







High Sierra Ranger District

29688 Auberry RD
Prather, CA. 93651
(559) 855-5355

www.fs.usda.gov/sierra

Sierra National Forest
United States Department of Agriculture

Caring for the Land and Serving People

 Fleming Creek	Wilderness Area	John Muir
	Trailhead	Maxson Trailhead
 Guest Lake	Trailhead Number	J54
	Common Destinations	Hobler Lake, Fleming Lake, Rae Lake, Red Mountain and Blackcap Basin
 McGuire Lake	Trailhead Elevation	8200'
	GPS, Lat/Long	37° 4' 58.22" / -118° 57' 37.84"
 Disappointment lake	Location	From Clovis: Take Highway 168 toward Shaver Lake. Travel east on Dinkey Creek Road 12.5 miles. Turn right on McKinley Grove Road (Forest Road 11S40). Continue 14.1 miles east to Courtright Road, turn left. Travel north 7.5 miles to south end of the reservoir, travel across the spillway and continue 1.2 miles to the trailhead.
	Road Surface	Paved
	Topographic Map	Courtright Reservoir
	Season	June through October (snow conditions permitting)
	Quota	Daily Advance Reservations: 15 Daily "Walk-Ups": 10
	Trailhead Facilities	Day use and overnight parking, restrooms, bear proof food storage containers
	Nearby Campgrounds	Trapper Springs, Marmot Rock, Wee-Mee-Kut
	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	Clyde Pack Outfitters 559-298-7397 Clyde Pack Outfitters – Horseback Riding Adventures (dinkeystables.com)

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 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.
	Pack it in – Pack it out
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 https://lnt.org/