



## High Sierra Ranger District

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Wilderness Area	<b>Ansel Adams</b>
Trailhead Name	<b>Mono Hot Springs</b>
Trailhead Number	<b>A33</b>
Common Destinations	Doris Lake, Tule Lake, Mono Meadow
Trailhead Elevation	6600'
GPS, Lat/Long	37 19 53.182 / -119 1 11.781
Location	From Clovis: Take highway 168 toward Huntington Lake. At the Eastwood Visitor Station turn right on Kaiser Pass Road (Forest Road 80). Travel 17 miles to the "Y". Left toward Edison Lake (Forest Road 80) approx. 1.5 miles to Mono Hot Springs Resort. Turn left into the resort. Go past the resort and turn right before the campground. Follow road 0.3 miles to the trailhead.
Road Surface	Paved, the last 0.3 miles before trailhead require high clearance vehicle
Topographic Map	Mt. Givens
Season	June through October (snow conditions permitting)
Quota	Daily Advance Reservation: 6 Daily "Walk-Ups": 4
Trailhead Facilities	Day use and overnight parking
Nearby Campgrounds	Mono Hot springs, Bolsillo, Portal Forebay
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 charge for everyone included in the reservation.
Pack Station and Food Drop	High Sierra Pack Station 559.285.7225 <a href="http://www.highsierrapackstations.com">www.highsierrapackstations.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 pans may also be purchased at outdoor sporting goods stores. A campfire permit is required for overnight camping at the trailhead.

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> <p><b>Please Note: Adjacent National Parks require bear canisters.</b></p>
Pets	<p>Domestic pets are allowed in the Ansel Adams 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.</p> <p><b>Please Note: Adjacent National Parks do not permit pets.</b></p>
Services	<p>Vermilion Valley Resort – <a href="http://www.edisonlake.com">www.edisonlake.com</a> - offers backpacking, camping and miscellaneous supplies, and Edison Lake ferry tickets</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 to the wilderness. Visit the Leave No Trace website at <a href="http://www.lnt.org">www.lnt.org</a></p>