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**Sierra National Forest**  
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Wilderness Area	<b>Dinkey Wilderness</b>
Trailhead Name	<b>Willow Meadow (Also known as, Dinkey Lakes, Mystery Lake)</b>
Trailhead Number	<b>D5</b>
Common Destinations	Mystery Lake, First and Second Dinkey Lakes, Rock Lake. Dogtooth Peak, Coyote Lake
Trailhead Elevation	8,600'
GPS, Lat/Long	37° 9' 5.14" / -119° 6' 15.4"
Location	From Clovis: Take Highway 168 toward Shaver Lake. Turn east on Dinkey Creek Road. Follow to Rock Creek Road (Forest Road 9) turn left. Travel north approximately 6 miles to Road 9S10. Make a right on Forest Road 9S10 and travel approximately 5 miles to Forest Road 9S62. Turn right on Forest Road 9S62 and travel 2 miles to trailhead.
Road Surface	Dirt/Rock Road
Topographic Map	Dogtooth Peak
Season	June through October (snow conditions permitting)
Quota	Daily advance Reservations: 18, Daily "Walk-Ups: 12
Trailhead Facilities	Day use and overnight parking
Nearby Campgrounds	Dinkey Creek Campground
Permits	Yes. Permits are required for overnight camping in wilderness areas.
Reservations	Yes. Wilderness permit reservations are available at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> . 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 "walk-ups". There is a \$6.00 non-refundable reservation fee and a \$5.00 per person charge for everyone included in the reservation.
Pack Service and Food Drop	Clyde Pack Outfitters 559-298-7397 <a href="http://dinkeystables.com">Clyde Pack Outfitters – Horseback Riding Adventures (dinkeystables.com)</a>
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

	<p>pans may also be purchased at outdoor sporting goods stores. A campfire permit is required for overnight camping at the trailhead.</p>
Food Storage	<p><b>This is bear country.</b> 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 <a href="http://sierrawild.gov/bears/overview/">http://sierrawild.gov/bears/overview/</a>. To locate trailheads with food storage lockers please visit: <a href="http://www.climber.org/data/BearBoxes/map.html">www.climber.org/data/BearBoxes/map.html</a></p>
Pets	<p>Domestic pets are allowed in the Dinkey Lakes 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. <b>Please Note: Adjacent National Parks do not permit pets.</b></p>
	<p>Pack it in – Pack it out</p>
Additional Information	<p>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</p>
Leave No Trace	<p>Want to learn more about minimizing your impacts on the wilderness. Visit the Leave No Trace website at <a href="https://lnt.org/">https://lnt.org/</a></p>