



# Jennie Lakes Wilderness

## Sequoia National Forest

### Hume Lake Ranger District



The Jennie Lakes Wilderness is located in the southeast corner of the Hume Lake Ranger District. With most of the 10,500 acres lying above 7,000 feet, Jennie Lakes Wilderness contains scenic variations of alpine and sub-alpine forests, lakes, streams and meadows. Vegetation includes red fir, lodgepole pine, western white pine and a large variety of wildflowers in the spring and early summer. The summit of Mitchell Peak is the highest point at 10,365 feet which provides grand vistas of the High Sierra. Jennie Lakes Wilderness borders Kings Canyon National Park to the east and Sequoia National Park to the south.

Access to Jennie Lakes Wilderness from Fresno is approximately 70 miles. Take State Highway 180 east into King's Canyon National Park and through the Big Stump Entrance Station. After the station turn right onto the Generals Highway/ Hwy 198 and continue for 7 miles, turn left on Big Meadows Forest Road (14S11) for access to most wilderness trailheads, or continue east on Hwy 198 for 5 miles to Upper Stony Creek trailhead.

#### Trails

Four trailheads provide 26 miles of hiking trails within Jennie Lakes Wilderness. Three trailheads are off of Big Meadows Forest Road (14S11) and one is off of General's Highway/ Hwy 198. Several of the trails also connect to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park backcountry. Visitors can enjoy a two or three-day backpack trip accessing both Jennie Lakes and Weaver Lakes from any of these trailheads. The most popular route begins at Big Meadows trailhead, but there are other access points that help reduce parking congestion. Because of the high altitude of Jennie Lakes Wilderness, access in the winter is limited due to winter road closure and the steep snow-covered terrain. Advanced backcountry navigation and winter survival skills are highly recommended during winter outings.

#### Routes

Round-trip day hikes into Jennie Lakes Wilderness include Weaver Lake (6 miles), Rowell Meadows (5 miles), Mitchell Peak (6 miles). Overnight backpack trips include stays near Rowell Meadow, Jennie Lakes, and Weaver Lake. For more information, contact the district office or the Wilderness Ranger.

#### Trailheads

**Stony Creek Trailhead** located off of Generals Highway/ Hwy 198 at the far end of Upper Stony Creek campground. Hiking Trail (29E06) provides access to the wilderness via a steep ascent to the junction of Jennie Lake Trail in 3.7 miles.

**Big Meadows Trailhead** located on Big Meadows Forest Road (14S11) and 5 miles off of Generals Highway/ Hwy 198. Hiking trail (29E03) provides access to the wilderness via a moderate to strenuous hike. The junction of Weaver Lake Trail and Jennie Lakes Trail is 1.7 miles.

**Rowell Meadows Trailhead** located off of Big Meadows Road (14S11) and 12 miles off of Generals Highway/ Hwy 198. Follow Big Meadows Road and turn right onto Forest Road 13S14 and continue for another 2.5 miles to the trailhead. Hiking trail (30E08) provides access to the wilderness via an easy to moderate hike. The first junction of Rowell Meadow and JO Pass/ Weaver Lake Trail is 2.1 miles.

**Marvin Pass Trailhead** located off of Big Meadows Forest Road (14S11) and 13 miles off of Generals Highway/ Hwy 198. Follow Big Meadows Road and turn right onto Forest Road 13S12 and continue for another 2 miles to the trailhead. Hiking trail (30E06) provides access to the wilderness via an easy to moderate hike. The junction for Kanawyer Gap Trail to Mitchell Peak is 1.3 miles and Rowell Meadows Trail is 2.5 miles.

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## Wilderness Regulations

All mechanized vehicles and equipment are prohibited within the wilderness. A maximum group size of 15 people/ 25 head of stock per party are permitted. A wilderness permit is not required for travel into the Jennie Lakes Wilderness, but Leave No Trace backcountry ethics are required. Campfire permits are also required and are available free from Forest Service or National Park Service staff. Overnight stays in the National Park requires a wilderness permit available from the Park Service at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center.



*Jennie Lakes Summer Sunset*

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:

**Hume Lake Ranger District**  
35860 East Kings Canyon Road  
Dunlap, CA 93621  
[559-338-2251](tel:559-338-2251)

**Forest Supervisor's Office**  
220 E Morton Ave  
Porterville, CA 93257  
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



## Campfire Permits

You may want a campfire for cooking, enjoying its warmth, and roasting marshmallows.

**For campfires, stoves, lanterns or barbecues used outside a campground or recreational vehicle and some developed campgrounds, you need a campfire permit.**

The permit is free, valid for a full year from January 1 to December 31, and may be obtained in person from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, CAL FIRE offices, or online at [permit.preventwildfiresca.org](http://permit.preventwildfiresca.org). Your responsibilities for building and putting out your fire safely are explained on the campfire permit. 36 CFR 261.52(k) PRC 4433.

**Be aware that as fire danger becomes greater, campfires may be prohibited.** Please check to find out if there are fire restrictions in the area where you intend to camp.

You are welcome to gather dead and down wood to use for your campfire, but not to take home unless you obtain a fuelwood permit.

**Please Practice  
Leave No Trace**



**leave no trace**  
CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS

- > Plan Ahead and Prepare
- > Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- > Dispose of Waste Properly
- > Leave What You Find
- > Minimize Campfire Impacts
- > Respect Wildlife
- > Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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