



# Dome Land Wilderness

## Sequoia National Forest



Dome Land Wilderness is beautiful, but remember that it is also primitive, and you will be on your own! Before going in, check with the local Ranger Station for latest conditions and hazards. Sign the trailhead register before entering the wilderness area.

### HAZARDS AND TIPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANTER BURN AREA

#### WHEN SELECTING A CAMPSITE:

- Check for potential flood areas.
- Do not camp in low spots or drainages.
- Check for hazard trees and dead limbs.
- Check local weather before entering.

#### Location:

Dome Land is one of the Southern most wildernesses in the Sierra Nevada. It is located at the southern end of the Kern Plateau, about 70 miles northeast of Bakersfield.

#### Additions & Descriptions:

Approximately 32,000 acres have been added to the original Wilderness, mostly on the north and east sides. Several ecosystems here join to form unique plant and animal communities. This biological laboratory is made even more unique by virtue of its being bisected by the South Fork of the Kern River, the southernmost Golden Trout habitat in the state. Fish Creek is a tributary of the river.

The original 62,695 acres are known for their many granite domes and unique geologic formations. The semi-arid to arid country has elevations ranging from 3,000 to 9,730 feet. Vegetation is mostly mixed conifer and pinion. The South Fork of the Kern and tributary streams attract many fishermen. Some areas of the Wilderness are extremely rugged while others have a more gentle terrain.

#### Trails & Access:

Dome Land, with a total acreage of 94,695, has about 45 miles of hiking/horse trails. Trailheads on the east side are near Rock house Meadow and at the Long Valley Campground (BLM). Access is via Nine Mile Canyon Road (J41) from US Highway 395 or Chimney Peak Road via State Highway 178. West side trailheads are at Big Meadow and Taylor Meadow.

Two trails from Big Meadow can be reached from Kernville via Tulare County Road M99, Sherman Pass and Cherry Hill Roads.

Leading to Manter Meadow, the upper Big Meadow Trail is a rugged hike while the lower Big Meadow Trail follows more gentle terrain. The trail from Taylor Meadow (southeast of Big Meadow) also available from the Blackrock/Sherman Pass Road via the Dark Canyon and Woodpecker Trails.

#### Camping:

Manter Meadow is popular along with other camp sites located at Little Manter Meadow, Woodpecker Meadow, Rockhouse Basin, along the South Fork of the Kern, and in the Bartolas Country at the south end of the Wilderness. The Rockhouse Meadow area is private property.

#### Fishing & Hunting:

Fishing and hunting is permitted under State regulations.



## Campfire Permits

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

**For campfires, stoves, lanterns or barbeques 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.

**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:**

**Kern River Ranger District**  
11380 Kernville Rd.  
Kernville, CA 93238  
[760-376-3781](tel:760-376-3781)

**Blackrock Visitor Center**  
Blackrock Mt. Road  
[\(559\) 539-2607](tel:559-539-2607) ex. 276 (Summer)

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

**Inyo National Forest**  
**Mt. Whitney Ranger District**  
P.O. Box 8  
Lone Pine, CA. 93545 [\(760\) 876-6200](tel:760-876-6200)

[\(760\) 876-5542](tel:760-876-5542) (TDD)



## Drinking Water:

Visitors should not drink from creeks and springs without properly treating the water. Recommended treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes or use a filter/purifying system that eliminates Giardia and waterborne bacteria.

## Wilderness Ethic:

Minimize impact by camping at least 100' from streams and trails. Pack out what you pack in. Body waste is to be buried 6 inches deep and 200 feet from rivers and streams. Bury or pack out all toilet paper. Do not burn. Keep fires small and leave them DEAD OUT by mixing ashes with water **only**.

Do everything you can to protect water sources from contamination. Never wash directly in a water source-clothes, dishes or yourself. Carry water 100 ft. from the source before washing. Biodegradable soaps pollute.

Dispose of them like any soap, well away from water.

**PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE!**

## Wilderness Regulations:

- All mechanized vehicles and equipment, including mountain bikes, are prohibited within the Wilderness area.
- A maximum group size of 15 people and 25 head of stock per party have been adopted.
- A visitor permit is not required for entering this Wilderness, but a campfire permit is required for gas lanterns, stoves, and campfires.
- Please check with a National Forest office for current information, conditions, and regulations. Detailed road, trail, and topography maps for the Dome Land, Golden Trout and South Sierra

## Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.

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

**PACK IT IN!**

**PACK IT OUT!**