The Kaiser Wilderness was established in 1976 and covers a total of 22,700 acres. It is located immediately north of Huntington Lake, approximately 70 miles northeast of Fresno. The wilderness was named after Kaiser Ridge, which divides the area into two distinctly different regions. A hike to Kaiser Ridge or Kaiser Peak provides a commanding view of much of the central Sierra Nevada mountain range.

**NORTHERN PORTION OF KAISER**
The northern half of the Kaiser Wilderness is much more open than the southern half. The descent from Kaiser Ridge into this area is very steep. Four trailheads provide access into the northern portion of the wilderness. The primary point of entry is the Sample Meadow Trailhead located near the Sample Meadow Campground.

Upper and Lower Twin Lakes and George Lake can be reached by this trail. All others lakes are approached cross-country. Winter storms start arriving in late October and snow generally remains on the ground until early June.

**WIDERNESS PERMITS AND QUOTAS**
A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips into the wilderness. Trailhead quotas are in place year-round. For all trails, 60 percent of the trailhead quota is available through advanced reservation and 40 percent is available 24 hours prior to entry for walk-in visitors, first come-first served. There is a $5.00 non-refundable reservation fee for each person for all trails. There is a $10.00 charge for any changes to a confirmed reservation. First come-first served permits are free of charge and available up to 24 hours in advance of your trip.

**GROUP SIZE**
Group size is limited to 15 people and 25 head of stock for overnight trips.

**PROPER FOOD STORAGE**
Backcountry and wilderness users are required to store food or refuse in a manner designed to keep bears from gaining access to it. Visitors are encouraged to use bear-resistant food canisters to safeguard
food. If a bear canister is not available, the counter-balance method of storing food is also an acceptable method.

**BEAR-RESISTANT CANISTERS**
These portable containers are a very effective way for backpackers to store food in the wilderness. Each canister weighs less than three pounds, fits in a full-sized backpack, and is capable of holding up to 3 to 5 day’s worth of food for one person. When using the canister remember the following guidelines:

- Store all food, cosmetics, toothpaste, soap, and refuse in the canister.
- At night or when you are away from camp, leave your empty pack on the ground with all pockets and flaps open.
- Put the canister 50 feet from your sleeping area.
- Leave the canister on the ground.
- Do not hang the canister from a tree.

**CAMPFIRES**
Your wilderness permit will serve as a one time campfire permit when you are into the wilderness. No fires are permitted above 10,000 feet in elevation. Firewood is very scarce in the lakes region. Please keep fires small, and when possible, please use existing fire rings and only use dead and down wood. Campfire restrictions may be in affect for some areas.

**LEAVE NO TRACE**
To practice Leave No Trace, follow these simple practices:

- Camp at least 100 feet away from water sources and trails.
- Bury human waste in a hole 6 to 8 inches deep and over 100 feet away from water sources and trails.
- Use a cook stove or existing fire rings.
- Pack out all trash, including paper and food scraps.
- Purify all water for human use.
- Use soap at least 100 feet away from any water source.

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**TO OBTAIN A WILDERNESS PERMIT**
For more information call:

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