



Bass Lake Ranger District
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Wilderness Area	Ansel Adams
Trailhead Name	Hell's Half Acre
Trailhead Number	A51
Common Destinations	French Trail, South Fork of San Joaquin River
Trailhead Elevation	6200'
GPS, Lat/Long	37 25 57.729 / -119 16 44.224
Location	From Fresno: This Trailhead is along the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, Forest 81. Take Hwy 41 north to Road 200. Turn right and travel east to North Fork. Continue through North Fork on Minarets Road (Forest Road 81) for 37 miles to Mammoth Pool Road. The trailhead is seven and a half miles north of the turnoff for Mammoth Pool Reservoir on road 6S19.
Road Surface	Paved
Topographic Map	Piyua Dome, Balloon Dome
Season	June through October (snow conditions permitting)
Quota	Daily Advance Reservations: 6 Daily "Walk-Ups": 4
Trailhead Facilities	Day use and overnight parking
Nearby Campgrounds	Little Jackass, Placer, Soda Springs
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	Minarets Pack Station 559.304.0251 www.highsierrapackstations.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 counterbalance methods. To learn more about protecting your food sources and bear activity in the Sierra Nevada visit: www.sierrawild.gov. To locate trailheads with food storage lockers please visit: www.climber.org/data/BearBoxes.html Note: Adjacent National Parks require bear canisters.
Pets	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. Please Note: Adjacent National Parks do not permit pets.
Services	Wagner's Resort offers camping and fishing supplies, groceries, and pay phones. Firewood is sold at campground.
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 Bass Lake Ranger Station 559.877.2218
Leave No Trace	Want to learn more about minimizing your impact on the wilderness. Visit the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org



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