



High Sierra Ranger District

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| Wilderness Area Trailhead Name Trailhead Number | John Muir Bear Diversion J59 |
| Common Destinations | Bear Ridge on the Pacific Crest Trail, Kip Camp on Bear Creek, Marie Lake, Seldon Pass |
| Trailhead Elevation GPS, Lat/Long | 7000' 37° 21' 44.87" / -118° 59' 7.9" |
| Location | From Clovis: Take highway 168 toward Huntington Lake. At the Eastwood Visitor Station turn right on Kaiser Pass Road (80). Travel 17 miles to the "Y". Turn left toward Edison Lake (80). Travel 2.75 miles to Bear Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Route. Turn right on OHV route. Continue 3 miles to diversion dam and trailhead. |
| Road Surface | Paved to Off Highway Vehicle Route. Bear OHV Route is a 4-Wheel Drive route high clearance vehicle recommended. |
| Topographic Map | Mount Givens, Florence Lake |
| Season | June through October (snow conditions permitting) |
| Quota | Daily Advanced Reservations: 6 Daily "Walk-Ups": 4 |
| Trailhead Facilities | Limited Day use and overnight parking, bear proof food storage lockers available at the dam |
| Nearby Campgrounds | Mono Hot Springs, Mono Creek |
| Permits | Yes. Permits are required for overnight camping in wilderness areas. |
| Reservations | Yes. Wilderness permit reservations are available at www.recreation.gov . Trailhead quotas are in place year-round. For all trails, 60 percent of the trailhead quota is available through advanced reservation 6 months prior to entry date and 40 percent is available 2 weeks prior to entry date, for first come-first served. There is a \$6.00 non-refundable reservation fee and a \$5.00 per person charge for everyone included in the reservation. |
| Pack Station and Food Drop | High Sierra Pack Station Summer 559-285-7225 www.highsierrapackstations.com To book a pack trip and get a wilderness permit for a pack stock supported trip. |
| Wilderness Grazing | Pack stock grazing is permitted in most wilderness areas as weather and seasonal conditions permit. For the latest grazing regulations please contact the High Sierra Ranger Station in Prather at 559-855-5355 |
| Campfire Regulations | No fires permitted above 10,000 feet. The wilderness permit includes the campfire permit. An innovative method for building a Leave No |

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| | Trace fire is to pack a portable fire pan (a simple metal tray with rigid sides at least three inches high). Metal oil drain pans and pans from backyard barbecue grills are effective and inexpensive fire pans. Fire pans may also be purchased at outdoor sporting goods stores. A campfire permit is required for overnight camping at the trailhead. |
| Food Storage | This is bear country. It is important to use the most effective food storage methods to protect yourself and your food/refuse from unnecessary bear encounters. Two proven methods acceptable in the Sierra Nevada Wilderness Areas include the use of an approved bear canister or the counter balance methods. To learn more about protecting your food sources and bear activity in the Sierra Nevada visit http://sierrawild.gov/bears/overview . To locate trailheads with food storage lockers please visit: www.climber.org/data/BearBoxes/map.html Please Note: Adjacent National Parks require bear canisters. |
| Pets | Domestic pets are allowed in the John Muir Wilderness Area. Wilderness Visitors are responsible for their pet's actions and welfare. Pets should be leashed and under direct voice control. When camping or hiking in areas with other visitors, pets must be kept on a leash. Please Note: Adjacent National Parks do not permit pets. |
| Services | Vermilion Valley Resort – http://www.edisonlake.com/ - offers backpacking, camping and miscellaneous supplies, and Edison Lake ferry tickets |
| Additional Information | When visiting a wilderness area, remember to leave an itinerary of your trip with a close family member or friend. For information on trailhead conditions, please contact the High Sierra Ranger Station: 559-855-5355 |
| Leave No Trace | Want to learn more about minimizing your impacts to the wilderness. Visit the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org |