

Dispersed Camping

Sequoia National Forest

Giant Sequoia National Monument

Hume Lake Ranger District

What is dispersed camping?

Dispersed camping has no restrooms, drinking water or trash service and aren't "maintained." Most campsites are usually found next to the road only with- in the National Forest. This type of camping can also be called "car camping". Dispersed camping is free. The only fee required is at the entrance of Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks.

Where is dispersed camping prohibited?

The three areas **CLOSED** to dispersed camping are the Hume Lake Recreation Area, Stony Creek Recreation Area and along Hwy 180 from the Hume Lake turnoff to the end of Hwy 180 East. Other prohibited areas include campgrounds, trailheads, and picnic areas. *Be certain that you are within the boundaries of the National Forest before setting up camp.* The National Parks do NOT allow dispersed camping. See map on reverse.

May I park my vehicle in my campsite?

You may park your vehicle parallel and near the road. Do not block the road or gates. Park only in designated or already impacted places.

DO NOT DRIVE OFF ROADS



Follow "Leave No Trace" Camping

Plan ahead - bring water and other necessities

Respect wildlife - store food and don't approach

What you find stays behind - leave the forest as you found it

Travel and camp on durable surfaces -

avoid meadows and sensitive areas, drive on roads only

Dispose of waste properly - take trash with you and bury human waste

Be considerate of others - loud noise & uncontrolled pets distract from nature

Minimize fire impacts - check local fire danger, use existing fire rings

Campfire Permits Required

Obtain your free fire permit by going to:

1. permit.preventwildfiresCA.org
2. A local Forest Service Office
3. Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

Always stay with your fire and always completely extinguish. Keep it small and clear away debris.

Water

Camp at least 100 ft. (31 m) from any water source. Bottled water is sold in village areas.

Food Storage

You are in an active bear area. Store your food and scented items by locking it in a bear-proof container. If containers are not available store food in the trunk of your vehicle. If you must store food inside the cab of your car, completely close all the windows and cover all scented items with a blanket so bears can't see what's inside.



Camp on durable surfaces



Bury human waste 6" deep

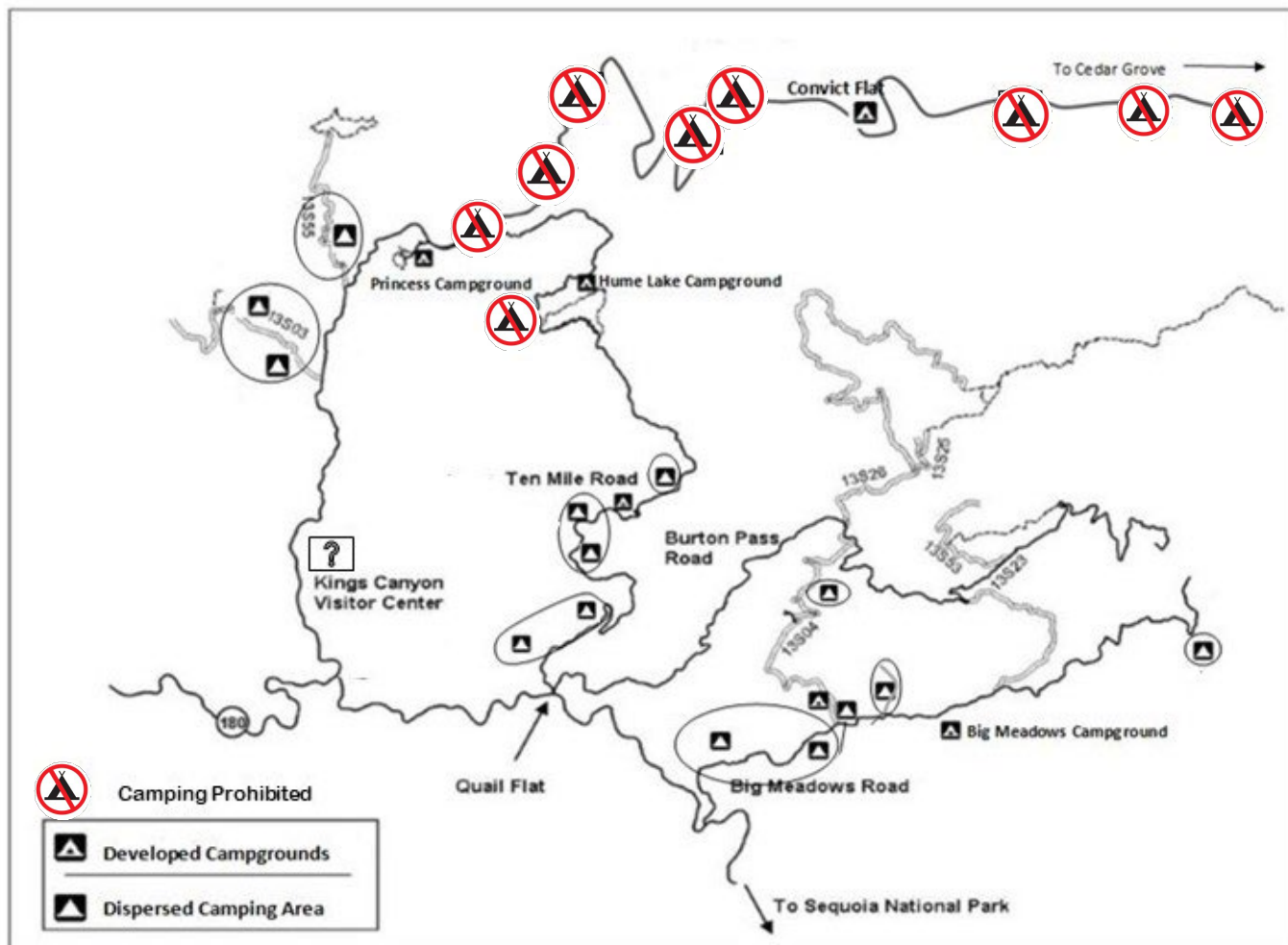


Get a Fire permit for any open flame



Store food & respect wildlife





There are many places to camp along forest roads that are not displayed on the map and can be found along Forest Service roads.

Remember...

- **DO NOT DRIVE OFF OF DESIGNATED ROADS** – obey road signs and respect road closures.
- Park one car width adjacent to roadway. Do not block roadway.
- Dispersed camping is not permitted near developed campgrounds
- Try to camp at established sites. Destroy fire rings after fires are properly extinguished.
- Properly store all food, scented items, and trash in food lockers, if not available, then in vehicle's trunk.
- Be fire safe and know the regulations for a campfire. You will need a campfire permit.
- Practice *Leave No Trace* ethics and PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. There are no trash services, so what you bring leaves with you. **LEAVE THE FOREST BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.**



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