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## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

*Restoring, Enhancing and Sustaining Forests in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands*

### Sierra National Forest

# CAMPGROUNDS / PICNIC AREAS

## High Sierra Ranger District

You can enjoy many different recreation opportunities on the 530,000 acres of National Forest land on the High Sierra Ranger District. There are 31 campgrounds on the High Sierra Ranger District. The most developed facilities include piped water and flush toilets. Many campgrounds have both single and double sites. All sites have fire rings and tables. Many campsites can accommodate trailers up to 30 feet in length. No electrical or water hookups or sewage dumps are provided, except for Camp Edison, which is privately owned by Southern California Edison. Reservations can be made up to 240 days in advance and group sites 360 days in advance. Reservations for Forest Service campgrounds can be made by calling 1-877-444-6777 or visiting [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com).

### VISITOR INFORMATION:

**High Sierra District Office:** Visitor information and assistance are available at the High Sierra District Office year round. This Forest Service office, in the summer, is open 7 days a week 8:00am-4:30pm. This office is located on Highway 168 and Auberry Rd. in Prather. Personnel provide visitor information, help in emergencies, issue various permits, sell books and maps, and have informational brochures on hand.

**Eastwood Visitor Center, Dinkey Creek Visitor Center, and High Sierra Visitor Center:** Eastwood Visitor Center is located on Highway 168 and Kaiser Pass Rd. Dinkey Creek Visitor Center is located near the Dinkey Creek Campground. The High Sierra Visitor Center is located on Kaiser Pass Rd. 14 miles off Highway 168. These Forest Service facilities provide visitor information, issue various permits, has books and maps for sale, and are contact points for emergencies. These offices are only open during the summer.

### CAMPGROUNDS AND PICNIC AREAS

**Shaver Lake:** There are three campgrounds in the Shaver Lake area (elevation 5,500 ft.); Dorabelle, Swanson Meadow, and Camp Edison. Dorabelle Campground is located on Dorabella Road off Highway 168 in the town of Shaver Lake. It is a short hike to the beach from the campground. California Land Management (CLM), under a Special Use Permit with the Forest Service, currently operates Dorabelle. There is also a day use picnic area of 22 units along the beach. A fee is charged.

Swanson Meadow Campground is located 1.5 miles southeast of Shaver Lake on the Dinkey Creek Road. The campground is operated and maintained by CLM. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a fee and no potable water. The campground is relatively small with 9 units and has a nice, quiet atmosphere.

Camp Edison is open to the public year round. This campground is located off of Highway 168, one mile past the town of Shaver Lake. There are picnic and boat launch facilities available. They also provide electrical hookups, showers, a RV disposal station and a Laundromat. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis or advanced reservations can be made up to nine months in advance by calling 559-841-3134.

**Huntington Lake:** All campgrounds in the Huntington Lake area (elevation 7,000 ft.) are currently operated by CLM. There are a total of seven campgrounds stretched along the north shore of Huntington Lake. Handicapped restrooms are available at Rancheria, Deer Creek, Kinnickinnick Campgrounds and Bear Cove Picnic Area. There are three picnic areas in the Huntington Lake area along the north shore of the lake. They are Bear Cove, Billy Creek and Dowville. Reservations can be made through Reserve USA.

**Group Campgrounds:** The High Sierra District offers two campgrounds for group camping in the Huntington



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Lake area. Midge Creek is 1 mile east of Huntington Lake on Kaiser Pass Rd. Midge Creek has two sites and can accommodate up to 50 people in each site. Badger Flat is 5 miles east of Huntington Lake on Kaiser Pass Rd. and accommodates up to 150 people.

**Stump Springs Loop:** This is a 45-mile loop that takes 4 hour from Huntington Lake. Take Kaiser Pass Rd, then 2 miles beyond Kaiser Pass (White Bark Vista) turn left at “Sample Meadow” turn-off. The next four miles is narrow and partially paved, but passable in a two-wheel drive vehicle. Sample Meadow Campground has 16 units. Beyond Sample Meadow Campground the road becomes a maintained, graded, dirt road for 10 miles. At the turn-off for Kaiser Diggings, approximately 1 mile south, you will come to West Kaiser Campground, which has 10 units. Both campgrounds have no fees or potable water. There is stream fishing in both areas. A short distance from West Kaiser Campground the road becomes paved and continues on to Big Creek Rd. At this point you can turn left and take Huntington Lake Rd. to Huntington Lake or turn right and go through the quaint town of Big Creek to Highway 168 and Shaver Lake.

**Florence and Edison Lakes:** A number of developed and dispersed camping areas dot this beautiful high country region, which is surrounded by the Ansel Adams and John Muir Wilderness areas. All campgrounds are operated by CLM. Elevations range from 6,500 ft to 7,500 ft. The first campgrounds you will come to along Kaiser Pass Rd. are Portal Forebay and Bosillo. Both campgrounds are on a first-come, first-serve basis. A fee may be charged at Portal Forebay, but not at Bosillo.

Mono Hot Springs and Mono Creek Campgrounds are located along the Lake Edison Rd. and Vermillion Campground is located a Lake Edison. Fees are charged at all three campgrounds. Reservations can be made through Reserve USA.

Ward Lake and Jackass Meadow Campgrounds are located on the Florence Lake Rd. approximately 8 miles from the High Sierra Visitor Center. Ward Lake is a first-come, first-serve campground and a fee may be charged. A fee is charged at Jackass Meadow and reservations can be made through Reserve USA. A picnic area is located at Florence Lake next to the boat ramp. The picnic area has 18 sites and is free of charge.

**Dinkey Creek:** The Dinkey Creek Campground is located at the end of Dinkey Creek Rd. It has 123 sites and is very forested. The Dinkey Creek Picnic Area has 12 sites. Reservations for the campgrounds can be made through Reserve USA.

**Wishon and Courtright:** On the McKinley Grove Rd. there are two campgrounds called Gigantea and Buck Meadow. These are first-come, first-serve campgrounds. There are fees for the campgrounds. If you

continue on to Wishon there is a PG&E campground called Lily Pad. It is a first-come, first-serve and charges a fee. At Courtright Reservoir there are three campgrounds. Trapper Springs and Marmot Rock are PG&E campgrounds and Voyager Rock Campground is a Forest Service campground. Trapper Springs and Marmot Rock charge a fee, but Voyager does not. There is also the Wee-Mee-Kute Picnic Area on the reservoir

**Campfire Permits:** Campfire permits are required for dispersed camping only. You can obtain a free campfire permit from any Forest Service Office. Always check with the closest Forest Service Office for any updated fore danger information.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

##### **High Sierra Ranger District**

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##### **Eastwood Visitor Center**

559-893-6611 Summer Only

##### **High Sierra Visitor Center**

559-877-7173 Summer Only

##### **Dinkey Creek Visitor Center**

559-841-3404 Summer Only

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