



WESTERN DIVIDE PACK STATIONS

Sequoia National Forest

Giant Sequoia National Monument



"Packers are a breed of their own," who has done much to preserve the memory of these strong-willed individuals and of a way of life that has passed with the taming of the West.

The stories about mule trains and the characters that chose this way of life are colorful and entertaining.

The history of mule trains in the mountains of California begins with the Spanish in 1769 and ends in the 1950s.

Mules helped gold miners reach claims, tourists gape at spectacular views, conservationists locate natural wonders, the Sierra Club find wilderness worth saving, hunters spot game, and Federal Land Management surveyors lay out tracts to preserve.

TODAY:

All Pack Outfitters operate under a **Special Use Permit** and are monitored to ensure these businesses are held to a high standard of environmental protection and customer service. Outfitters are required to hold insurance and possess various certifications in their fields of expertise.

Help protect our forest resources and curb illegal outfitting and guiding by making sure the business you hire hold a current permit to provide service on the Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument.

A few words from our local guides:

You will experience memories that will last a life time and see some unforgettable scenery.

Your guide will take you around a beautiful mountain meadow and back to the Lodge before you get a chance to get tired.

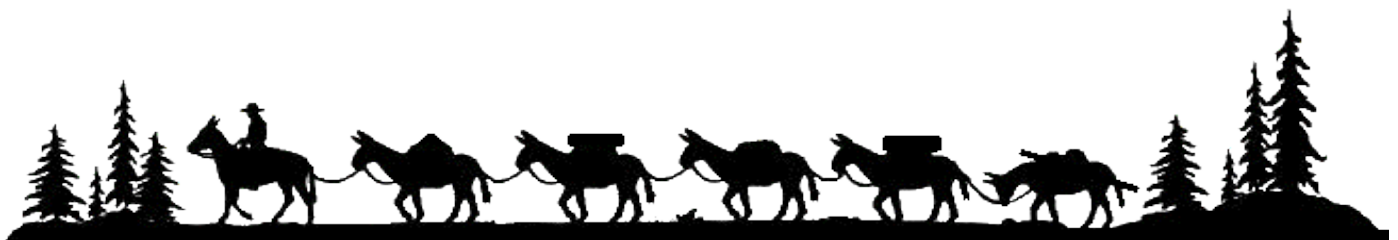
Take a trip to see the George Bush Tree at Freeman Creek Grove. If you are an Ansel Adams at heart, we can take you up to Jordan Peak and look out over the scenic Sierra Nevada. We can take you to our favorite water slides and swimming holes.

Bring snacks and a drink or buy a sack lunch at the pack station. They'll be happy to stop for a quick lunch break and some picture taking. Our horses and mules love to have their pictures taken!

For the "never-ever-been-on-a-horse" beginner, or if you haven't been riding for awhile, this is a perfect outing if you'd like to ride to the river and play around in the water or go fishing for awhile.

You'll be accompanied by an experienced guide and your equipment (fishing pole, picnic lunch, bathing suit, etc.) will be packed in by a friendly mule.

The packers know where there are good fishing, hunting and camping locations for your next adventure and truly have a memorable experience that you and your family will remember for life.



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Balch Park Pack Station

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The Balch Park Pack Station offers custom tailored horseback trips through remote unspoiled High Sierra Wilderness country. Balch Park has a vacation for the novice adventurer as well as the experienced outdoor person.

With a variety of trips and a stable of gentle, well-trained horses, Balch Park has a vacation for everyone.

Limitation On All Trips

- ♦ 150 lbs. per pack animal or bulk load determined by packer. Weight limit is 30 lbs. per person on All Expense.
- ♦ 8 hours limit per day charge on spot trips
- ♦ No packs on saddle stock
- ♦ 8 heads of stock per packer
- ♦ 6 head if all are pack stock
- ♦ Check in time is 7 am
- ♦ Weight Limit 240 lbs

Call to make reservations and check for rates, deposit required..

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Western Divide Ranger District
32588 Hwy 190
Springville, CA 93265
559-539-2607

Forest Supervisor's Office
220 E Morton Ave
Porterville, CA 93257
559-784-1500



Day Family

P.O. Box 10098
Terra Bella, CA 93270
Summer Phone: (559) 542-2816
Cell Phone: (559) 359-3676
Email: steve.gtwp@gmail.com or
www.goldentroutpacktrains.com

Popular rides features wide open meadows, seasonal wildflowers and seasonal creeks along the way. You may even be fortunate enough to see a Gold Trout swimming in our rivers and creeks in the Golden Trout Wilderness Area of Sequoia National Forest. You can ride to any of many destinations and make sure you stop to enjoy fishing, hunting or just relaxing in the cool rivers and stream and experience more of the beautiful backcountry before you head back home.

Expense Trips: We do all the planning, preparation and cooking by our staff of wranglers. We will furnish everything; packers, guides, livestock, a cook, food and equipment and we will stay with you for the entire trip.



Drop Trip/Spot Trip: We can drop you off at your favorite spots or we can help you decide where to camp. All rides are accompanied by at least one wrangler to ensure guest safety and comfort. Call ahead for availability or make a reservation online. Trail rides start at 9:00 am and run through 3:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.

When you leave your campsite,
Take all garbage, large and small.

PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!