

## Day Use for Mount Whitney Zone ~ Updated July 16, 2010

**July ~ Thunderstorms and lightning are a significant hazard until September. At the first sign of lightning, leave the summit area or exposed ridge tops.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**August ~ Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
29	30	31				
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				

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### September ~ Late September and October expect shorter days, cold temperatures and possible winter storms with snow.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>		

### October ~ When will the first snow fall? ~#~ 2009 Snow fell on October 13 ~#~ 2008 Snow fell on October 4 ~#~ 2007 Snow fell on September 20 ~#~ 2006 Snow fell on October 3 ~#~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>22</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>89</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>100</b>						
31	Nov 1					
<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>					

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**Wilderness permits are required** year-round for all visitors entering the Mt Whitney Zone. Reservations can only be made for trips that begin during the quota period, from May 1 through November 1.

**Day Use Permit:** If the entire trip will be on one calendar date and you will enter the Mt. Whitney Zone, a Day Use permit is required. Day Use includes all routes (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face/Buttress routes, Mt Russell). No consecutive day use, if trip is more than one calendar date an Overnight permit is required.

**Overnight permit** (or multi-night): Trips lasting one night or more, that start on the Mt. Whitney trail require an Overnight permit. This includes trips that will end elsewhere (i.e. Pacific Crest and John Muir trails). Day permit can not be used as part of an overnight trip to pass through the area. Overnight use does not include all routes. Entry via North Fork of Lone Pine Creek is NOT in lottery (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face /Buttress, Mt. Russell), can be reserved 6 months in advance.

**Group Size:** The maximum group size is 15 people. Large groups can not exceed 15 people even if on separate permits.

**Entry Date:** is the day you will begin walking from the trailhead. All of your group must start on the entry date listed on your permit. Do not include camping at Whitney Portal.

Permits can be reserved up until 2 days before the trip entry date, if space is available. One day before the trip, any remaining permits are issued free to visitors in person at:

**Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center**, at the junction of Highway 395 and SR 136.  
Visitor Center phone (760) 876-6200.

You can reserve by phone, fax or mail. Reservation service is available daily beginning on May 15 (including holidays) After October 15<sup>th</sup> reservation service will return to Monday through Friday, closed on holidays.

Wilderness Permit Reservation Office is open 8 am to 4:30 pm.  
~Phone 760-873-2483  
~Fax 760-873-2484

Mail: Wilderness Permit Reservations  
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200  
Bishop, CA 93514

Self issue permit forms are available from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter mountaineering skills, experience and equipment are essential for a safe excursion when ice and snow are on the Mt. Whitney Trail.** Expect the switchbacks above Trail Camp to be covered by snow and ice through the end of June and again in late September or October. During early spring, late fall and winter, trails will be partially or entirely covered with snow. Expect to navigate entirely with map and compass. Whenever snow is present, climbers should be equipped with ice axes, crampons and helmets. Be prepared for extreme temperatures, wind, rain, sleet, snow, intense sun, drifting snow and slick icy slopes. Location, sun, wind, weather and time of day all affect snow and ice conditions. Avalanches and rockslides are naturally occurring processes that are present throughout the winter.

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