

MODOC NATIONAL FOREST

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Recreation Report

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FIRE: Due to lower temperatures, higher humidity, and increased fuel moisture, fire restrictions will be lifted for the Modoc National Forest as of Friday, October 3, 2014. Visitors with a valid California Campfire Permit will once again be able to have campfires outside of designated recreation sites, including the wilderness. The fire restrictions went into effect July 1 because of predicted high fire danger and extended hot, dry weather.

Although campfires and smoking will be allowed throughout the forest, we need members of the public to continue to work with us to prevent human-caused wildfires. Visitors should ensure that they completely extinguish their campfires, never leave a campfire unattended and use ashtrays to properly dispose of cigarettes.

CAMPING: The dock at Medicine Lake was pulled out of the water last week due to the drop in the lake water level. There is no water at Headquarters Campground at the Medicine Lake area. Boil water advisories are posted at Patterson Campground, Stough Reservoir and Cave Lake Campground. Weather permitting; the water at the campgrounds will remain on until the end of October.

PERMITS: Permits can be purchased now through the end of November for Matsutake mushroom gathering in the Medicine Lake Highlands region.

HUNTING SEASONS: General Deer season begins this weekend, so be cautious of more traffic and campers in the woods.

- Wear bright clothing. Make yourself more visible. Choose colors that stand out, like red, orange or green, and avoid white, blacks, browns, earth-toned greens and animal-colored clothing. Orange vests and hats are advisable.
- Don't forget to protect Fido. Get an orange vest for your dog if he/she accompanies you.
- Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity.
- Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hiking location where hunting is not allowed, such as a National Park or State Game Refuge.

WOODCUTTING: All areas are open for wood cutting. For further information please check the woodcutting recording at 530-233-8819.

SOUTH WARNER WILDERNESS: Maintained trails include Emerson Loop, Pine Creek, Mill Creek Falls, Clear Lake Loop, Slide Creek, Poison Flat, Mill Creek, Summit Trail from Peppertine to Patterson Lake, Summit Trail from Patterson Guard Station to the Poison Flat Trail junction and Bear Camp Flat Trail from the Emerson trailhead.

The Owl Creek Trail has numerous downed trees in the Raider Basin and debris covering the trail in dry washes in High Rock Basin. Route finding is required south of Lindeman Lake. It is not recommended for pack stock use at this time. East Creek Trail is not recommended for travel due to snag hazards.

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Campground by Area	Fee	Spaces	Drinking Water	Toilet	Access	Fishing	Boating	Hiking	Horses	Open/Close
Medicine Lake Area										
A.H. Hogue	\$14.00 / vehicle	24	Yes	Yes	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Headquarters	Free	16	No	Yes	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Hemlock	\$14.00 / vehicle	22	Yes	Yes	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Medicine	\$14.00 / vehicle	22	Yes	Yes	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Medicine Lake Highlands										
Blanche Lake	Free	DD	No	No	Dirt	No	No	Yes	No	Open
Bullseye Lake	Free	DD	No	Yes	Dirt	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Payne Springs	Free	6	No	Yes	Gravel	No	No	Yes	No	Open
South Warner Mtn. Area										
Blue Lake	\$14.00 / site	46	Yes	Yes*	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Blue Lake Group Site	\$42.00 \$56.00/4+	3 4+	Yes	Yes*	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Patterson	Free	15	Yes Boil H2O	Yes	Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Open
Emerson	Free	4	No	Yes*	Rough Dirt	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Open
Pepperdine	Free	5	Yes	Yes*	Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Open
Mill Creek Falls	\$12.00 / site	19	Yes	Yes*	Paved	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Soup Springs	\$12.00 / site	8	Yes	Yes*	Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Open
East Creek	Free	10	Yes	Yes	Gravel	No	No	Yes	Yes	Open
North Warner Mtn.										

Cave Lake	Free	6	Yes Boil H2O	Yes* 	Rough Dirt	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Open
Stough Reservoir	Free	14	Yes Boil H2O	Yes* 	Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Open
Lassen Creek	Free	DD	No	Yes	Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	No	Open
Devil's Garden Area										
Big Sage	Free	6	No	Yes * 	Gravel	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Open
Howard's Gulch	\$12.00 / site	11	Yes	Yes* 	Paved	No	No	Yes	No	Open
Jane's Reservoir	Free	DD	No	Yes * 	Gravel	Yes	Yes	No	No	Open
Reservoir C	Free	DD	No	Yes	Gravel	Yes	Yes	No	No	Open
Reservoir F	Free	DD	No	Yes * 	Gravel	Yes	Yes	No	No	Open
Big Valley Area										
Ash Creek	Free	DD	Yes	Yes	Gravel	Yes	No	No	No	Open
Lower Rush Creek	Free	10	No	Yes	Gravel	No	No	No	No	
Upper Rush Creek	Free	13	No	Yes	Gravel	Yes	No	No	No	Open
Willow Creek	\$12.00 / site	8	Yes	Yes	Paved	No	No	No	No	Open

*Accessible with assistance
DD: Dispersed Development

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