



# Recreation Fees, Passes, Permits

## Eldorado National Forest

2025

- ◆ Single campsites are generally limited to 6 individuals and 2 vehicle with some exceptions.
- ◆ For facilities where **Reservations** may be made contact the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777 or [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov). Reservation fee may apply.



2025 Under Construction



\*\* Facilities owned by EID or PGE

☐ Facilities operated by USFS

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Facility (per site/night)	Overnight Fee					Other Fee	Reserve ?	District
	Single	Double	Triple	Boat ramp	Group			
Airport Flat	None						No	Pacific
Angel Creek Day Use*						10 (day use)	No	
Azalea Cove	None						No	Pacific
Bear River Group* 1 – 50 person, 3 – 25 person					145/115		Yes	Amador
Big Meadows	10	20					No	Georgetown
Big Silver Group* – 1 - 50 person					145		Yes	Pacific
Black Oak Groups* 2 – 50 person, 1 – 25 p, 1 - 75 p					135/105/ 145		Yes	Georgetown
Blue Lakes (Lower, Upper, Dam) ** (only lower Blue Lake open)	25-27							Ama-PG&E
Bridal Veil Picnic Area & Group*					105	(group = 7 vehicles) 10 (day use)	Group only	Placerville
Camino Cove							No	Pacific
Caples Lake*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Caples Lake Boat Launch**						10 (boat launch) 5 (day use/parking)		Ama-EID
Capps Crossing Group* (available as singles if not reserved by group). <b>CLOSED</b>	23	46			105	Closed Caldor Fire Damage		Placerville
China Flat*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Placerville
Dru Barner Park – per vehicle	8					3 (day use)	No	Georgetown
Fashoda*	36					(shower fee) 10 (day use)	Yes	Pacific
Gerle Creek*	36	72				10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Pacific
Harvey West Cabin - 20 people max.					105		Yes	Placerville
Hell Hole	10						No	Georgetown
Hell Hole (Upper)	None						No	Georgetown
Ice House*	36	72	108	36		10 (boat ramp, day use, dump fee)	Yes	Pacific
Jones Fork	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific
Kirkwood*	36	72				10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Lone Rock	None						No	Pacific
Loon Lake* (Has equestrian sites) #1 – 50 person, #2 – 35 person  2025 #3 - 25 person, Equestrian	28	56		28	160/ 135/ 130	Closed—construction	Yes	Pacific
Loon Lake Chalet - 20 people max  2025					100	Closed - construction	Yes	Pacific

Facility (per site/night)	Overnight Fee					Other Fee	Reserve ?	District
	Single	Double	Triple	Boatramp	Group			
Lovers Leap*	36					10 (day use)	No	Placerville
Lumberyard Picnic Area	None						No	Amador
Middle Creek**	25					(extra vehicle)		Ama -PG&E
Middle Fork Cosumnes and Annex*	30	60				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Middle Meadows Groups 1 – 50 person, 1 – 25 person					50/25		Yes	Georgetown
Mokelumne*	30						No	Amador
Moore Creek*						Stanislaus NF facility	No	Amador
Northshore*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Pacific
Northwind	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific
Pardoes Point*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Pipi*	36	72	108			10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Pleasant	None					10 (day use parking)	No	Pacific
Ponderosa Cove Group* 1 – 75 person					170		Yes	Georgetown
Pyramid Creek Trailhead*						10 (day use parking)	No	Placerville
Red Fir Group * 1 – 25 person					125		Yes	Pacific
Robbs Hut - 6 people max					65		Yes	Pacific
Sand Flat*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Placerville
Silver Creek Group* 1 – 40 person					140		Yes	Pacific
Silver Fork*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Placerville
Silver Lake East*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Silver Lake West **	30					15 (extra vehicle) 5 (pet) 25 (senior) 10 (boat launch) 5 (day use)	No	Ama-EID
Sly Guard Cabin					65		Yes	Placerville
Sly Park /Jenkinson ** (530-644-2545 or 2792 to reserve)	35-80				5 Group Areas 310-395	12 (boat launch) 15 (day use/parking) 30 (dump station)	Yes	Pvl-EID
South Fork Group 1 - 125 person					100		Yes	Pacific
South Shore*	36	72	108			5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Strawberry Point	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific
Stumpy Meadows*	36	72		36		5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Georgetown
Sugar Pine Point*	30	60				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Sunset*	36	72	108	36		5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Pacific
Van Vleck Bunkhouse - 6 people max					75		Yes	Pacific
Wench Creek* 2 - 50 person sites	36				160/160	5 (extra vehicle)	Group only	Pacific
Wentworth Springs	None						No	Pacific
West Point*	36	72			145	10 (day use)	No	Pacific
White Azalea*	30						No	Amador
Wolf Creek* Groups = 1 - 50 p, 2 - 25 p	36	72			140-170	10 (boat ramp) 5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Pacific
Woods Lake*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use, trailhead)	No	Amador
Wrights Lake & Equestrian CG.*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use, picnic, boatramp, trailhead)	Yes	Pacific
Yellowjacket*	36	72				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Pacific



### WOODCUTTING PERMITS

Woodcutting permits allow you to cut firewood for household use on National Forest land. Permits do not transfer between National Forests and expire at the end of the year.

**Cost:** \$5 per cord. Minimum 4 cords, and 12 cords maximum per household.

**Commercial Use:** If you need more than 12 cords or wish to cut and sell the wood contact the individual Ranger District.

### SNO-PARK PERMIT

Sno-Parks are snow-cleared parking lots, with sanitation facilities, that provide direct access to popular cross country ski trails, snowmobile routes, and snow play areas. This is a California Department of Parks and Recreation program.



**Season** - A day or season permit is required for each vehicle at a site from November 1 to May 30.

**Cost** - \$15.00 for a single day permit. \$40.00 for a season permit, which is valid at any Sno-Park in California and Oregon. November 1 - May 30.

**Sno-Parks on the Eldorado National Forest Locations:**

- ❖ **Echo Lake** - One mile west of Echo Summit, on the north side of Highway 50.
- ❖ **Carson Pass** - On Highway 88 at Carson Pass.
- ❖ **Meiss Meadow** - On Highway 88, 1/4 mile west of Carson Pass
- ❖ **Iron Mountain** - On Highway 88, 40 miles east of Jackson on Mormon-Emigrant Trail Road.

**To Obtain a Sno Park Permit:** Check out the vendor list or purchase a permit online at [ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1233](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1233). **NOT** available for purchase at Eldorado NF offices anymore.

### ADVENTURE MOUNTAIN, LAKE TAHOE

The Echo Summit Sno-Park on the south side of Highway 50 is not part of the state Sno-Park system. The facility is operated under special use permit. User fees are \$35.00 per vehicle and an additional entrance fee for larger vehicles such as buses, motor homes and vehicles with trailers. [adventuremountaintahoe.com](http://adventuremountaintahoe.com).

### CAMPFIRE PERMIT

Free. A campfire permit is required year-round to use wood, charcoal, or gas fires outside of a developed campground. Permits can be obtained from all offices or online at [www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/).

### MOKELUMNE WILDERNESS

Overnight permit required, no fee. Designated campsites in the Carson Pass Management Area, assigned when permit issued.



### DESOLATION WILDERNESS

- ◆ **Overnight Wilderness Permit Fee:** \$5.00 per person for one night, \$10.00 per person for two or more nights up to 14 days (non-refundable). The cost of a single permit will not exceed \$100.00. Children 12 and under are free. Interagency Senior, Access, and Annual passes do not apply.
- ◆ **Reservation Fee:** \$6.00 per party/per permit (non-refundable). National Reservation Recreation Service at: 877-444-6777.

### TRAILHEAD/DAY USE FEE

- ◆ **Concession Operated Day Use Areas:**  
**\$10/day** at Stumpy Meadows Boatramp & Picnic, Angel Creek Day Use, Gerle Creek Picnic, Loon Lake Picnic, Loon Lake Trailhead\*, Fashoda Picnic, Peninsula Boatramp (Sunset), Westpoint Boatramp and Day Use, Ice House Picnic and Day Use Expansion, Lovers Leap Day Use, Pyramid Trailhead\*, Sand Flat Day Use, Wrights Lake Picnic, Twin Lakes and Rockbound Trailheads\*, Wrights Lake Boatramp Day Use, Salt Springs Day Use, Woods Lake Picnic, Woods Lake Trailhead, Kirkwood Day Use, and Pipi Picnic.
- ◆ **Forest Service Operated Day Use Areas with a fee:**  
**\$5/day** at Eagle Falls\*, Carson Pass, Carson Overflow, Meiss Trailheads, and **\$3/vehicle** at Dru Barber Day Use.



\*Note: This fee is waived for Desolation Wilderness overnight permit holders at Eagle Falls and Pyramid Creek, Bayview, Rockbound and Twin Lakes parking areas only. Be sure to obtain your waiver which exempts you from this fee when you obtain your wilderness permit.

## INTERAGENCY SENIOR, ACCESS, AND ANNUAL PASSES

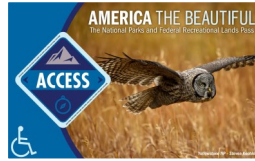
The National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program is a federal interagency recreation pass program. Existing valid golden passes will continue to be honored. Passports can be obtained in-person at any Forest Service, National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife, or Bureau of Land Management offices or online at [store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes](https://store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes).



### ANNUAL PASS

- ◆ **Time Period** - 12 months from month of purchase.
- ◆ **Cost** - \$80

The pass is available for purchase by any individual. It is honored by sites that charge entrance and standard amenity fees. Annual passes are valid for entrance only, and receive no other discounts.



### ACCESS PASS

- ◆ **Time Period** - Lifetime pass
- ◆ **Cost** - No Charge

This pass is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have been **medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled** and as a result, are eligible to receive benefits under federal law. A permanent disability is a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more of the person's manner of life activities.



### SENIOR PASS

#### Two Pass Options:

1. **Annual Senior Pass** - \$20 for 12 months from month of purchase.
2. **Lifetime Senior Pass** - \$80

This pass is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years of age or older.



### VOLUNTEER ANNUAL PASS

- ◆ **Time Period** - 12 months from month of issue.
- ◆ **Cost** - No Charge

This pass is available for individuals who accrue 250 hours for any agency-sponsored volunteer activity.

Work with your local forest volunteer coordinator to ensure your volunteer hours are tracked and recorded. Only one pass may be issued per year to an individual. Once a pass is awarded, volunteer hours are set back to zero.

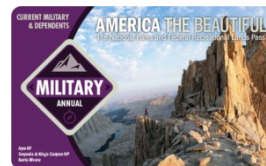
### WHICH FEES ON THE ELDERADO?

**Annual passes** provide free parking with a displayed pass to:

- ◆ Carson Pass Trailhead
  - ◆ Meiss Trailhead
  - ◆ Dru Barber Day Use.
- (Annual Pass does not apply to concession operated facilities)*

**Lifetime passes** in addition to the benefits provided by the Annual pass, the Senior and Access passes gives a 50% discount at family campgrounds.

*(Pass does not apply to group, double sites, rental cabins, or wilderness permits.)*



### U.S. MILITARY PASS

For current U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, Space Force, Reserve and National Guard members. Must be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site by showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173).

#### Two Pass Options:

1. **Annual Military Pass** - Free. Valid for 12 months from month of purchase.
2. **Lifetime Military Pass** - Free. For Gold Star Families with a valid Gold Star Family Voucher. US military veterans with a valid, veteran ID.

Each pass covers entrance fees at lands managed by the National Park Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service and also standard amenity fees (day use fees) at lands managed by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Army Corps of Engineers. / A pass covers the pass owner and all occupants in a personal vehicle at sites that charge per vehicle or, the pass owner and up to three additional adults (16 and over) at sites that charge per person. / Children ages 15 or under are admitted free. / **Standard Amenity Fee:** sites that have a combination of basic amenities – picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security. / **Expanded Amenity Fee:** Provides specialized facilities and services. Examples include: (i.e. camping, boating, tours, recreation rentals). / Senior and Access passes are honored under terms of the Eldorado NF Concession permit.