

# Recreation Report

## USDA Forest Service

### Sierra National Forest

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**Bass Lake Ranger District**  
57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA. 93643

**November 19, 2021**  
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**WEATHER: KNOW BEFORE YOU GO** when traveling in National Forests. Plan ahead and know your escape routes. Expect the UNEXPECTED. **Be prepared for any type of weather**, especially in high elevations. Carry a shovel, blankets, flashlights, extra food, clothing, and water for emergencies. Let someone know your itinerary and your expected return. For 24-hour access to Forest Service information: [www.fs.usda.gov/sierra](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra); and for State road conditions: California Department of Transportation, **1-800-427-7623** or [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov). Weather events continue to make hazardous dead trees fall without notice. Some areas are without cellphone coverage. Obtain a forest map from most visitor centers or Forest Service websites as GPS may not receive a signal.

**Current Forest Order for Recreation Site, Roads & Trail Closures: See #05-15-00-21-23 expires 12/15/21 and is located on Sierra National Forest website... [www.fs.usda.gov/sierra](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra).**

**Dispersed Camping** is allowed in the National Forest year-round. **Remember: “pack it in and pack it out.”** Be respectful of private property boundaries and other visitors. The Sierra National Forest map is an excellent source to recognize these properties. A **California Campfire Permit** is required if having a campfire or camp stove in a dispersed area. These permits are free and issued at Forest Service offices. **Know what the Fire Restrictions are before making your campfire.** You may also obtain a **California Campfire Permit** by visiting [www.preventwildfireca.org/permits](http://www.preventwildfireca.org/permits). Camp 100 feet from water sources, pack out your trash, bury your human waste **but not tissue** at least 200 ft. from water sources, camps, and trails, **and do not block roadways or park, camp, or drive in meadows.**

**Firewood-Cutting: personal-use firewood effective April 1<sup>st</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.** Information can be found on our website ([www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/woodcutting](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/woodcutting)). All chainsaws must have approved spark arrestors in addition to the operator must be in possession of a shovel in good condition.

**Wilderness:** Visitors are now able to make wilderness permit reservations by using the website [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov). Visit our website for wilderness reservation information at [www.fs.usda.gov/sierra](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra). Wilderness permits are required for any overnight stay in wilderness areas.  
**ALL TRAILS ON THE FOREST ARE ‘LEAVE NO TRACE’ & IF YOU PACK IN-PACK OUT!**

**BEAR SEASON WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>. WEAR BRIGHT VISIBLE CLOTHING.**

**Bass Lake Recreation Area:** Reservations can be made via the National Recreation System. Call toll-free at **1-877-444-6777**, TDD **1-877-833-6777** or online at: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Forest Service fee campgrounds are administrated under a special use permit by **California Land Management: 559-642-3212.** (prices subject to change in the spring)

Notes: R = Reservable, P = Parking, \* = Operated by California Land Management

Campground	Status	Sites	H2O	Toilet	Trailer	Fees	Fish Hike Swim	Elev.	Comments
Big Sandy	Closed	18		vault	30'	\$	F, H	5800'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Bowler/ Group Bear Boxes	Closed	12		vault	30'	\$0	H	7000'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Chilkoot*	Closed	14		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	4600'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23
China Bar	Closed	6		vault		\$0	F, H, S	3300'	F.O. #: 05-15-00-21-23
Clover Meadow Bear Boxes	Open	7	X	vault	20'	\$0	H	7000'	NO SERVICE-PACK OUT GARBAGE
Crane Valley* Group/ Bear Box	Closed	7		vault	30'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Denver* Church picnic	Closed	28	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake/ End of Season
Dirt Flat* Bear Boxes	Closed	5	X	vault		\$ R	F, H, S	1600'	Check Status on Recreation.gov
Dry Gulch* Bear Boxes	Closed	4	X	vault		\$ R	F, H, S	1600'	Check Status on Recreation.gov
Falls Beach* Picnic	Closed	6	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	North shore of Bass Lake End of Season
Fish Creek*	Closed	7		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	4600'	F.O.# 05-15-00-21-23
Forks*	Closed	31	X	flush	40'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Fresno Dome*	Closed	15		vault	20'	\$	F, H	6400'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23
Gaggs Camp*	Closed	12		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5700'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Granite Creek Bear Boxes	Closed	14		vault	20'	\$0	F, H	7000'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Greys Mtn.*	Closed	26		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5400'	End of Season
Indian Flat Picnic	Closed			vault		\$ P	F, H, S	1500'	No Service
Jerseydale	Closed	10	X	vault		\$0	H	3600'	F.O.# 05-15-00-21-23
Kelty Mdw* Bear Boxes	Closed	11		vault	20'	\$ R	H	5800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23
Lakeside* Picnic	Open	5	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Little Denver Church* Picnic	Open	7	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Little Jackass	Closed	5		vault	28'	\$0	H	4800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-22
Lone Sequoia Trailhead	Open	5		vault	40'	\$0	F, H, S	3800'	NO SERVICE/PAK-OUT GARBAGE
Lower Chiquito*	Closed	7		vault	25'	\$	F, H	4900'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
Lupine-Cedar*	Open	113	X	flush	40'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake/No Outside Wood
Mammoth Pool*	Closed	47	X	vault	30'	\$ R	F, H	3600'	F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23
McClendon Beach Picnic	Closed			vault		\$0	F	1500'	No Service
Mile High Vista* Picnic	Open			vault		\$0		5300'	Pack It In-Pack It Out
Nelder Grove*	Closed	7		vault	28'	\$0	H	5500'	F.O. #: 05-15-00-21-23
Pine Point Picnic	Open	9	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake

Pine Slope* <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Closed</b>	6	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake/ End of Season
Placer*	<b>Closed</b>	8		vault	30'	\$	F, H	4100'	<b>F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23</b>
Recreation Pt.* <i>Group</i>	<b>Open</b>	7	X	flush	No	\$ P	F, S	3500'	<b>Bass Lake/No Service/ Pak-Out Garbage</b>
Redinger Lake	<b>Open</b>	5		vault	25'	\$0	F, H	1400'	<b>Pack In-Pack Out/ NO FIRE</b>
Red Bud* <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Closed</b>	5		vault		\$ P	F	1500'	<b>No Service</b>
Rock Creek*	<b>Closed</b>	18	X	vault	30'	\$ R	F, H	4300'	<b>F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23</b>
Rocky Pt.* <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Closed</b>	8	X	vault		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	<b>Bass Lake/ End of Season</b>
Soda Springs*	<b>Closed</b>	18		vault	20'	\$	F, H	4300'	<b>F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23</b>
Soquel*	<b>Closed</b>	11		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	5400'	<b>End of Season</b>
Spring Cove*	<b>Closed</b>	63	X	flush	30'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	<b>Bass Lake/End of Season</b>
Summerdale*	<b>Closed</b>	30	X	vault	40'	\$ R	F, H	5000'	<b>Hwy 41/ End of Season</b>
Sweetwater*	<b>Closed</b>	7		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	3800'	<b>F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23</b>
Texas Flat* <i>Group</i>	<b>Closed</b>	4		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	5400'	<b>F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23</b>
Upper Chiquito*	<b>Open</b>	20		vault	24'	\$0	F, H	6800'	<b>High clearance 4x4 wheel</b>
Westfall * <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Closed</b>	4		vault		\$0		4500'	<b>Hwy 41/ Pack In-Pack Out</b>
Whiskers*	<b>Closed</b>	8		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5300'	<b>F.O.#:05-15-00-21-23</b>
Whisky Falls	<b>Closed</b>	14		vault	24'	\$0	F, H	5800'	<b>F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23</b>
Willow Cove <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Open</b>	3		none		\$ P	F, S	3500'	<b>CLOSES 12/1</b>
Windy Point * <i>Picnic</i>	<b>Open</b>	0		none		0		3300'	<b>NO SERVICE/PAK OUT GARBAGE/</b>
Wishon Boat* <b>(launch)</b>	<b>Open Year Round</b>	47	X	flush	30'	\$ P	F, S	3400'	<b>Bass Lake/ Boat &amp; trailer parking</b>
Wishon Point	<b>Closed</b>	31	X	flush	30'	\$ R	F, S	3400'	<b>Bass Lake/End of Season</b>

### Roads: FR = Forest Route

Status	Roads	Comments
Open	Beasore (FR 5S07)	<b>Upper Chiquito Bridge Repair/Norris Crk Bridge Out/ Use Grizzly Road (6S01) to 4S81</b>
Open	Road (FR 6S10x)	<b>Watch for hazards</b>
Open	Central Camp Road (FR 6S42)	<b>Watch for hazards/Gate Closure: 12/1</b>
Open	Minarets Road (FR FS81)	<b>Watch for hazards/ Gate Closure: 12/1</b>
Open	Grizzly Road (FR 6S01) to (6S71)	<b>Caution: Single lane/ Gate Closure: 12/1</b>
Open	Peckinpah Road (FR 8S09)	<b>Watch for Timber Sale equipment/Gate Closure: 12/1</b>
Open	Whisky Falls Road (FR 8S70)	<b>Bumpy but clear</b>
Open	Sky Ranch Road (FR 6S10)	<b>Watch for hazards</b>
Open	Raymond Rd/Goat Meadow (Hwy 41)	<b>No garbage service-Pack It In-Pack It Out/ Gate closure: 12/1</b>
Open	Jerseydale (FR 5S24) & (FR 5S25)	<b>Sweetwater Open/ Clear</b>
Open	Summit Road(5S09)	<b>Clear</b>

**Off Highway Vehicle Routes:** Refer to Motor Vehicle Use Maps for designated trails open for use. These maps are available at all Forest Services offices. All OHV routes are "Tread Lightly" trails - stay on designated routes, **pack home** what you **pack in**, follow State & Federal OHV rules; spark arrestors, safety equipment, **Green Stickers** required. **Red Sticker vehicles may be operated only October 1 to May 31.**

Status	OHV Routes	Comments
<b>Closed</b>	Hite Cove 4x4 (19E200)	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23
<b>Open</b>	Miami Motorcycle Area	Follow MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map)
<b>Open</b>	Iron Lake Route	Green Sticker/ 4x4 vehicle
<b>Open</b>	Star Lake Route	4x4 high clearance vehicle/Green Sticker
<b>Open</b>	Red Top Route	Cleared of downed trees
<b>Open</b>	Green/Cattle Mtn. Routes	Cleared of downed trees
<b>Open</b>	Shuteye Peak Route	Watch for hazards

**Hiking Trails:** All trails in the district are "Leave No Trace"- stay on trails, don't cut switchbacks, and pack out your trash. Use caution on the trails with regards to wildlife, including deer, mountain lions, bears, and snakes. Watch for Poison Oak.

Status	Trail	Comments
<b>Open</b>	Fresno Dome	Watch for hazard trees
<b>Open</b>	Goat Mtn. Lookout	Watch for hazards
<b>Open</b>	Hite Cove Hiking	Private property first ¾ mile accessing from Hwy 140 @ South Fork
<b>Open</b>	Lewis Creek National Recreation Trail	Along Hwy 41
<b>Closed</b>	Nelder Grove Trails	F.O.#: 05-15-00-21-23
<b>Closed</b>	Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail	F.O. #:05-15-00-21-23
<b>Open</b>	Savage Lundy Hiking	
<b>Open</b>	Way-of-the-Mono Interpretive Trail	On Bass Lake
<b>Open</b>	Willow Creek	Experienced hikers

**Bears:** Save a bear's life; keep a clean vehicle and camp. Proper food storage is required. Never approach a bear. Approved bear canisters required in Yosemite National Park. **Bear Boxes are available at Quartz Mt., Fernandez, Isberg, Trailheads; the Clover Meadow Office & Campgrounds; Dry Gulch, and Dirt Flat; also Iron Lake 4x4 routes.**

**Fishing:** Streams and rivers open on the last Saturday in April through November 15. For more information, Call California State Department of Fish and Game 559-243-4005.

**Hunting Reminder: Non-lead Ammunition Only.** Further Info: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/nonlead-ammunition](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/nonlead-ammunition)

## Forest Service Offices

**Bass Lake Ranger District Office**  
57003 Road 225, North fork, CA 93643

**559-877-2218**  
Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.  
After hour information available on the phone message.

**Bass Lake R.D./Oakhurst Office**  
40343 Highway 41  
Oakhurst, CA. 93644

**CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

