

# Recreation Fees, Passes, Permits

## **Eldorado National Forest**

2025

- Single campsites are generally limited to 6 individuals and 2 vehicle with some exceptions.
- ◆ For facilities where **Reservations** may be made contact the National Recreation Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777 or <a href="https://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a>. Reservation fee may apply.

Facilities operated by USFS   * USFS Facilities operated by Royal Elk Park Management   ** Facilities owned by EID or PGE												
Facility	Overnight Fee				1	Other Fee	Reserve	District				
(per site/night)	Single	Double	Triple	Boatramp	Group		?					
Airport Flat	None						No	Pacific				
Angel Creek Day Use*						10 (day use)	No					
Azalea Cove	None						No	Pacific				
Bear River Group* 1 – 50 person, 3 – 25 person					145/115		Yes	Amador				
Big Meadows	10	20					No	Georgetown				
Big Silver Group* - 1 - 50 person					145		Yes	Pacific				
<b>Black Oak Groups*</b> 2 – 50 person, 1 – 25 p, 1 - 75 p					135/105/ 145		Yes	Georgetown				
<b>Blue Lakes (</b> Lower, Upper, Dam) ** (only lower Blue Lake open)	25-27							Ama-PG&E				
Bridal Veil Picnic Area & Group*					105	(group = 7 vehicles) 10 (day use)	Group only	Placerville				
Camino Cove 2023						Closed - construction	No	Pacific				
Caples Lake*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador				
Caples Lake Boat Launch**						10 (boat launch) 5 (day use/parking)		Ama-EID				
Capps Crossing Group* (available as singles if not reserved by group). CLOSED	23	46			105	Closed Caldor Fire Damage		Placerville				
China Flat*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Placerville				
Dru Barner Park – per vehicle	8					3 (day use)	No	Georgetown				
Fashoda*	28					(shower fee) 10 (day use)	Yes	Pacific				
Gerle Creek*	28	56				10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Pacific				
Harvey West Cabin - 20 people max.					105		Yes	Placerville				
Hell Hole CLOSED	10					Closed - hazard trees	No	Georgetown				
Hell Hole (Upper)	None						No	Georgetown				
Ice House*	28	56		28		Closed - construction	Yes	Pacific				
Jones Fork	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific				
Kirkwood*	28	56				10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador				
Lone Rock	None						No	Pacific				
Loon Lake* (Has equestrian sites) #1 – 50 person, #2 – 35 person #3 - 25 person, Equestrian	28	56		28	160/ 135/ 130	5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use, boatramp) 10 (dump station)	Yes	Pacific				
Loon Lake Chalet - 20 people max	023				100	Closed - construction	Yes	Pacific				

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(per site/night)	Single	Double	Triple	Boatramp	Group	Other Fee	?	District
Lovers Leap*	28					10 (day use)	No	Placerville
Lumberyard Picnic Area	None					10 (day dae)	No	Amador
						(ovtra vahiala)	140	
Middle Creek**	25					(extra vehicle)		Ama -PG&E
Middle Fork Cosumnes and Annex*	25	50				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Middle Meadows Groups 1 – 50 person, 1 – 25 person					50/25		Yes	Georgetown
Mokelumne*	25						No	Amador
Moore Creek*						Stanislaus NF facility	No	Amador
Northshore*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Pacific
Northwind	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific
Pardoes Point*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Pipi*	28	56	72			10 (day use) 5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Pleasant	None					10 (day use parking)	No	Pacific
<b>Ponderosa Cove Group*</b> 1 – 75 person					170		Yes	Georgetown
Pyramid Creek Trailhead*						10 (day use parking)	No	Placerville
Red Fir Group * 1 – 25 person					125		Yes	Pacific
Robbs Hut - 6 people max					65		Yes	Pacific
Sand Flat*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use)	No	Placerville
Silver Creek Group* 1 – 40 person					140		Yes	Pacific
Silver Fork	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Placerville
Silver Lake East*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Silver Lake West **	30					15 (extra vehicle) 5 (pet) 25 (senior) 10 (boat launch) 5 (day use)	No	Ama-EID
Sly Guard Cabin					65		Yes	Placerville
Sly Park /Jenkinson ** (530-644-2545 or 2792 to reserve)	35-80				Areas	12 (boat launch) 15 (day use/parking) 30 (dump station)	Yes	Pvl-EID
South Fork Group 1 - 125 person					100	or (aamp cramen)	Yes	Pacific
South Shore*	28	56	84			5 (extra vehicle)	Yes	Amador
Strawberry Point	10					5 (extra vehicle)	No	Pacific
Stumpy Meadows*	28	56		28		5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Georgetown
Sugar Pine Point*	25	50				5 (extra vehicle)	No	Amador
Sunset*	28	56		28		5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Pacific
Van Vleck Bunkhouse - 6 people max					75	, , , , , ,	Yes	Pacific
Wench Creek* 2 - 50 person sites	28				160/160	5 (extra vehicle)	Group only	Pacific
Wentworth Springs	None						No	Pacific
West Point*	25					10 (day use)	No	Pacific
White Azalea*	25						No	Amador
<b>Wolf Creek*</b> Groups = 1 - 50 p, 2 - 25 p	28	56				Group sites closed	Yes	Pacific
Woods Lake*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use, trailhead)	No	Amador
Wrights Lake & Equestrian CG.*	28	56				5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day use, picnic, boatramp, trailhead)	Yes	Pacific
Yellowjacket*	28					5 (extra vehicle) 10 (day parking boatramp) 10 (dump fee)	Yes	Pacific



## **WOODCUTTING PERMITS**

Woodcutting permits allow you to cut firewood for household use on National Forest land. Permits do not transfer between National Forests and expire at the end of the year.

**Cost:** \$5 per cord. Minimum 4 cords, and 12 cords maximum per household.

**Commercial Use:** If you need more than 12 cords or wish to cut and sell the wood contact the individual Ranger District.

#### **SNO-PARK PERMIT**

Sno-Parks are snow-cleared parking lots, with sanitation facilities, that provide direct access to popular cross country ski trails, snowmobile routes, and snow play areas. This is a California Department of Parks and Recreation program.

**Season** - A day or season permit is required for each vehicle at a site from November 1 to May 30

**Cost** - \$15.00 for a single day permit. \$40.00 for a season permit, which is valid at any Sno-Park in California and Oregon. November 1 - May 30.

## **Sno-Parks on the Eldorado National Forest Locations:**

- Echo Lake One mile west of Echo Summit, on the north side of Highway 50.
- **Carson Pass -** On Highway 88 at Carson Pass.
- Meiss Meadow On Highway 88, 1/4 mile west of Carson Pass
- Iron Mountain On Highway 88, 40 miles east of Jackson on Mormon-Emigrant Trail Road.

To Obtain a Sno Park Permit: Check out the vendor list or purchase a permit online at <a href="https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=1233">ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=1233</a>. **NOT** available for purchase at Eldorado NF offices anymore.

## **ADVENTURE MOUNTAIN, LAKE TAHOE**

The Echo Summit Sno-Park on the south side of Highway 50 is not part of the state Sno-Park system. The facility is operated under special use permit. User fees are \$35.00 per vehicle and an additional entrance fee for larger vehicles such as buses, motor homes and vehicles with trailers. adventuremountaintahoe.com .

## **CAMPFIRE PERMIT**

Free. A campfire permit is required year-round to use wood, charcoal, or gas fires outside of a developed campground. Permits can be obtained from all offices or online at <a href="https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/">www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/</a>.

## MOKELUMNE WILDERNESS

Overnight permit required, no fee. Designated campsites in the Carson Pass Management Area, assigned when permit issued.



#### **DESOLATION WILDERNESS**

- ♦ Overnight Wilderness Permit Fee: \$5.00 per person for one night, \$10.00 per person for two or more nights up to 14 days (non-refundable). The cost of a single permit will not exceed \$100.00. Children 12 and under are free. Interagency Senior, Access, and Annual passes do not apply.
- Pre-Paid Fee Card: Individuals can pre-pay permit fees by purchasing this card for \$20.00. The card covers only the overnight permit fee and is valid for one year from date of purchase for one individual. You must still obtain a permit, subject to quota limits.
- ♦ Reservation Fee: \$6.00 per party/per permit (non-refundable). National Reservation Recreation Service at: 877-444-6777.

## TRAILHEAD/DAY USE FEE

- ♦ Concession Operated Day Use Areas: \$10/day at Stumpy Meadows Boatramp & Picnic, Angel Creek Day Use, Gerle Creek Picnic, Loon Lake Picnic, Loon Lake Trailhead\*, Fashoda Picnic, Peninsula Boatramp (Sunset), Westpoint Boatramp and Day Use, Ice House Picnic and Day Use Expansion, Lovers Leap Day Use, Pyramid Trailhead\*, Sand Flat Day Use, Wrights Lake Picnic, Twin Lakes and Rockbound Trailheads\*, Wrights Lake Boatramp Day Use, Salt Springs Day Use, Woods Lake Picnic, Woods Lake Trailhead, Kirkwood Day Use, and Pipi Picnic.
- ♦ Forest Service Operated Day Use Areas with a fee: \$5/day at Eagle Falls\*, Carson Pass, Carson Overflow, Meiss Trailheads, and \$3/vehicle at Dru Barner Day Use.
- \*Note: This fee is waived for Desolation Wilderness overnight permit holders at Eagle Falls and Pyramid Creek, Bayview, Rockbound and Twin Lakes parking areas only. Be sure to obtain your waiver which exempts you from this fee when you obtain your wilderness permit.

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## INTERAGENCY SENIOR, ACCESS, AND ANNUAL PASSES

The National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program is a federal interagency recreation pass program. Existing valid golden passes will continue to be honored. Passports can be obtained in-person at any Forest Service, National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife, or Bureau of Land Management offices or online at store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes.



## **ANNUAL PASS**

- Time Period 12 months from month of purchase.
- ◆ Cost \$80

The pass is available for purchase by any individual. It is honored by sites that charge entrance and standard amenity fees. Annual passes are valid for entrance only, and receive no other discounts.



### **Access Pass**

- Time Period Lifetime pass
- ◆ Cost No Charge

This pass is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled and as a result, are eligible to receive benefits under federal law. A permanent disability is a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more of the person's manner of life activities.





## **SENIOR PASS**

## **Two Pass Options:**

- 1. **Annual Senior Pass** \$20 for 12 months from month of purchase.
- 2. Lifetime Senior Pass \$80

This pass is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years of age or older.



## **VOLUNTEER ANNUAL PASS**

- ◆ Time Period 12 months from month of issue.
- ◆ Cost No Charge

This pass is available for individuals who accrue 250 hours for any agency-sponsored volunteer activity.

Work with your local forest volunteer coordinator to ensure your volunteer hours are tracked and recorded. Only one pass may be issued per year to an individual. Once a pass is awarded, volunteer hours are set back to zero.

## WHICH FEES ON THE ELDORADO?

**Annual passes** provide free parking with a displayed pass to:

- ♦ Carson Pass Trailhead
- ♦ Meiss Trailhead
- ♦ Dru Barner Day Use.

(Annual Pass does not apply to concession operated facilities)

Lifetime passes in addition to the benefits provided by the Annual pass, the Senior and Access passes gives a 50% discount at family campgrounds.

(Pass does not apply to group, double sites, rental cabins, or wilderness permits.)





### **U.S. MILITARY PASS**

For current U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, Space Force, Reserve and National Guard members. Must be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site by showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173).

## **Two Pass Options:**

- 1. **Annual Military Pass** Free. Valid for 12 months from month of purchase.
- Lifetime Military Pass Free. For Gold Star Families with a valid Gold Star Family Voucher. US military veterans with a valid, veteran ID.

Each pass covers entrance fees at lands managed by the National Park Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service and also standard amenity fees (day use fees) at lands managed by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Army Corps of Engineers. / A pass covers the pass owner and all occupants in a personal vehicle at sites that charge per vehicle or, the pass owner and up to three additional adults (16 and over) at sites that charge per person. / Children ages 15 or under are admitted free. / Standard Amenity Fee: sites that have a combination of basic amenities — picnic tables, trash receptacles, toilets, developed parking, interpretive signing, and security. / Expanded Amenity Fee: Provides specialized facilities and services. Examples include: (i.e. camping, boating, tours, recreation rentals). / Senior and Access passes are honored under terms of the Eldorado NF Concession permit.