

Recreation Report

USDA Forest Service

Sierra National Forest



Bass Lake Ranger District
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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; and for State road conditions: California Department of Transportation, **1-800-427-7623** or 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. Areas where snow, follow CalTrans' Chain Requirements: **R1**= Chains or snow tread tires required on all vehicles. **Snow tires must have tread depth of 6/32"** with "M&S" on tire's sidewall. **R2**= Chains or traction devices required on all vehicles except 4x4 wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles w/snow tires on all four wheels; **R3**= Chains/traction devices on all vehicles...**no exceptions**.

Current Forest Order for Recreation Site, Roads & Trail Closures: See #05-15-00-22-05 expires 05/27/22 and is located on Sierra National Forest website... 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. 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 1st-November 30th 2022.

Information can be found on our website (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.

Mammoth Pool Reservoir Closure Order: 05-15-51-22-06...Annual Deer Migration. CLOSED MAY 1, 2022 THRU JUNE 15, 2022. Fishing along the shoreline will now be allowed [Title 14, CCR Sec.7.50(b)(86)].

Wilderness: Wilderness permit reservations are now made through the website Recreation.gov. Visit our website for wilderness reservation information at www.fs.usda.gov/sierra. Wilderness permits are required for any overnight stay in wilderness areas.

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. Forest Service fee campgrounds administrated under a special use permit by California Land Management: **559-642-3212**. (prices subject to change in the spring) **SEE FOREST ORDER #: 05-15-00-22-04-Food & Refuse Storage.**

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

Campground	Status	Sites	H20	Toilet	Trailer	Fees	Fish Hike Swim	Elev.	Comments
Big Sandy	Closed	18		vault	30'	\$	F, H	5800'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Bowler/ Group Bear Boxes	Closed	12		vault	30'	\$0	H	7000'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Chilkoot*	Closed	14		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	4600'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
China Bar	Closed	6		vault		\$0	F, H, S	3300'	F.O. #: 05-15-00-22-05
Clover Meadow Bear Boxes	Closed	7	X	vault	20'	\$0	H	7000'	Snow
Crane Valley* Group/ Bear Box	Closed	7		vault	30'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Denver* <i>Church picnic</i>	Open	28	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Dirt Flat* Bear Boxes	Open	5	X	vault		\$ R	F, H, S	1600'	Along Hwy 140/Merced River
Dry Gulch* Bear Boxes	Open	4	X	vault		\$ R	F, H, S	1600'	Along Hwy 140/Merced River
Falls Beach* <i>Picnic</i>	Open	6	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	North shore of Bass Lake
Fish Creek*	Closed	7		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	4600'	F.O.# 05-15-00-22-05
Forks*	OPEN	31	X	flush	40'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Fresno Dome*	Closed	15		vault	20'	\$	F, H	6400'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Gaggs Camp*	Closed	12		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5700'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Granite Creek Bear Boxes	Closed	14		vault	20'	\$0	F, H	7000'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Greys Mtn.*	Closed	26		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5400'	End of Season
Indian Flat <i>Picnic</i>	Open			vault		\$ P	F, H, S	1500'	Pack Out Trash
Jerseydale	Closed	10	X	vault		\$0	H	3600'	F.O.# 05-15-00-22-05
Kelty Mdw* Bear Boxes	Closed	11		vault	20'	\$ R	H	5800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Lakeside* <i>Picnic</i>	Open	5	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Little Denver <i>Church*</i> <i>Picnic</i>	Open	7	X	flush		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Little Jackass	Closed	5		vault	28'	\$0	H	4800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Lone Sequoia <i>Trailhead</i>	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.#:05-15-00-22-05
Lupine-Cedar*	Open	113	X	flush	40'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Mammoth Pool*	Closed	47	X	vault	30'	\$ R	F, H	3600'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
McClendon Beach <i>Picnic</i>	Open			vault		\$0	F	1500'	No Camping/No Fires
Mile High Vista* <i>Picnic</i>	Open			vault		\$0		5300'	Pack It In-Pack It Out
Nelder Grove*	Closed	7		vault	28'	\$0	H	5500'	F.O. #: 05-15-00-22-05
Pine Point <i>Picnic</i>	Open	9	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake

Pine Slope* <i>Picnic</i>	Open	6	X	flush		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Placer*	Closed	8		vault	30'	\$	F, H	4100'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Recreation Pt.* <i>Group</i>	Open	7	X	flush	No	\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Redinger Lake	Open	5		vault	25'	\$0	F, H	1400'	Pack In-Pack Out/ NO FIRE
Red Bud* <i>Picnic</i>	Open	5		vault		\$ P	F	1500'	Pack Out Trash
Rock Creek*	Closed	18	X	vault	30'	\$ R	F, H	4300'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Rocky Pt.* <i>Picnic</i>	Open	8	X	vault		\$ P	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake/ PG&E
Soda Springs*	Closed	18		vault	20'	\$	F, H	4300'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Soquel*	Closed	11		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	5400'	End of Season /Snow
Spring Cove*	Open	63	X	flush	30'	\$ R	F, H, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Summerdale*	Closed	30	X	vault	40'	\$ R	F, H	5000'	Hwy 41/ End of Season
Sweetwater*	Closed	7		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	3800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Texas Flat* <i>Group</i>	Closed	4		vault	20'	\$ R	F, H	5400'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Upper Chiquito*	Inaccessible	20		vault	24'	\$0	F, H	6800'	Snow
Westfall * <i>Picnic</i>	Closed	4		vault		\$0		4500'	Hwy 41/ Pack In-Pack Out
Whiskers*	Closed	8		vault	20'	\$	F, H	5300'	F.O.#:05-15-00-22-05
Whisky Falls	Closed	14		vault	24'	\$0	F, H	5800'	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Willow Cove <i>Picnic</i>	Open	3		none		\$ P	F, S	3500'	Bass Lake
Windy Point * <i>Picnic</i>	Open	0		none		0		3300'	Accessible only by foot/Mammoth Pools/ Gate Closed/ Forest Order
Wishon Boat* (launch)	Open Year Round	47	X	flush	30'	\$ P	F, S	3400'	Bass Lake/ Boat & trailer parking
Wishon Point	Open	31	X	flush	30'	\$ R	F, S	3400'	Bass Lake

Roads: FR = Forest Route

Status	Roads	Comments
Open	Beasore (FR 5S07)	Inaccessible due to snow @ 7 miles in./ 3-4 ft. snow@Summit
Open	Road (FR 6S10x)	snow/hazards/ 4x4 wheel drive only
Open	Central Camp Road (FR 6S42)	Not open thru to Beasore?
Open	Minarets Road (FR FS81)	Accessible to Jackass Organizational Camp
Open	Grizzly Road (FR 6S01) to (6S71)	Snow hazards/drifts/one lane road
Open	Peckinpa Road (FR 8S09)	Leave No Trace
Open	Whisky Falls Road (FR 8S70)	Watch for hazards
Open	Sky Ranch Road (FR 6S10)	Inaccessible some areas/ Do not cause resource damage
Open	Raymond Rd/Goat Meadow (Hwy 41)	Pack It In-Pack It Out
Open	Jerseydale (FR 5S24) & (FR 5S25)	Inaccessible some areas/ 4x4 wheel drive only
Open	Summit Road(5S09)	Inaccessible some areas/ 4x4 wheel drive only

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
Closed	Hite Cove 4x4 (19E200)	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Open	Miami Motorcycle Area	Follow MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map)
Inaccessible	Iron Lake Route	Snow
Inaccessible	Star Lake Route	Snow
Inaccessible	Red Top Route	Snow
Inaccessible	Green/Cattle Mtn. Routes	Snow
Inaccessible	Shuteye Peak Route	Snow

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
Open	Fresno Dome	Snow
Open	Goat Mtn. Lookout	Watch for hazards
Open	Hite Cove Hiking	Private property first ¾ mile accessing from Hwy 140 @ South Fork
Open	Lewis Creek National Recreation Trail	Along Hwy 41
Closed	Nelder Grove Trails	F.O.#: 05-15-00-22-05
Closed	Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail	F.O. #:05-15-00-22-05
Open	Savage Lundy Hiking	Caution: watch for hazards
Open	Way-of-the-Mono Interpretive Trail	On Bass Lake
Open	Willow Creek	Registration, parking fees and limited time of use signed.

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; 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

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

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