

HIGHWAY 108 ACTIVITIES

POINTS OF INTEREST:

BENNETT JUNIPER: Visit the Bennett Juniper, the largest western juniper currently living. The tree is located approx. 12 miles (one hour drive time each way) on back roads off Hwy 108, accessible via Eagle Meadow Road (Forest Service Road 5N01). A high clearance vehicle is best as you'll encounter two creek crossings.

COLUMNS OF THE GIANTS: Hike along an easy half-mile trail to view a striking rock formation similar to the Devils Postpile. Few people know that a similar geological wonder – stark, columnar cliffs formed of basalt lava flows – exists on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Located off Hwy 108 near Pigeon Flat Campground, the Columns of the Giants offers hikers the amazing symmetry of this natural phenomenon. Handicapped Accessible.

DONNELL VISTA: A ¼ mile interpretive trail leads to an overlook with sweeping views of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River Canyon and Donnell Reservoir. Handicapped Accessible.

GREAT HIGHWAY 108 DRIVE TOUR: Back by popular demand! This updated audio tour from Pinecrest to Sonora Pass brings history alive. You'll discover the fascinating people from the past and spectacular places that make this scenic drive so memorable. The drive tour begins with your car parked at the Summit Ranger Station. CD's are available for purchase at the Supervisors Office in Sonora and at the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger Stations.

SHADOW OF THE MI-WOK: An easy ¼ mile walk through an outdoor exhibit showing how Mi-Wok Indians lived. Located across the street from the Summit Ranger Station. Brochures are available at the Ranger Station.

SONORA PASS: Experience the grandeur of nature on this scenic drive offering magnificent vistas and recreational opportunities. From Kennedy Meadows on the west to Leavitt Meadow on the east it is NOT ADVISABLE for large RVs and trailers to travel this portion of Hwy 108. The winding road has no shoulder, narrow lanes, and grades as steep as 26 percent. Adjacent to the summit of the pass is a trailhead for the Pacific Crest Trail that also serves as a day-use picnic area. Your visit in late July and August provides spectacular alpine wildflower displays.

CAMPING:

CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

Are recommended for Pinecrest and Pioneer Group campground and can be made 6 months in advance for Pinecrest and 360 days in advance for Pioneer Group. Online reservations: www.recreation.gov or toll free: 877-444-6777. All other campgrounds are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Length of stay is no longer than 14 consecutive days.

PICNIC SITES • DAY USE AREAS

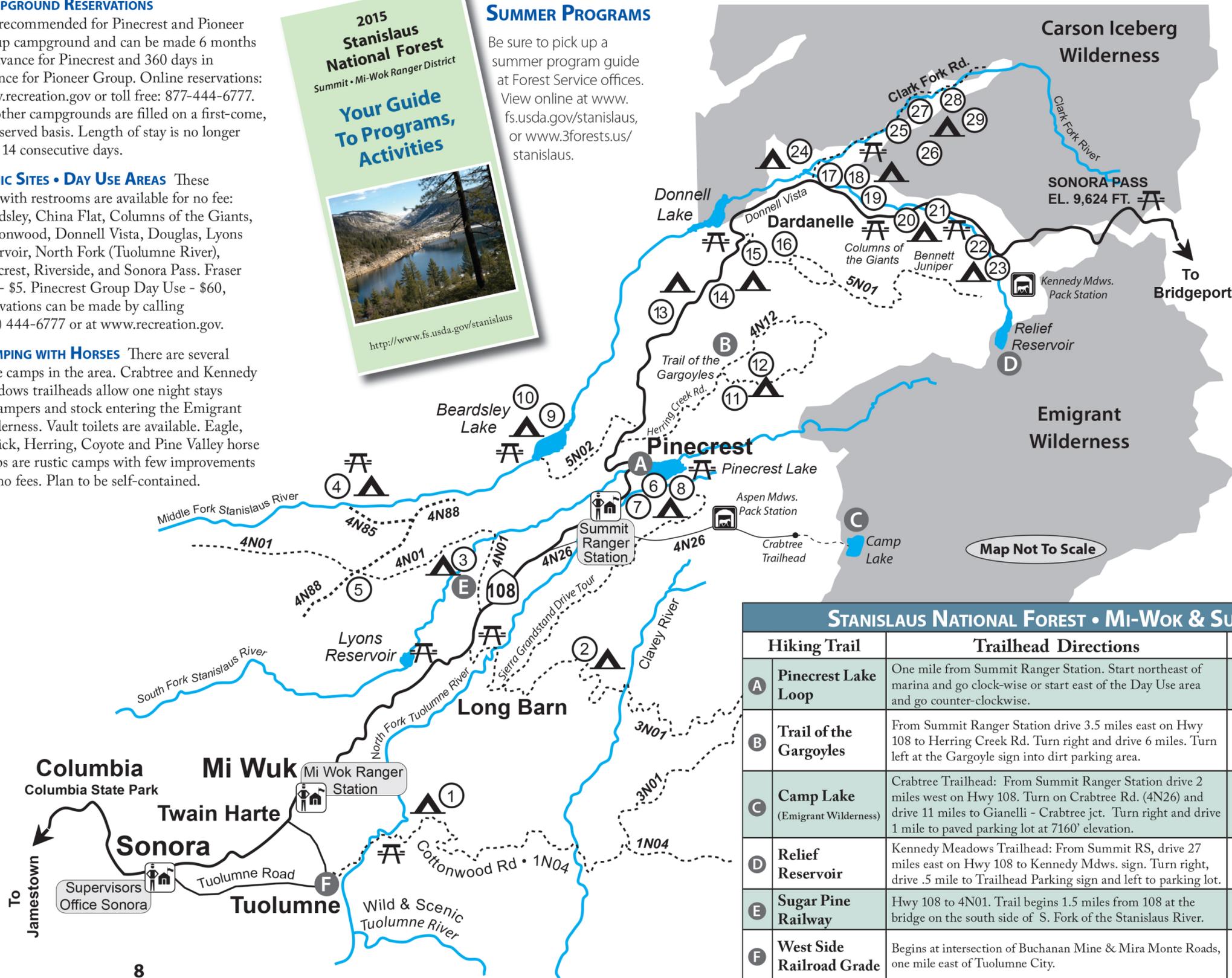
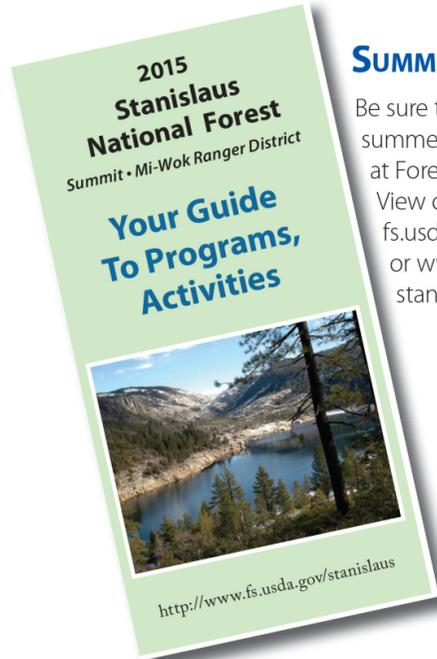
These sites with restrooms are available for no fee: Beardsley, China Flat, Columns of the Giants, Cottonwood, Donnell Vista, Douglas, Lyons Reservoir, North Fork (Tuolumne River), Pinecrest, Riverside, and Sonora Pass. Fraser Flat - \$5. Pinecrest Group Day Use - \$60, reservations can be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or at www.recreation.gov.

CAMPING WITH HORSES

There are several horse camps in the area. Crabtree and Kennedy Meadows trailheads allow one night stays for campers and stock entering the Emigrant Wilderness. Vault toilets are available. Eagle, Kerrick, Herring, Coyote and Pine Valley horse camps are rustic camps with few improvements and no fees. Plan to be self-contained.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Be sure to pick up a summer program guide at Forest Service offices. View online at www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus, or www.3forests.us/stanislaus.



HIGHWAY 108 CAMPGROUNDS	Elevation 00'	Fee	Extra Vehicle Fee	# of Sites	Seasonally Closed	Potable Water	Toilets	RV/Trailer-max length ft	ADA accessible sites	Reservations	Fishing	Boating	Biking	Hiking
MI WOK CAMPGROUNDS														
1 River Ranch	27	•	•	40	•	•	V	50	•	•	•	•	•	•
2 Hull Creek	56	•		23	•	•	V	50						
3 Fraser Flat	48	•	•	38	•	•	V	40	•	•	•	•	•	•
4 Sand Bar Flat	30	•		8/12	•	•	V	35	•	•	•	•	•	•
5 Crandall OHV	48			15	•		V	50						Campfire Permit Required
PINECREST CAMPGROUNDS														
6 Pinecrest	56	•		200	•	•	F	40	•	•	•	m/p	•	•
7 Meadowview	56	•		100	•	•	F		•	•	•	m/p	•	•
8 Pioneer-Group 1,2 & 3 #	58	•		#	•	•	V		•	•	•	m/p	•	•
UPPER 108 CAMPGROUNDS														
9 Beardsley	34	•	•	16	•		V		•	•	•	m/p		•
10 TeleLi puLaya ^	34	•	•	16	•		V		•	•	•	m/p		•
11 Herring Creek	74	•		7	•		V							
12 Herring Creek Reservoir	74	•		9	•		V							
13 Cascade Creek	60	•		14	•		V							
14 Mill Creek	62	•	•	17	•		V							
15 Niagra Creek	66	•	•	10	•		V							
16 Niagra Creek ORV	72	•	•	10	•		V							
BRIGHTMAN RECREATION CAMPGROUNDS														
17 Boulder Flat	56	•	•	21	•	•	V							
18 Brightman	57	•	•	33	•	•	V		•					
19 Dardanelle	58	•	•	28	•	•	V							
20 Pigeon Flat (walk-in)	60	•		9	•		V							
21 Eureka Valley	61	•	•	28	•	•	V							
22 Baker	62	•	•	44	•	•	V							
23 Deadman	62	•	•	17	•	•	V							
CLARK FORK AREA CAMPGROUNDS														
24 Fence Creek	60	•		38	•		V							
25 Clark Fork A Loop	62	•	•	28	•	•	V		•					
26 Clark Fork B Loop	62	•	•	60	•	•	F		•					
27 Clark Fork Horse Camp	62	•	•	12	•		V							
28 Clark Fork Horse Camp	62	•		2	•		V							
29 Sand Flat	62	•	•	53	•	•	V							
30 Sand Flat (walk-in)	62	•		15	•	•	V							

Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877)444-6777. ^^= Reservations - (209) 928-3708
 m = motorized, p = paddle boats, ~ = RVs/trailers not advised, V = Vault/non-flushing pit toilet, F = Flushing Toilet
 # = Pioneer Group 1 & 2 - 50 people max, Group 3 - 100 people max, ^ = New Campground

STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST • MI-WOK & SUMMIT RANGER DISTRICT • HIKING TRAILS					
Hiking Trail	Trailhead Directions	Effort	Mileage	Highlights	Notes
A Pinecrest Lake Loop	One mile from Summit Ranger Station. Start northeast of marina and go clock-wise or start east of the Day Use area and go counter-clockwise.	Moderate – minimal elevation gain	4.2 (loop)	Lake view, spring wildflowers	Not suitable for strollers, bikes, or wheelchairs. Leashed dogs are allowed.
B Trail of the Gargoyles	From Summit Ranger Station drive 3.5 miles east on Hwy 108 to Herring Creek Rd. Turn right and drive 6 miles. Turn left at the Gargoyle sign into dirt parking area.	Easy – minimal elevation gain	North rim: 1.5 miles South Rim: 1.5 miles	Volcanic features, panoramic views to the NW	An interpretive guide is available at Ranger Station. Stay away from cliffs.
C Camp Lake (Emigrant Wilderness)	Crabtree Trailhead: From Summit Ranger Station drive 2 miles west on Hwy 108. Turn on Crabtree Rd. (4N26) and drive 11 miles to Gianelli - Crabtree jct. Turn right and drive 1 mile to paved parking lot at 7160' elevation.	Moderate – 400' of elevation gain	5.2 (round trip)	Forests, views, wildflowers, swimming	Crabtree Rd. is suitable for most cars, obstacles may be encountered. Permit required for overnight.
D Relief Reservoir	Kennedy Meadows Trailhead: From Summit RS, drive 27 miles east on Hwy 108 to Kennedy Mdws. sign. Turn right, drive .5 mile to Trailhead Parking sign and left to parking lot.	Strenuous – 1,000' of elevation gain	6 (round trip)	Meadows, waterfalls, wildflowers, swimming	Trail begins .5 mile from the parking lot at the south end of the main road.
E Sugar Pine Railway	Hwy 108 to 4N01. Trail begins 1.5 miles from 108 at the bridge on the south side of S. Fork of the Stanislaus River.	Easy – 3% grade	6 (round trip)	Spring wildflowers	An interpretive guide is available at Ranger Station.
F West Side Railroad Grade	Begins at intersection of Buchanan Mine & Mira Monte Roads, one mile east of Tuolumne City.	Easy - Flat	9 (round trip)	Tuolumne River canyon views, spring wildflowers	Trailhead to Hacienda Campground.