hunting and fishing are permitted seasonally in accordance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife licensing requirements.

Excepting the State Game Refuge, all federal land managed lands under the monument are open to hunting. Check with the U.S. Forest Service Office and Mendocino National Forest before you go to confirm where hunting is allowed and where it is not. Do not use arrows, signs, glass objects, or exploding objects for targets.

Firearms must not be discharged from a road, across a road or trail, across a body of water, or within 150 yards of a camping facility or inhabited area.

**Rest Areas**

Some campgrounds and trails may be temporarily closed due to fire, flooding, erosion or other weather events. Please contact Mendocino National Forest or the Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office for the latest information about campground and trail access.

**Hiking & Equestrian**

Idiors can enjoy diverse terrains at a wide range of difficulty levels. Some trails lead to backpacking trips, with much of this monument offers a different experience. Hikers can spend one day or a thousand like at Snow Mountain, then spend the next watching wolves at Cache Creek.

**North Lake State Park**

This monument offers a different experience. Hikers can spend one day or a thousand like at Snow Mountain, then spend the next watching wolves at Cache Creek.

**Map & Guide**

See South Map for Cache Creek Natural Area information.

**Popular Recreation Locations**

- **Snow Mountain Wilderness (B-3)**
  - Snow Mountain Wilderness offers hiking and equestrian opportunities. This wilderness ranges in elevation from 3,307 to 6,908 feet, from the base of East Peak. Steep slopes and narrow, deep canyons form a rugged surface. Wilderness areas offer primitive experience, so trails may be rough and unmarked. Vehicles are not allowed in this area, and some areas have no cell phone service.
  - Remember to bring in maps, compasses, water, and other essentials.
  - Snow Mountain drainage water toward the Sacramento River to the north and Big River Basin to the west.
  - Several thousand years of habitation by Yuki and Northwestern Pomo Indians, early cattlemen, shepherds, and hunters have left few impacts to this wilderness.

- **Penny Pines, Deer Valley & Middle Creek Areas (A-4)**
  - Campsite, OHV facilities, and day use areas are available at Middle Creek, Deer Valley, Penny Pines, and at Lake Hennessey. OHV staging areas and trailshead are available at Penny Pines and Middle Creek. Information is available online and from Mendocino National Forest.

- **Letts Lake & Stony Creek Areas (C-4)**
  - The Letts Lake and Stony Creek areas host sixteen Mendocino National Forest campgrounds within ten miles of the monument boundary. Several campgrounds are available near Letts Lake, along Stony Creek, and near trails that provide access to the Snow Mountain Wilderness.