

Wilderness Regulations

Emigrant/Carson-Iceberg/Mokelumne Areas

Stanislaus National Forest



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The following regulations are necessary to assure that future generations will find the Wilderness at least as wild and free as it is for your visit. Violation of any of these regulations could result in a substantial penalty. Official orders authorizing enforcement are available for review in Forest and District offices.

- Wilderness visitors must possess a valid permit for overnight trips.
- Do not camp, travel or gather in groups exceeding 15 persons. (Limit per group is 12 persons in the Mokelumne Wilderness. Voluntary reduction of group size when traveling in wilderness areas is always encouraged as a hedge against resource damage.)
- Dispose of body waste and wash water more than 100 feet from water, trails and campsites. Use “cat holes” six to eight inches deep for human waste.
- Do not use any soap in lakes or streams. Even biodegradable soaps are a shock to fragile and pristine aquatic ecosystems. “Wash” using a bucket well away from surface water.
- Campsites must be at least 100 feet from lakes, streams, trails and any “No Camping” signs.
- Pack out all refuse.
- Do not cut standing trees or deface them in any way.
- Do not shortcut trail switchbacks.
- Mechanized and motorized vehicles and equipment (including chainsaws, bicycles and carts) are prohibited. Non-motorized wheelchairs may be utilized.
- Construction of items such as rock walls, structures, tables or improvements of any permanent kind is prohibited. Do not build new fire rings—use the existing ones, please (except those too close to water).
- Do not leave any property (including camping gear, food or other provisions) unattended for longer than 24 hours.
- Discharging of firearms is permitted only for the taking of game during appropriate hunting seasons.
- Out-of-control dogs are not permitted. Check county ordinances for pet control requirements.
- One night camping limits (per trip) are applicable at the following lakes:
 - Grouse, Camp, Bear, Powell and Waterhouse
- Campfires are prohibited above 9,000 feet in elevation and within ½ mile of Emigrant Lake.

Stock Use

- Maximum number of stock per group is 25. (Mokelumne Wilderness limit per group is 12 for day or night travel, except for the Camp Irene area where the number of stock permitted per group is 4.)
- Do not tie pack and saddle stock to trees, except while loading or unloading.
- Do not keep stock within 100 feet of lakes, streams or campsites.
- Stock grazing is prohibited before authorized “on dates”—these vary from year-to-year, based upon the readiness of vegetation for grazing. Call ahead—plan accordingly. (Use of state-certified, weed-free feed and straw is strongly encouraged.)
- No holding stock within ¼ mile of these lakes:
 - Grouse, Camp, Bear, Powell, Deer, Wood and Waterhouse
- No holding more than four head of stock within ¼ mile of these lakes:
 - Rosasco, Pingree, Piute, Gem, Jewelry, Long or Maxwell

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BY LEARNING TO “*LEAVE NO TRACE*”

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THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

The National Wilderness Preservation System was established by an act of Congress in 1964:

“...to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition”,

and

“to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of Wilderness”.

As you enjoy this national resource of wilderness,
please help keep it wild.

Review (with your entire group) and observe
the information and regulations included with your permit.
Thank you for assisting us in caring for this precious land.

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