

# *NAVAJO LODGE*

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**WHERE TO GO CAMPING**  
**Old Baldy Council - 2003**

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## Order of the Arrow

### "Where to go Camping"

#### Forward

This book has been produced to assist Scoutmasters of the Old Baldy Council in finding quality camping opportunities for their Scouts. This book is comprised of information obtained through the U.S. National Forest Service, the County parks and Recreation, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Department of Interior, and the U.S. Navy.

Suggestions are welcomed, including new sites that should be add, corrections on site data or additional information that you would like to see included. We in Navajo lodge hope that this will be a great reference for you and your Troop.

The information contained in this booklet is subject to change without prior notice. Navajo Lodge has no control over fees and/or camp availability. All agencies have the right to refuse admittance to the facilities. The information was gathered to the best of our ability and most current available information was used for publication. Please check with agency for fees, reservations and other information.



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## Introduction to This Edition

The Navajo Lodge has long been publishing guide books of Southern California campsites, in order to increase the familiarity of Old Baldy Council Boy Scout troops with many local camping areas. These guide books have grown and evolved over the years, but every guide published has had the same purpose: to assist Troops in finding the appropriate camping spots for their individual needs. This printing has a revised format. Rather than simply reprinting campsite information from *California Camping*, this revision attempts to provide a resource guide to other resources. New to the guide is a section with web site URLs for Internet sites of value to Troops. It is hoped that the 2002-2003 edition is as helpful to your Troop as previous guide books have been to other units. Happy Camping!

Yours in Brotherhood

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### SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE

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## OA Basics

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

### History

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934.

In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.

### Membership

The OA has more than 176,000 members located in lodges affiliated with approximately 327 BSA local councils.

### Eligibility

Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach. To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition. Selected adult Scouters must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and provide a positive role model for the youth members of the lodge.

### Induction

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values.

### Brotherhood Membership

After 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

### Vigil Honor

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, a Scout may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge, and the community. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

### Lodges

Each local Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, upon annual application. The OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality

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Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure.

## Sections

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. A section is lead by three youth officers, the Section Chief, Section Vice-Chief, and Section Secretary, who are advised by an adult Section Adviser and professional Section Staff Adviser. All of the elected section chiefs are invited form the conference committee for a national Order of the Arrow event, which is held under the guidance of the national Order of the Arrow Committee.

## Region Leadership

The region chief is the youth leader of the region elected by the section chiefs in his region. This election is held in conjunction with called meetings of the section chiefs to elect the national chief and vice-chief, as well as to plan a national Order of the Arrow event.

The region Order of the Arrow chairman is an adult appointed by the region director. The professional adviser for the region is a staff member assigned to the position by the region director.

## National Leadership

The national chief and vice-chief are Arrowmen elected by the section chiefs during the annual national planning meeting. They serve as members of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, providing the opinion of youth on national OA policy. They also serve as the presiding officers for the national OA event. Their term of office is specified by the national committee, and is currently one year. They are advised in their responsibilities by the national committee chairman and national director of the Order of the Arrow.

The national OA committee chairman is appointed by the chairman of the national Boy Scout Committee. The professional adviser is the national director of the Order of the Arrow, a member of the national Boy Scout Division staff.

*This material was adapted from the "OA Factsheet" from the BSA national office, and the Guide for Officers and Advisers.*

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## BSA Wilderness Use Policy

All private or publicly owned backcountry land and designated wilderness areas are included in the term "wilderness areas." The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America applies to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness areas, the principles of Leave No Trace apply. Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers who complete the requirements can earn a Leave No Trace patch. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long-term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping may not apply to wilderness areas. Wherever they go, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior that respect the rights of others and make it possible for others and future generations to enjoy the outdoors.

In wilderness areas, it is crucial to minimize our effect on all ecosystems, such as mountains, lakes, streams, deserts, and seashores. Since our impact varies from one season to the next, it becomes important for us to adjust to these changing conditions to avoid damaging the environment.

### The Outdoor Code

As an American,  
I will do my best to –

**Be clean in my outdoor manners,**

**Be careful with fire,**

**Be considerate in the outdoors,**

**and**

**Be conservation-minded.**

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## Leave No Trace

(reproduced from the LNT home page: <http://www.lnt.org/>)

The mission of the **Leave No Trace** (LNT) program is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships.

The program is managed by LNT Inc., a non-profit organization located in Boulder, Colorado. LNT Inc. oversees memberships, marketing, fundraising and program development efforts. The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) maintains the educational component of Leave No Trace by offering LNT educational courses, developing educational materials and supporting the efforts of course graduates who teach LNT to the public.

The Leave No Trace message is more than a campaign for clean campsites. It's a program dedicated to building awareness, appreciation, and most of all, respect for our public recreation places. LNT is about enjoying the great outdoors while traveling and camping with care.

## The Principles of Leave No Trace

### Plan ahead and prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

### Travel and camp on durable surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary. In popular areas
- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent. In pristine areas
- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

### Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.

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- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

## Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

## Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

## Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

## Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

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## Additional Tips and Guidelines

- Always file a Tour Permit with your Council Office.
- All outings require at least two (2) adult leaders, one of which must be a registered Boy Scout Leader over 21 years of age. Make it a Troop policy to require at least three (3) adult leaders on any outing, at least two (2) of them trained Boy Scout Leaders.
- Never be afraid to cancel an event due to unforeseen events. The safety of the Scouts is an absolute imperative.
- Check the weather forecast before you leave for your outing. Southern California can see extreme temperature changes between daytime highs and nighttime lows. Our mountains and deserts regularly see temperature swings of 50 degrees, and more! Fast moving weather fronts can cause radical changes in just hours.
- Plan your water needs. Many campgrounds in the California deserts and mountains are "dry". They may provide sanitation facilities, but you must provide your own water. Natural water sources may not be available, even in the mountains, or they may be seasonal. A reasonable ratio is one gallon per person per 24 hour period; however, more may be required during summer months, or for strenuous activities.
- Most of the public wilderness areas in California permit wilderness camping. Many areas even allow group camping. Check with the local managing authorities for wilderness camping policies and permit requirements, ie. BLM office, or rangers. Don't be afraid to leave the "security" of a developed campground. Your Scouts will love the experience. But Be Prepared. If you are inexperienced, use the resources available from your Council Office, High Adventure Team, or Round Table attendees. Scouters love to help other Scouters.
- All natural water sources are now considered suspect and should be filtered, or purified. Fortunately, in the United States and Canada, water-borne viruses are not a threat. Draw your water from the cleanest source available. If the water is very cloudy, collect you water to a pan, or bucket, and let the particles settle. If you are boiling or treating your water, strain your water through a cloth to remove floating particles. The following are the preferred methods for treating water:
  - Filtering. Filters work by forcing the water through a filtering media whose pores are smaller than the "nasties" you are trying to remove. A pore size of .4 microns, or less, is best. Filters with pore sizes of 1 micron, or greater, won't catch all the "nasties". Filters that don't list their pore size are suspect. Tried, true and affordable filters (under \$60) are: PUR Hiker, MSR Miniworks, Sweetwater Guardian. General Ecology First Need and Katadyn MiniFilter are also quality filters, but more expensive. Purifiers are filters with the addition of an iodine cartridge to kill viruses. This will, typically, add at least \$20 to the price of the filter. Not all manufacturers agree as to the effectiveness of this additional stage, and they are not required in the United States or Canada.
  - Boiling. Water only needs to be brought to a boil to be safe, even in high altitudes. This method always works, but takes time and wastes fuel.
  - Treating. Iodine and chlorine may used to treat water. Iodine is the preferred backcountry chemical, as it is sold in convenient packages and will also kill viruses. Typical treating method: add 2 tablets to 1 quart/liter of water, wait 5 minutes, then loosen top of container and shake to cause treated water to wash through cap threads, let sit another 15-25 minutes (longer if the water is very cold). Some kits are sold with a taste neutralizer (iodine has a very strong taste). Add these tablets after the recommended treating period and wait an additional 15 minutes. Note: recent tests have shown chemical treatments to be ineffective against Cryptosporidiums.

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## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Southern California Councils

California Inland Empire Cncl	1230 Indiana Court	Redlands	92374-2896	951-793-2463
Desert Pacific Council	1207 Upas St.	San Diego	92103	619-298-6121
Long Beach Area Council	401 E. 37 <sup>th</sup> St.	Long Beach	90807-0338	562-427-0911
Los Angeles Area Council	2333 Scout Way	Los Angeles	90026-4995	213-413-4400
Los Padres Council	4000 Modoc Rd.	Santa Barbara	93110-1807	805-967-0105
Old Baldy Council	1047 West Sixth Street	Ontario	91762-1233	909-983-4534
Orange County Council	3590 Harbor Gateway North	Costa Mesa	92626-1425	714-546-4990
San Gabriel Valley Council	3450 E Sierra Madre Blvd.	Pasadena	91107	626-351-8815
Southern Sierra Council	2417 M Street	Bakersfield	93301-2341	661-325-9036
Ventura County Council	509 E Daily Dr.	Camarillo	93010-5820	805-482-8938
Verdugo Hills Council	1325 Grandview Avenue	Glendale	91201-227	818-243-6282
Western Los Angeles County	16525 Sherman Way, Suite C-8	Van Nuys	91406-3753	818-785-8700

### Angeles National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/angeles/>

	701 N. Santa Anita Ave.	Arcadia	91006	626-574-1613
Ranger Districts:				
Arroyo Seco		Flintridge	91011	626-790-1151
Chilao Visitors Center		La Canada	91111	626-796-5541
Mt. Baldy		Glendora	91740	626-335-1251
Saugus		Saugus	91350	805-296-9710
Tujunga		San Fernando	91342	626-899-1900
Valyermo		Valyermo	93553	805-944-2187

### Cleveland National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland/>

	10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200	San Diego	92127-2107	858-673-6180
Ranger Districts:				
Descanso	3348 Alpine Blvd	Alpine	91901-3923	858-445-6235
Palomar	1634 Black Canyon Road	Ramona	92065-1205	858-788-0250
Trabuco	1147 E. 6th Street	Corona	91719-1616	909-736-1811

### Los Padres National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/>

	6144 Calle Real	Goleta	93117	805-683-6711
Ranger Districts:				
Monterey		King City	93930	408-385-5464
Mt. Pinos		Frazier Park	93225	805-245-3731
Ojai		Ojai	93023	805-646-4348
Santa Barbara		Santa Barbara	93105	805-967-3481
Santa Lucia		Santa Maria	93454	805-925-9538

### San Bernardino National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sanbernardino/>

	1824 S. Commercenter Circle	San Bernardino	92408-3430	909-383-5588
Ranger Districts:				
Arrowhead		Sky Forest	92385	909-337-2444
Big Bear		Fawnskin	92333	909-866-3437
Cajon		Fontana	92335	909-887-2576
San Gorgonio	<a href="http://www.sgwa.org/">http://www.sgwa.org/</a>	Mentone	92359	909-794-1123
San Jacinto		Idyllwild	92349	909-659-2117

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## Eldorado National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/eldorado/>

	100 Forni Road	Placerville	95667	530-622-5062
Ranger Districts:				
Amador		Pioneer	95666	209-295-4251
Georgetown		Georgetown	95634	530-333-4312
Pacific		Pollock Pines	95726	530-644-2349
Placerville		Camino	95709	530-644-2324

## Inyo National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/>

	873 North Main Street	Bishop	93514	760-873-2400
Ranger Districts:				
Mammoth/Mono Lake		Mammoth Lakes	93546	760-924-5520
White Mountain/Mt. Whitney		Bishop	94514	760-873-2500

## Klamath National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/klamath/>

	1312 Fairlane Road	Yreka	96097	530-842-6131
Ranger Districts:				
Oak Knoll		Klamath River	96050	530-465-2241
Happy Camp		Happy Camp	96039	530-493-2243
Goosenest		Mt. Hebron	96066	530-398-4391
Ukonom		Orleans	95556	530-627-3291
Salmon River		Fort Jones	96032	530-468-5351
Scott River		Fort Jones	96032	530-468-5351

## Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu/>

	870 Emerald Bay Road, Suite #1	S. Lake Tahoe	96150	530-573-2600
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## Lassen National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/lassen/>

	55 S. Sacramento Street	Susanville	96130	530-257-2151
Ranger Districts:				
Almanor		Chester	96020	530-258-2141
Eagle Lake		Susanville	96130	530-257-4188
Hat Creek		Fall River Mills	96028	530-336-5521

## Mendocino National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/mendocino/>

	825 N. Humboldt Ave.	Willows	95988	530-934-3316
Ranger Districts:				
Covelo		Covelo	95428	707-983-6118
Grindstone		Willows	95988	530-934-1250
Upper Lake		Upper Lake	95485	707-275-2361

## Modoc National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/modoc/>

	800 W. 12th Street	Alturas	96101	530-233-5811
Ranger Districts:				
Warner Mountain		Cedarville	96104	530-279-6116
Big Valley		Adin	96006	530-299-3215
Devil's Garden		Alturas	96101	530-233-5811
Doublehead		Tulelake	96134	530-667-2246

## Plumas National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/plumas/>

	159 Lawrence Street, Box 11500	Quincy	95971-6025	530-283-2050
Ranger Districts:				
Beckwourth		Blairsden	96103	530-836-2575
Feather River		Oroville	95965	530-534-6500
Mt. Hough		Quincy	95971	530-283-0555

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## Sequoia National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia/>

	900 W. Grand Ave.	Porterville	93257-2035	559-784-1500
Ranger Districts:				
Hume Lake		Dunlap	93621	559-338-2251
Tule River/Hot Springs		Springville	93267	559-539-2607
Greenhorn		Lake Isabella	93240	619-379-5646
Cannell Meadow		Kernville	93238	619-376-3781

## Shasta-Trinity National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/>

	2400 Washington Ave.	Redding	96001	530-246-5222
Ranger Districts:				
Yolla Bolla		Platina	96076	530-352-4211
Hayfork		Hayfork	96041	530-628-5227
Big Bar		Big Bar	96010	530-623-6106
Weaverville		Weaverville	96093	530-623-2121
Shasta Lake		Redding	96003	530-275-1587
Mt. Shasta		Mt. Shasta	96067	530-926-4511
McCloud		McCloud	96057	530-964-2184

## Sierra National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sierra/>

	1600 Tollhouse Road	Clovis	93611	559-297-0706
Ranger Districts:				
Mariposa		Oakhurst	93644	559-683-4665
Mariposa Station				559-966-3638
Kings River		Sanger	93657	559-855-8321
Dinkey Creek VIS				559-841-3404
Minarets		North Fork	93643	559-877-2218
Clover MDW VIS				559-877-7171
Pineridge		Shaver Lake	93664	559-855-5360
High Sierra VIS				559-877-3138
Eastwood VIS				559-893-6611

## Six Rivers National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sixrivers/>

	1330 Bayshore Way	Eureka	95501-3834	707-442-1721
Ranger Districts:				
Smith River NRA		Gasquet	95543	707-457-3131
Orleans		Orleans	95556	916-627-3291
Lower Trinity		Willow Creek	95573	916-629-2118
Mad River		Bridgeville	95526	707-574-6233

## Stanislaus National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus/>

	19777 Greenley Road	Sonora	95370	209-532-3671
Ranger Districts:				
Calaveras		Hathaway Pines	95233	209-795-1381
Groveland		Groveland	95321	209-962-7825
Mi-Wok		Mi-Wuk Village	95346	209-586-3234
Summit		Pinecrest	95364	209-965-3434

## Tahoe National Forest

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe/>

	631 Coyote Street, P.O. Box 6003	Nevada City	95959-6003	530-478-6200
Ranger Districts:				
Downieville		Camptonville	95922	530-288-3231
Foresthill		Foresthill	95631	530-367-2224
Nevada City		Nevada City	95959	530-478-6260
Sierraville		Sierraville	96126	530-994-3401
Truckee		Truckee	95734	530-587-3558

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## U.S. Forest Service

<http://www.r5.pswfs.gov/>

	1630 Sansome St.	San Francisco	94111	
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## Southern California State Parks <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>

San Clemente State Beach	3030 Avenida del Presidente	San Clemente	92672	949-492-3156
San Elijo State Beach	9609 Waples Street, Suite 200	San Diego	92121	760-753-5091
San Onofre State Beach	3030 Avenida del Presidente	San Clemente	92672	949-492-4872
San Simeon State Park	750 Hearst Castle Road	San Simeon	93452-9741	805-927-2035
Seacliff State Beach	201 State Park Drive	Aptos	95001-4323	831-685-6442
South Carlsbad State Beach	9609 Waples Street, Suite 200	San Diego	92121	760-438-3143
Sunset State Beach	201 Sunset Beach Rd	Santa Cruz		831-763-7063
Anza-Borrego Desert State Pk	200 Palm Canyon Drive	Borrego Springs	92004	760-767-5311
Big Morongo Preserve	PO Box 780	Morongo Valley	92256	760-363-7190
Cuyamaca Rancho State Park	12551 Highway 79	Descanso	91916	760-765-0755
George G.Hatfield Rec.Area	4394 North Kelley Road	Hilmar	95324	209-632-1852
Joshua Tree National Park	74485 National Park Dr	Twentynine Palms	92277	760-367-5525
Lake Elsinore State Rec.Area				951-674-3177
Lake Perris State Rec. Area	17801 Lake Perris Drive	Perris	92571	951-940-5608
Los Banos Crk.Reservoir Sra				209-826-1196
McConnell State Rec.Area				209-826-1196
Millerton Lake State Rec.Area	5290 Millerton Road	Friant	93626	559-822-2332
Mt. San Jacinto State Park	PO Box 308	Idyllwild	92549	909-659-2607
Providence Mountains S.R.A.				760-389-2281
Salton Sea State Rec.Area	100-225 State Park Road	North Shore	92254	760-393-3052
San Luis Reservoir S.R.A.				209-826-1196
Silverwood Lake S.R.A.	14651 Cedar Circle	Hesperia	92345	760-389-2303
Turlock Lake State Rec.Area	22600 Lake Road	La Grange	95329	209-874-2056

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## Resource Materials

### Camping

*California Camping.* Stienstra, Tom. Foghorn Press, 1994.

*The Best in Tent Camping: Southern California.* Mai, Bill. Menasha Ridge Press, 1996.

*The Best in Tent Camping: Northern California.* Mai, Bill. Menasha Ridge Press, 1997.

### Hiking

*Afoot and Afield in Orange County.* Schad, Jerry. Wilderness press, 1996.

*Afoot and Afield in Los Angeles County.* Schad, Jerry. Wilderness press, 1998.

*Afoot and Afield in San Diego County.* Schad, Jerry. Wilderness press, 1998.

*Anza Borrego Desert Region.* Lindsay, Lowell and Diana. Wilderness press, 1991.

*California's Desert Trails.* Chase3, J. Smeaton. Tioga Publishing Company, 1987.

*California Hiking.* Stienstra, Tom. Foghorn Press, 1999.

*Day Hiker's Guide to Southern California.* McKinney, John. Olympus Press, 1998.

*Easy Hiking Southern California.* Brown, Ann Marie. Foghorn Press, 1998.

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*Walking California's State Parks.* McKinney, John. HarperCollins West, 1994.

*Walking Southern California.* McKinney, John. HarperCollins West, 1992.

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## Resource Materials

### Backpacking

*Backpacking, One Step at a Time.* Manning, Harvey. Vintage Books, 1986.

*The Backpacker's Handbook.* Townsend, Chris. McGraw Hill, 1997.

*The Complete Walker IV.* Fletcher, Colin & Rawlins, Chip. Alfred A. Knopf, 2002.

### Miscellaneous

*The Pacific Crest Trail Hiker's Handbook.* Jardine, Ray. AdventureLore Press, 1998.

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*Beyond backpacking - Ray Jardine's Guide to Lightweight backpacking.* Jardine, Ray. AdventureLore Press, 2000.

*The National Outdoor Leadership School's Wilderness Guide.* Peter Simer and John Sullivan. Simon & Schuster, 1985.

*The NOLS Cookery.* NOLS. Stackpole Books, 1991.

*Wilderness Ranger Cookbook.* Valerie Brunell and Ralph Swain. Falcon press, 1990.

*How to S\*\*\* in the Woods.* Meyer, Kathleen. Ten Speed Press, 1994.

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## Web Sites

### Scouting

National Council of the Boy Scouts of America	<a href="http://www.bsa.scouting.org/">http://www.bsa.scouting.org/</a>
National Order of the Arrow	<a href="http://www.oa-bsa.org/">http://www.oa-bsa.org/</a>
California Inland Empire Council	<a href="http://www.bsa-ciec.org/">http://www.bsa-ciec.org/</a>
Desert Pacific Council	<a href="http://www.bsadpc.org/">http://www.bsadpc.org/</a>
Long Beach Area Council	<a href="http://www.longbeachbsa.org/">http://www.longbeachbsa.org/</a>
Los Angeles Area Council	<a href="http://www.boyscoutsla.org/">http://www.boyscoutsla.org/</a>
Los Padres Council	<a href="http://www.lpcbsa.org/">http://www.lpcbsa.org/</a>
Mount Diablo Silverado Council	<a href="http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/">http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/</a>
Old Baldy Council	<a href="http://www.obcbsa.org/">http://www.obcbsa.org/</a>
Orange County Council	<a href="http://www.ocbsa.org/">http://www.ocbsa.org/</a>
Pacific Skyline Council	<a href="http://www.pacsky.org/">http://www.pacsky.org/</a>
San Gabriel Valley Council	<a href="http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/">http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/</a>
Southern Sierra Council	<a href="http://www.SouthernSierraBSA.org/">http://www.SouthernSierraBSA.org/</a>
Ventura County Council	<a href="http://www.vccbsa.org/">http://www.vccbsa.org/</a>
Verdugo Hills Council	<a href="http://www.vhcbbsa.org/">http://www.vhcbbsa.org/</a>
Western Los Angeles County Council	<a href="http://www.bsa-la.com/">http://www.bsa-la.com/</a>
Merit Badge Resource Page	<a href="http://www.meritbadge.com/">http://www.meritbadge.com/</a>
Wood Badge Resource Page	<a href="http://www.woodbadge.org/">http://www.woodbadge.org/</a>
SCOUTER Compass	<a href="http://www.scouters.com/">http://www.scouters.com/</a>
SCOUTER Magazine	<a href="http://magazine.scouters.com/">http://magazine.scouters.com/</a>
The NetWoods Virtual Site	<a href="http://www.isd.net/stobin/">http://www.isd.net/stobin/</a>
National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)	<a href="http://www.nols.edu/">http://www.nols.edu/</a>
Leave No Trace (LNT)	<a href="http://www.lnt.org/">http://www.lnt.org/</a>

### Reservations

ReserveAmerica – California State Parks	<a href="http://maps1.reserveamerica.com/static/ca4.html">http://maps1.reserveamerica.com/static/ca4.html</a>
ReserveAmerica - home	<a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com/">http://www.reserveamerica.com/</a>
Bureau of Land Management - California	<a href="http://www.ca.blm.gov/caso/recreation.html">http://www.ca.blm.gov/caso/recreation.html</a>
USDA Forest Services - California	<a href="http://maps.reserveusa.com/static/ca1.html">http://maps.reserveusa.com/static/ca1.html</a>
USDA Forest Services - home	<a href="http://www.reserveusa.com/">http://www.reserveusa.com/</a>
National Park Reservation Service	<a href="http://reservations.nps.gov/">http://reservations.nps.gov/</a>

### Books

Adventurous Traveler Bookstore	<a href="http://www.AdventurousTraveler.com/">http://www.AdventurousTraveler.com/</a>
Wilderness Press, Outdoor Books & Maps	<a href="http://www.wildernesspress.com/">http://www.wildernesspress.com/</a>
Amazon.com	<a href="http://www.amazon.com/">http://www.amazon.com/</a>
Barnes and Noble	<a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/</a>
Borders	<a href="http://www.borders.com/">http://www.borders.com/</a>
REI Online	<a href="http://www.rei.com/">http://www.rei.com/</a>
Sport Chalet Online	<a href="http://www.sportchalet.com/">http://www.sportchalet.com/</a>

### Topographic Software

TOPO! Interactive Maps	<a href="http://www.topo.com/">http://www.topo.com/</a>
MAPTECH Terrain Navigator	<a href="http://www.maptech.com/">http://www.maptech.com/</a>

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## Equipment

- ALPS Mountaineering <http://www.alpsmountaineering.com/>  
(excellent new scout external frame backpack, 45% discount to Scouts Troops!)
- Backcountry Gear Limited <http://www.backcountrygear.com/>
- CAMP MOR <http://www.campmor.com/>
- Dana Design <http://www.danadesign.com/>
- Feathered Friends <http://www.featheredfriends.com/>
- Fog Dog Sports Equipment <http://www.fogdog.com/>
- Johnson Outdoor, Inc. <http://www.jwa.com/>  
Parent company for: Eureka, Camp Trails, Silva, and Jack Wolfskin
- GoLite ultra-light backpacking equipment <http://www.golite.com/>
- Gregory Mountain Products (backpacks) <http://www.gregorymountainproduct.com/>
- McHale and Company <http://www.mchalepacks.com/>  
(when you absolutely have to have the most expensive backpacks made!)
- Mountain Safety Research (MSR) <http://www.msrcorp.com/>
- Northern Mountain Supply <http://www.northernmountain.com/>  
(excellent source for top-name seconds and close-outs at outstanding prices!)
- REI Online <http://www.rei.com/>
- Sport Chalet Online <http://www.sportchalet.com/>
- The Sportsman's Guide <http://www.sportsmansguide.com/>  
(military surplus, factory closeouts - camping gear, footwear, clothing)

## Equipment Reviews

- Backpacker Magazine <http://www.backpacker.com/>
- GearReview.com <http://www.gearreview.com/>
- The Gear Addict <http://www.web-dzine.com/gearaddict/>
- Thebackpacker.com <http://www.thebackpacker.com/>

## Miscellaneous

- Astronomical Data Services <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/AA/data/>  
(sunrise, sunset, moonrise, moonset, ... tables)
- Driving Directions (Microsoft Expedia) <http://maps.expedia.msn.com/drivingdirections.asp>
- Los Angeles Orienteering Club <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/6320/index.html>
- Make Your Own Outdoor Gear <http://www.backpacking.net/makegear.html>
- The Lightweight Backpacker <http://www.backpacking.com/>  
(ultra-light backpacking site)
- The Weather Channel <http://www.weather.com/>

# Where to go Camping

## SCOUT CAMPS

<http://bsacamps.org/>

<http://www.scoutcamp.org/>

[Map: California BSA Camps](#)

[Map: Arizona BSA Camps](#)

[Map: Nevada BAS Camps](#)

## **Boy Scouts of America**

Many of the camps maintained by the Boy Scouts of America are open to normal weekend camping for just a few dollars per person. By arranging in advance, you can often use many of the activities available during summer camp. It's essential to make reservations and learn more about the camp you intend to go to by calling the council office that the camp is listed under.

### **OLD BALDY COUNCIL**

<http://www.obcbsa.org/>

1047 West Sixth Street, Ontario CA 91762 (909) 983-4534

HOLCOMB VALLEY SCOUT RANCH

P.O. Box 157, Fawnskin CA 92333

### **BOULDER DAM AREA COUNCIL**

<http://www.bdacbsa.org>

7220 S. Paradise Road, Las Vegas NV 89119 (702) 736-4366

**CAMP POTOSI @ Spencer W. Kimball Scout Reservation**

<http://www.camppotosi.com/>

HCR 33 Box 2987, Las Vegas NV 89124

**CAMP DEL WEBB (High Adventure Base)**

<http://www.campdelwebb.com/>

**Southern Wasatch Mountains, near Zion National Park**

General Delivery, Cedar City UT 84721

### **CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL**

<http://www.bsa-ciec.org/>

1230 Indiana Court, Redlands CA 92374 (909) 825-8844

**EMERSON**

P.O. Box 639, Idyllwild, CA 92349

**CAMP HELENDADE**

PO BOX 177, Running Springs CA 92832

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## DESERT PACIFIC COUNCIL

<http://www.bsadpc.org/>

1207 Upas Street, San Diego CA 92103 (619) 298-6121

### **CAMP BALBOA**

BSA Service Center, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego CA 92103

### **CAMP FIESTA ISLAND**

Fiesta Island, Mission Bay, San Diego CA

### **MATAGUAY SCOUT RESERVATION**

21955 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel CA 92070 (619) 782-3616

## LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL

<http://www.LongBeachBSA.org/>

401 East 37th Street, P.O. Box 7338, Long Beach CA 90807 (562) 427-0911

### **WILL J. REID SCOUT PARK**

4747 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach CA 90805

### **TAHQUITZ**

HC-01, Box 4, Angelus Oaks CA 92305

## LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL

<http://www.BoyScoutsLA.org/>

2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles CA 90026 (213) 413-4400, ext 253

### **FOREST LAWN SCOUT RESERVATION**

[http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/forest\\_lawn.html](http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/forest_lawn.html)

29475 Hook Creek Rd., Cedar Glen CA 92321

### **CABRILLO BEACH YOUTH WATERFRONT SPORTS CENTER**

[http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/cabrillo\\_beach.html](http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/cabrillo_beach.html)

3000 Shoshonean Road, San Pedro CA 90731 (213) 831-1984

### **FIRESTONE SCOUT RESERVATION**

[http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/fs\\_res.html](http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/fs_res.html)

Tonner Canyon Rd., Brea CA 92821

### **LOG CABIN (High Adventure Outpost Camp)**

[http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/log\\_cabin.html](http://www.boyscoutsla.org/camping/log_cabin.html)

Hwy 120, Lee Vining CA 93541

## LOS PADRES COUNCIL

<http://www.lpcbsa.org/>

4000 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara CA 93110 (805) 967-0105

### **RANCHO ALEGRE**

<http://ranchoalegre.org/>

2680 SR-154, Santa Barbara CA 93105

### **CAMP FRENCH**

Upper Lopez Canyon Rd., Lopez Lake CA

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## MONTEREY BAY AREA COUNCIL

<http://www.montereybayarea.org/>

55 E. San Joaquin St., Salinas CA 93901 (831) 422-5338

**CAMP PICO BLANCO**

## ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL

<http://www.ocbsa.org/>

3590 Harbor Gateway North, Costa Mesa CA 92626 (714) 546-4990

**LOST VALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION**

31422 Chihuahua Valley Road, Aguanga CA 92536 (714) 767-1183

**SEABASE**

<http://www.seabase.org/Seabase.htm>

1931 W. Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663 (949) 642-5031

**RANCHO LAS FLORES**

P.O. Box 477, Oceanside Ca 92054 (619) 430-7050

## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL

<http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/>

540 N. Rosemead Blvd, Pasadena CA 91107-2104 (626) 351-8815

**CAMP CHERRY VALLEY**

PO Box 5067, Avalon, CA 90704

**TRASK SCOUT RESERVATION**

P.O. Box 1264, Monrovia CA 61016

## SEQUOIA COUNCIL

<http://www.SequoiaCouncilBSA.org/>

6005 N. Tamera Ave., Fresno CA 93711 (559) 320-2100

**CAMP CHAWANAKEE**

<http://www.sequoiacouncilbsa.org/camps/campchaw.htm>

Dinkey Creek Rd., Shaver Lake CA 93664

**CAMP WORTMAN**

<http://www.sequoiacouncilbsa.org/camps/campwort.htm>

County Rd. J-21, Visalia CA

## SOUTHERN SIERRA COUNCIL

<http://www.SouthernSierraBSA.org/>

2417 "M" Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 (661) 325-9036

**CAMP KERN & MIRIMICHI High Adventure Base**

<http://www.campkern.net/>

PO Box 348, Lakeshore CA 93634 (559) 893-3387

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## **VENTURA COUNTY COUNCIL**

<http://www.vccbsa.org/>

509 East Daily Drive, Camarillo CA 93010 (805) 482-8938

### **THREE FALLS**

<http://www.vccbsa.org/ThreeFalls/index.htm>

12260 Boy Scout Camp Rd., Frazier park CA 93225

## **VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL**

<http://www.vhcbbsa.org/>

1325 Grandview Avenue Glendale CA 91201 (818) 243-6282

### **VERDUGO OAKS**

<http://www.vhcbbsa.org/camping/cvo.htm>

38001 Golden State Highway, Castaic CA 91384 (661) 257-2265

### **CAMP SILVER FIR (High Adventure Base Camp)**

<http://www.vhcbbsa.org/camping/csf.htm>

60688 Upperline Lane, Lakeshore CA 93634

## **WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNCIL**

<http://www.bsa-la.com/>

16525 Sherman Way, C-8, Van Nuys, CA 91406, (818) 785-8700

### **EMERALD BAY**

P.O. Box 5066, Avalon CA 90704

### **JOSEPHO**

3000 Rustic Canyon Road, Pacific Palisades CA 90272 (310) 459-9093

### **CAMP WHITSETT &**

### **WHITSETT SIERRA TREK (High Adventure Program)**

Lake Isabella CA

### **WOLVERTON (Sierra Trek Base Camp)**

P.O. Box B, Sequoia National Park CA 93262 (209) 565-9989

### **PARDEE SCOUT SEA BASE**

13640 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey CA 90292 (310) 822-7090

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## San Bernardino National Forest

### Overview Maps:

[San Bernardino Mountains](#)

[Mt. San Jacinto State Park](#)

# Where to go Camping

## Apple White

Map ID: SB1 Map: [Apple White](#)

Campsites: There are 44 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 3,300

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10-15 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping

Location: Take I-15 north to Sierra Avenue exit. Turn left go under freeway follow road for about nine miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 887-2576

## Black Mountain Group Camp

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/blam/>

Map ID: SJ1 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 2 group sites for tents (50 people / 16 cars)

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 7,500 feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / fee \$40-130 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot for big groups to go camping

Location: From Idyllwild go north on Highway 243. Go right on Forest Service Road 4S01 and drive 10 miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 659-2117

## Boulder Basin

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/boul/>

Map ID: SJ2 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 34 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 7,300 feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot for camping

Location: From Idyllwild go north on Highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S01 and follow to campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 659-2117

## Camp Switzerland

Map ID: SB3 Map: [Lake Gregory](#)

Campsites: There are 10 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, shower, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 4,500 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$19 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great place to go camping

Location: From San Bernardino drive north on Highway 18 to Crestline. Go north on highway 138 turn right on Lake Drive and go two miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Park and (909) 338-2731

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## Crab Flats

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/crab/>

Map ID: SB4 Map: [Green Valley](#)

Campsites: There are 30 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 5,900 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night (May-September)

Special Features: This is a great spot for camping. There is a nearby lake that is good for fishing.

Location: From San Bernardino drive 15 miles north on Highway 18 to the Arrowhead Ranger Station. Keep going north to Green Valley Road. Turn left and drive on Forest Service Road 3N16. Turn left and you will drive through two creeks. Go left on Forest Service Road 3N34 and follow road to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 337-2444

## Dark Canyon

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/dark/>

Map ID: SJ3 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 22 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 5,800 Feet

Dates Open: April through October.

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$12 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot to use for a base camp for hikers. There are many trails that start nearby.

Location: From Idyllwild go north on highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S02 and follow to the camp.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-659-2117

## Dogwood

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/dogw/>

Map ID: SB5 Map: [Lake Arrowhead](#)

Campsites: There are 93 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 5,600 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservation/Fee: Reservations required / fee \$15/30 per night (May-September)

Special Features: This is a great spot to go to in the summer to beat the heat.

Location: From San Bernardino drive 15 miles north on highway 18 to the Arrow Head Ranger Station. Go east on Highway 18 to Dailey Canyon Road. Turn left and then right on Dailey Canyon Road and follow to this campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-337-2444.

## Fern Basin

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/fern/>

Map ID: SJ4 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 22 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 6,300 Feet

Dates Open: April through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot to use for a base camp for hikers. There are many great hikes that start from this camp.

Location: From Idyllwild go north on Highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S02 and follow to campground about one mile.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 714-659-2117.

# Where to go Camping

## Green Valley

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/grev/>

Map ID: SB6 Map: [Green Valley](#)

Campsites: There are 36 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 7,000 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$12 per night (May-September)

Special Features: This is a great site. There is a nearby lake and good fishing.

Location: From San Bernardino drive 15 miles north on Highway 18 to the Arrowhead Ranger Station. Keep going to Green Valley Road. Turn left and follow road to campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-337-2444

## Grout Bay

Map ID: SB7 Map: [Fawnskin](#)

Campsites: There are 21 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 6,800 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservation / fee \$7 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is one of the few lakeside spots available. Boat rental and fishing are all available on Big Bear Lake.

Location: From San Bernardino take Highway 30 to Highway 330, travel about 35 miles on Highway 330 to the dam on Big Bear Lake. Take Highway 38 (the left fork) and travel about 3 miles to the campground on the right side (just short of Fawnskin).

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-886-3437.

## Hanna Flat

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/hann/>

Map ID: SB8 Map: [Fawnskin](#)

Campsites: There are 69 sites for tents.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 7,000 Feet

Dates Open: May through September

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$15 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping.

Location: For step-by-step directions call the number below.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-866-3437.

## Holcomb Valley

Map ID: SB9 Map: [Fawnskin](#)

Campsites: There are 19 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets. (There is no piped water or trash cans so bring your own.)

Elevation: 7,400 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No fee (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping.

Location: From San Bernardino take Highway 30 to Highway 330. Drive to the dam on Big Bear Lake and take Highway 38. Turn left on Van Dusen Canyon Road 3N09 and drive for 3 miles. Turn left on service road 3N16 and follow to camp.

For More Information Contact: The National Forest District Office at 909-886-3437.

## Idyllwild

[http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/mtsa/idyl\\_m.html](http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/mtsa/idyl_m.html)

# Where to go Camping

Map ID: SJ7 Map: [Idyllwild](#)

Campsites: There are 33 sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, pit toilets and showers are available.

Elevation: 53,400 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservation required / fee \$12-15 per night, \$7-10 for primitive camping

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time.

Location: From Idyllwild drive 6 miles north on Highway 243 to the park.

For More Information Contact: The Mt. San Jacinto State Park at 909-659-2607.

## Marion Mountain

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/mari/>

Map ID: SJ5 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 24 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 6,400 Feet

Dates Open: April through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$10 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot to use as a base camp for hikers. Many hikes are available from this location.

Location: From Idyllwild drive north on Highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S02 and follow road to camp about 2 miles.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-659-2117.

## Mesa Campground, Silverwood Lake

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/silv/>

Map ID: SB10 Map: [Silverwood Lake](#)

Campsites: There is 136 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets and showers.

Elevation: 3,350 Feet

Dates Open: All year (April-October peak)

Reservation/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$8/17 per night (non-peak/peak)

Special Features: This is a great spot on Silverwood Lake. Where all the fun of the lake is at your fingertips.

Location: From San Bernardino drive north on I-215. Continue north on I-15 to Silverwood exit on Cajon Drive 13 miles east on Highway 138 to the park.

For More Information Contact: Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area at 619-389-2303.

## North Shore

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/nos1/>

Map ID: SB11 Map: [Lake Arrowhead](#)

Campsites: There are 27 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 5,300 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$12/24 per night

Special Features: This is a great site to go in the summer to beat the heat.

Location: From San Bernardino Drive 15 miles north on Highway 18 to the Arrowhead Ranger Station. Go east on Highway 18. Turn left on Highway 173 and go north to the traffic light. Turn right and go to the top of the hill. Turn left past the hospital and you will see the campground.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-337-2444.

## San Bernardino Cable Canyon KOA

<http://www.koa.com/where/ca/05342.htm>

Map ID: SB13 Map: [Devore](#)

Campsites: There are 150 sites for tents

## Where to go Camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets, showers, store and a Laundromat.

Elevation: 2,200 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$19-39 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping. >From this campground you are only minutes from Silverwood Lake.

Location: From San Bernardino drive north on I-215. Take the Devore exit and drive to Cable Canyon Road. Go right to 1707 Cable Canyon road.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 909-887-4098.

### Stone Creek

[http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/mtsa/ston\\_m.html](http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/mtsa/ston_m.html)

Map ID: SJ6 Map: [Black Mountain](#)

Campsite: There are 40 sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, and pit toilets

Elevation: 5,900 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / fee \$7/10 per night (Sept-May/May-Sept)

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time.

Location: From Idyllwild drive six miles south on Highway 243 to the park.

For More Information Contact: Mt. San Jacinto State Park at 909-659-2607.

# Where to go Camping

## **Angeles National Forest**

Overview Map: [Angeles Overview](#)

# Where to go Camping

## Apple Tree

Map ID: A1 Map: [Table Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 8 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 6,200 feet

Dates Open: April through November

Reservations/ Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night (1995)

Special Features: This site is only half a mile away from Jackson Lake. There is also a visitor's center.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood go to Big Pines. Turn right on Big Pines Highway County Road N4 and follow it to the campsite. For more information Contact: The Angeles National Forest at (619) 249-3483.

## Basin

Map ID: A2 Map: [Little Rock](#)

Campsites: There are 15 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 3,400 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$9 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping.

Location: From Highway 14 near Palmdale turn east onto Highway 138. Drive past the stoplight at the intersection. Turn right on Chesseboro Road and follow to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest District Office at 805-2187.

## Big Rock

Map ID: A3 Map: [Big Rock](#)

Campsites: There are 8 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets (there is no water so bring your own).

Elevation: 5,500 Feet

Dates Open: June through September

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No Fee (1995)

Special Features: This is a primitive site for camping. Its also a good place off-roading.

Location: From Highway 138 in Pearlblossom turn south on Longveiw Drive. To Valyermo Road and turn left, drive past the ranger station. Turn right on Big Rock Road and drive up the canyon to the signed campground. For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Valyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

## Blue Ridge

Map ID: A4 Map: [Blue Ridge](#)

Campsites: There are 8 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets (there is no water so bring your own).

Elevation: 8,000 Feet

Dates Open: June through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No fee (1995)

Special Features: This site runs along the Pacific Crest Trail.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood. Then go to Big Pines. Bear left on Angeles Crest Highway and go for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Blue Ridge Road and follow to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Valyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

# Where to go Camping

## Buckhorn

Map ID: A5      Map: [Buckhorn](#)

Campsites: There are 40 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, toilets, and piped water

Elevation: 4,600 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great place for camping.

Location: From Highway I-210 north of Pasadena take Highway 2. Go northeast about 35 miles to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Arroyo Seco District Office at 181-790-1151.

## Cabin Flat

Map ID: A6      Map: [Blue Ridge](#)

Campsites: There are 12 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets (there is no water so bring your own).

Elevation: 8,300 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No fee (1995)

Special Features: This site runs along side the Pacific Crest Trail.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood. Go to Big Pines. Bear left on Angeles Crest Highway and go on for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Blue Ridge Road and follow to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Valyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

## Cold Brook

Map ID: A7      Map: [Crystal Lake](#)

Campsites: There are 15 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, toilets, and piped water.

Elevation: 3,300 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$8 per night (1995)

Special Features: This site has a well-stocked stream that runs nearby.

Location: From I-210 take Azusa Canyon exit and drive north on San Gabriel Canyon Road Highway 39. Follow to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Ranger District Office at 818-335-1251

## Coulter Group Camp (in Chilao Flats Campground)

Map ID: A8      Map: [Chilao Creek](#)

Campsites: There is on big group site that will hold up to 50 people for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 5,300 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservation/Fee: Reservations Required / Fee \$45 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all types of camping.

Location: From I-210 north of Pasadena take Highway 2 exits and drive 25 miles north to the camp site. There is a sign there.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Concessionaire at 818-449-1749.

# Where to go Camping

## Crystal Lake

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/crys/>

Map ID: A9 Map: [Crystal Lake](#)

Campsites: There are 176 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets, and piped water

Elevation: 5,800 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations / Fee \$12 per night (April-December)

Special Features: This site has a well-stocked lake.

Location: From I-210 take Azusa Canyon exit and drive north on San Gabriel Canyon Road Highway 39. Follow to Crystal Lake.

For More Information Contact:

The Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Ranger District Office at 818-335-1251.

## Hoegees

Map ID: A10 Map: [Santa Anita Canyon](#)

Campsites: There are 15 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is NO WATER SO BRING SOME, picnic tables, stoves, fire pits, and pit toilets are available.

Elevation: 2,500 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No fee (1995)

Special Features: This is a very enjoyable little hike. There are also nearby waterfalls for viewing.

Location: Take the I-210 to Santa Anita Ave. Go north on Santa Anita Ave to Santa Anita Canyon Road and follow to Chantry falls.

For More Information Contact: Chantry Flats Ranger Station at 818-899-1900.

## Horse Flats

Map ID: A11 Map: [Chilao Creek](#)

Campsites: There are 25 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, toilets, and piped water.

Elevation: 5,500 Feet

Dates Open: May through November

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$8 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great site for all types of camping.

Location: From I-210 north of Pasadena take Highway 2 and drive 10 miles north. Turn left onto Angeles Forest Highway County Road N3 and drive 12 miles to the intersection with Santa Clara Divide road. Turn left and go to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Arroyo Seco District Office at 818-790-1151.

## Lupine (Camp Lupine)

Map ID: A12 Map: [Blue Ridge](#)

Campsites: There are 11 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is NO WATER SO BRING SOME, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 6,500 Feet

Dates Open: June through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / No fee (1995)

Special Features: This site runs along the Pacific Crest Trail.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood go to Big Pines. Bear left on Angeles Crest Highway and go on for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Blue Ridge Road and follow to the campground. Its about 10 miles to the site, and its a dirt road.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Valyermo District office at 805-944-2187.

# Where to go Camping

## Manker Flats

Map ID: A13 Map: [Mt. Baldy](#)

Campsites: There are 22 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, fire pits and flush toilets.

Elevation: 6,700 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$6 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping. There's a trail that leads out of the camp to San Antonio Falls.

Location: Take Highway 83 to Mt. Baldy Road go 9 miles north to the campground.

For More Information Contact:

The Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Ranger District at 818-335-1251.

## Messenger Flats

Map ID: A14 Map: [Messenger Flats](#)

Campsites: There are 10 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 5,900 Feet

Dates Open: April through November

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$5 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot to use for a base camp for people wanting to climb Mt. Gleason.

Location: From I-210 north of Pasadena take Highway 2 and drive 10 miles north. Turn left onto Angeles Forest Highway County road N3 go 2 miles to the intersection with Santo Clara Divide Road. Turn left and follow to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: Angeles national Forest Tujunga District Office at 818-899-1900.

## Mountain Oak

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/moun/>

Map ID: A15 Map: [Table Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 17 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 6,200 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$11 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot. Its only half a mile from Jackson Lake.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood. Go to Big Pines bear right on Big Pines Highway county Road N4 and follow to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles national Forest Valyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

## Peavine

Map ID: A16 Map: [Table Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 4 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 6,100 Feet

Dates Open: May through November

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required /Fee \$8 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot. Its only half a mile from Jackson Lake.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood. Go to Big Pines bear right on Big Pines Highway county Road N4 and follow to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles national Forest Valyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

# Where to go Camping

## Pinyon Flat

Map ID: A17 Map: [Chilao Creek](#)

Campsites: There are 18 sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits and flush toilets.

Elevation: 4,000 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservation/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$5 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping.

Location: From Palm Desert, drive 14 miles southwest on Hwy 74 to the camp.

For More Information Contact: The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at 909-659-2117.

## Spruce Grove (Chentry Flat)

Map ID: A18 Map: [Santa Anita Canyon](#)

Campsites: There are 25 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is NO WATER SO BRING SOME, picnic tables, stoves, fire pits, and pit toilets are available.

Elevation: 3,100 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required /No fee (1995)

Special Features: This is a very enjoyable little hike.

Location: Take the I-210 to Santa Anita Ave. Go north on Santa Anita Ave to Santa Anita Canyon Road and Follow to Chantry Flats.

For More Information Contact: The Chantry Flats Ranger Station at 818-899-1900.

## Sycamore Flat

Map ID: A19 Map: [Big Rock](#)

Campsites: There are 11 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 4,300 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$7 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot for fun in the forest.

Location: From Highway 138 in Pearblossom turn south on Longview Drive. Drive to Valyermo Road and turn left.

Drive past the ranger station. Turn right on Big road and drive about 2 miles up the canyon to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest Calyermo District Office at 805-944-2187.

## Table Mountain

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/tble/>

Map ID: A20 Map: [Table Mountain](#)

Campsites: There are 115 sites for camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 6,200 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$13 per night, \$48 group

Special Features: There is a nearby visitor center to answer all your questions.

Location: From I-15 near Cajon take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood. Continue for three mile to Big Pines. Turn right on Table Mountain Road and follow to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Angeles National Forest at 619-249-3483.

# Where to go Camping

## Great Hikes To Check Out!

### Vetter Mountain Look Out

Trail: Charlton Flat

Elevation: 400 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Length: 2 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Chilao Flat

Location: Take Angeles Crest Hwy to Charlton Flat. Turn left into Charlton Flat Picnic area. Follow to gate at the trails base.

### Mount Waterman

Trail: Buckhorn

Elevation: 1,300

Dates Open: June through October

Length: 6 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Waterman Mountain

Location: Take Angeles Crest Hwy to Buckhorn Ranger Station. 34 miles from La Canada.

### Sam Merril Trail

Trail: Altadena to Echo Mountain

Elevation: 1,400 Feet

Dates Open: November through May

Length: 5 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Pasadena – Mount Wilson

Location: Drive to end of Lake Ave in Altadena and park along side road. The trail starts on the right.

### Henniger Flats

Trail: Altadena

Elevation: 1,400 Feet

Dates Open: November through June

Length: 5 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Mount Wilson

Location: Drive to beginning on Old Mt. Wilson Toll road located at east loop of Pinecrest Drive in Altadena.

### San Gabriel Peak

Trail: Eaton Saddle to Markham Saddle

Elevation: 1,000 feet

Dates Open: November through June

Length: 3.5 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Mount Wilson

Location: Take Angeles Crest Hwy from La Canada to Red Box. Go right up Mt. Wilson Road to Eaton Saddle.

### Millard Canyon Falls

Trail: Millard Canyon

Elevation: 150 Feet

Dates Open: November through May

Length: 1 mile (round trip)

Topo map: Pasadena

Location: From Fair Oaks Blvd. In Altadena go north to Loma Alta. Go west to Chaney trail Dr. follow the trail to the parking area.

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### Mount Disappointment

Trail: Red Box to San Gabriel Peak

Elevation: 1,200 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Length: 4 miles (Round trip)

Topo map: Chilao Flat- Mount Wilson

Location: Take Angeles Crest Hwy from La Canada to Red Box. Go right on Mt. Wilson Road. Follow to Fire Road, park there but don't block road.

### Mount Lowe

Trail: Eastern to Markhan Saddle

Elevation: 1,200 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Length: 4 miles (round trip)

Topo map: Chilao Flat – Mount Wilson

Location: Take Angeles Crest Hwy from La Canada to Red Box road. Go right on Mt. Wilson.

# Where to go Camping

## Cleveland National Forest

Overview Maps: [Cleveland NF North](#)  
[Cleveland NF South](#)

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacificsw/clev.htm>

# Where to go Camping

## Blue Jay

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacficsw/clevcmp.htm#blue%20jay>

Map ID: C1 Map: [Elsinore](#)

Campsites: There are 43 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, showers, and toilets.

Elevation: 3,300 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations (909) 736-1811 / fee \$15 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot to go camping

Location: From I-15 at Lake Elsinore take Highway 4 exit and drive west. Turn right on Forest Service Road 6S05 and follow to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest Headquarters at 619-673-6180.

## Boulder Oaks

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacficsw/clevcmp.htm#boulder%20oaks>

Map ID: C2 Map: [Cottonwood](#)

Campsites: There are 18 group sites for tents. There is also 14 equestrian sites.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, showers, and toilets.

Elevation: 3,300 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required (equestrian only) / Fee \$12-24 per night

Special Features: Boulder Oaks is a great spot for equestrian lovers.

Location: From San Diego go east on I-8 to Kitchen Creek-Cameron Station exit. Turn right on the Southern frontage road and drive one mile to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest at 619-673-6180.

## El Cariso Campgrounds

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacficsw/clevcmp.htm#el%20cariso%20north>

Map ID: C3 Map: [Elsinore](#)

Campsites: There are 43 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, showers, and toilets.

Elevation: 2,600 Feet

Dates Open: April through November

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$15 per night

Special Features: This campground has a lot of shade, which make it great during the summer months.

Location: From I-5 in San Juan Capistrano drive 24 miles northeast on Highway 74 to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest at 619-673-6180.

## El Prado Group Camp

<http://www.reserveusa.com/nrrs/ca/elpr/>

Map ID: C4 Map: [Mt Laguna](#)

Campsites: There are 5 group sites for tents.

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 5,500 Feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$48-75 per night

Special Features: Great camping spot.

Location: From San Diego Go east on I-8 to Laguna Junction exit. Go north on Sunrise Highway to the town of Mt. Laguna. Go about 3 more miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest at 619-673-6180.

## Green Valley Park, Cuyamaca State Park

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/cuya/>

Map Id: C9 Map: Cuyamaca

# Where to go Camping

Campsites: There is 81 sites for camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, fire pits, flush toilets, and showers available.

Elevation: 3,900 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservation required / fee \$12-15 per night, \$150 group

Special Features: This park offers nature tours at its headquarters. Which is goo ending to a all ready great camping trip.

Location: From San Diego drive approximately 50 miles on I-8 to Highway 79 north. Turn left on Green Valley road and follow to the park.

For More Information Contact: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park at 760-765-0755.

## Indian Flats

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacificsw/clevcmp.htm#indian%20flats>

Map ID: C5 Map: [Indian Flats](#)

Campsites: There are 15 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets.

Elevation: 3,600 Feet

Dates Open: April through November

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required/ fee \$10 per night

Special Features: Indian Flat is located in the beautiful Cleveland National Forest.

Location: From Warner Springs drive west on Highway 79. Turn right on Forest Service Road 9S05 and drive about 5 miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest at 619-673-6180.

## Observatory

<http://www.gorp.com/dow/pacificsw/clevcmp.htm#observatory>

Map ID: C6 Map: [Palomar](#)

Campsites: There are 42 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets.

Elevation: 4,800 Feet

Dates Open: May through November

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$12-20 per night

Special Features: This campsite is good for troops wanting to visit the observatory.

Location: From I-15 go east on Highway 76 and drive for about 20 miles to County Road S6 turn left (north) and go about 6 miles to the campground

For More Information Contact: The Cleveland National Forest at 619-673-6180.

## Palomar Mountain State Park

Map ID: C7 Map: [Palomar](#)

Campsites: There are 21 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets, and showers.

Elevation: 4,700 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required throughout MISTIX / Fee \$ 12 per night

Special Features: This campsite is just a short drive from the observatory.

Location: From I-15 go east on Highway 76 and drive for about 20 miles to Country Road S7 and drive about 5 miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: the Park at 619-742-3462

## Paso Picacho, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/cuya/>

Map Id: C8 Map: Cuyamaca

Campsite: Paso Picacho has 85 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, fire pits, flush toilets, and showers available.

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Elevation: 4,900 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservation required / fee \$12-15 per night, \$150 group

Special Features: This Park offers nature and historic tours at its headquarters. Which is a good ending to a all ready great camping trip.

Location: From Julian go south on Highway 79 for about 12 miles.

For More Information Contact: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park at 619-765-0755.

# Where to go Camping

**Parks: National, State, County, Recreational, Regional**

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## Calico Ghost Town Regional Park, Yermo

Campsites: There are 114 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets, and showers provided.

Elevation: 1,700 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / fee \$9 per night (1995)

Special Features: Good place to go to have a good time. You can visit the ghost town and make a whole day of it.

Location: From Barstow drive northeast on I-15. Take Ghost Town Road go left about 3 miles to the park.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 619-254-2122.

## Doheny State Beach, Doheny Beach

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/dohe/>

Campsites: Doheny Beach offers beachfront sites and back area sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, stove areas, fire pits, flush toilets, and full showers. There is water in the campsites. Water is available at rest room areas.

Elevation: Sea level

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations for camping a must at least one week prior to camping.

\$17 (June-November) \$14 (December) \$12 (January 2001-May)

Special Features: All the joys of any beach,

Location: From San Juan Capistrano take Highway 5 south and Coast Hwy 1-Doheny Beach exit. Follow to Doheny state beach.

For More Information Contact: Doheny State Beach at 714-496-6172.

## East Shore RV Park, Puddingstone Lake

Campsites: There are 25 sites for walk in tent camping

Facilities: There is picnic tables, piped water, fire pits and full restroom

Elevation: Unknown

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations accepted / fee \$8 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great place to rent or use boats, and go fishing or swimming.

Location: From Pomona go west on I-10. Take the Fairplex Boulevard exit north to the first traffic light. Turn left on Via Verde and drive to the first stop sign. Turn right on Campers View and welcome to the park.

For More Information Contact: The Camp at 909-599-8355.

## Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area, Lake Elsinore

Campsites: Lake Elsinore has 175 sites for tents

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, flush toilets, and a grocery store.

Elevation: 1,250 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$11.50 (1996)

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time. There are all the resources you will need to have a good time. They have boat rentals, swimming area, and all the good stuff.

Location: I-15 in Lake Elsinore go west on Highway 74 to the park.

For More Information Contact: The Campground at 909-674-3177.

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## Lake Perris State Recreational Area, Perris

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/perr/>

Campsites: Lake Perris has 155 sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets, and showers. It also has playground, Laundromat, and a grocery store.

Elevation: 1,600 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: reservations required / fee \$15 –21 per night (Apr-Sept), \$8-14 (off season)

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time. They have boat rental, swimming area and all the good stuff.

Location: From Riverside go south on I-215 to Ramona Expressway exit. Go east to Lake Perris Drive this will take you to the Campground.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 909-657-9000.

## Lake Skinner Recreational Area, Temecula

Campsites: There are 257 sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets, and showers. It is also has a playground, Laundromat, and a grocery store.

Elevation: 1,500 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / Fee \$12-18 per night (1996)

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time. There are all the resources you will need to have a good time. They have boat rentals, swimming area all the good stuff.

Location: From I-15 in Temecula take Rancho California exit and follow to park.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 909-678-1300.

## Leo Carrillo State Beach, Ventura

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/leoc/>

Campsite: There are 136 sites for camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, pit toilets, fire pits, and showers

Elevation: Sea Level

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$12 per night (1995)

Special Features: This campground has all the joys of any camp plus all the joys of the beach all in one.

Location: From Santa Monica drive 28 miles north on Highway 1.

For More Information Contact: Magu State Park 805-880-0350.

## Mojave Narrows Regional Park, Apple Valley

Campsite: There are 110 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets, showers and a store.

Elevation: 2,000 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required/ fee \$10 per night (1995)

Special Features: Good place to go to have a good time. You can go fishing or horseback riding.

Location: From I-15 near Victorville take Bear Valley exit and follow signs to the camp. Turn left on Ridgecrest and follow to the camp.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 619-254-2226.

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## Mojave River Forks Regional Park, Victorville

Campsite: There are 40 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets, showers, a store and a Laundromat.

Elevation: 3,000 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required fee \$9-14 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great spot and it's only 15 minutes from Silverwood Lake where all the fun is at your fingers.

Location: From San Bernardino drive north on Hwy 215. Continue north on Hwy 15 to Silverwood Lake exit. Drive 9 miles east to Hwy 173. Stray to the left and drive 7 miles to the park.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 619-389-2322.

## Newport Dunes, Newport

<http://www.newportdunes.com/>

Campsite: There are 600 sites for tents

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, fire pits, showers, a playground, Laundromat and a store.

Elevation: Unknown

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Varies call for more information. Rates start at \$65 per night

Special Features: There are boat rentals and boat launch and all the fun of any beach.

Location: From Highway 55 go south on I-405. Turn on Jamboree Road and drive to 1131 Black Bay drive.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 949-729-3863.

## Owl Canyon, Barstow

<http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/camping.html>

Map: [Owl Canyon](#)

Campsite: There are 31 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is picnic tables, piped water, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 2,600 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$6 per night

Special Features: Good place to go to have a good time.

Location: From Barstow on Highway 58 drive eight miles north on camp Irwin Road turn of Fossil Beds Road and drive to the camp.

For More Information Contact: The Bureau of Land Management at 909-697-5200.

## San Clemente State Beach, San Clemente

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/sanc/>

Campsite: There are 157 sites for tents

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, flush toilets, fire pits, and showers.

Elevation: Sea Level

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$17-23 per night

Special Features: There are boat rentals and a boat launch and all the fun of and beach.

Location: From I-5 in San Clemente take Avendia Califa exit.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 714-492-3156.

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## San Onofre State Beach, San Onofre

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/ca/sano/>

Campsite: There are over 200 sites for camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, piped water, flush toilets, fire pits and cold showers.

Elevation: Sea Level

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$17-23 per night, \$75 group site

Special Features: This is a great camp for troops wanting to visit the observatory.

Location: From San Clemente go 3 miles south on I-5.

For More Information Contact: The Campground at 714-492-4872.

## Tecopa Hot Springs County Park, Tecopa

Campsite: There are 300 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets and showers. They also have a store and a Laundromat.

Elevation: 1,500 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$5.50 per night (1995)

Special Features: Good place to go in the winter months.

Location: From Death Valley Junction drive about 35 miles south on State Highway 127 to the park entrance.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 619-852-4264.

## The Roadrunner, Lake Elsinore

Campsite: There are 45 sites for tents

Facilities: There is picnic tables, piped water, fire pits, showers, and flush toilets.

Elevation: Unknown

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$11 per night (1995)

Special Features: This is a great place to kick back and have a good time. There are all the resources you'll need to have a good time. They have boat rental, swimming area, basically all the good stuff.

Location: I-15 in Lake Elsinore go west on Highway 74 to 32500 Riverside drive.

For More Information Contact: The Park at 909-678-1300.

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## Joshua Tree National Monument

Overview Map: [Joshua Tree](#)

<http://www.nps.gov/jotr/>

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## Belle

Map ID: JT1 Map: [North Entrance](#)

Campsite: There are 20 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets. There is no Water so bring some from home.

Elevation: 3,800 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / no Fee

Special Features: Located near the border of the Monument.

Location: From Hwy 62 go past twenty-nine Palms and go south on Utah Trail and follow the road to the fork. Take the left fork and then it's just a short drive to Belle (The right fork will take you to Jumbo Rocks).

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Black Rock

<http://reservations.nps.gov/> (start here)

Map ID: JT2 Map: [Covington Flats](#)

Campsite: There are 96 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets.

Elevation: 4,000 Feet

Dates Open: October through May

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / fee \$10 per night.

Special Features: This site does sometimes have piped water. But don't hold your breath. They don't pump it most of the time. But bring plenty of your own.

Location: Take I-10 east to hwy 62. Follow Hwy 62 past Yucca Valley. Turn right on Joshua Lane and follow to campsite.

For More Information Contact: Joshua tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Cottonwood

<http://reservations.nps.gov/> (start here)

Map ID: JT3 Map: [Cottonwood Canyon](#)

Campsite: There are 62 sites for tent camping, plus 3 group camps (15/20/25 persons)

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets, and piped water.

Elevation: 3,000 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations required / fee \$6 per night

Reservations required for group camps / fee \$25 per night

Special Features: This is one of the two campgrounds in Joshua Tree that have water. So pay the six dollars and enjoy it!

Location: Take I-10 past Indio to just before Chiriaco Summit. Take the first road north before Chiriaco summit. The campground is just short of the road. (You can call ahead for a map if you like).

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Hidden Valley

Map ID: JT4 Map: [Central JT](#)

Campsite: There are 62 sites for tent camping.

Facilities: There are picnic tables and fire pits. (There is no water so bring your own especially in the summer months).

Elevation: 4,200 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations or fee required

Special Features: A great spot for biking, hiking, and many other activities. Information on Hikes, and nature programs can be found at the stores in the Monument.

Location: Take I-10 east to Hwy 62. Follow to Joshua tree. Go south on Park Blvd. And follow to Hidden Valley.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

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## Indian Cove

<http://reservations.nps.gov/> (start here)

Map ID: JT5 Map: [Indian Cove](#)

Campsite: There are 96 sites for tent camping, plus 13 group sites (15-60 persons)

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits and pit toilets. (Water is available at the Ranger Station).

Elevation: 3,200 Feet

Dates Open: All Year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$10 per night, \$20/\$35 group sites (15-25/45-60)

Special Features: There is a near by hiking trail that goes to the Hidden Valley campground area. Indian Cove is based by 1 of the 5 Ranger Stations in the Joshua Tree Monument.

Location: Take I-10 east to Hwy 62. Follow it past Joshua tree to Indian Cove Road. Go south to the camp ground just past the Indian Cove Ranger Station.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Jumbo Rocks

Map ID: JT6 Map: [North Entrance](#)

Campsite: There are 130 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets (there is no water so bring it from home).

Elevation: 4,400 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations or fees required

Special Features: This is the perfect place to climb the rocks and see over the valley. (There is no water there so bring some).

Location: Take Hwy 62 to Twenty-Nine Palms. Go south on Utah Trail and follow the trail to campground.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Ryan

Map ID: JT7 Map: [Central JT](#)

Campsite: There are 27 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Ryan has picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets. (There is no water).

Elevation: 3,200 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations or fees required

Special Features: Ryan is located neat many great hiking spots. Maps are available at the stores in the campground.

Location: From Highway 62 go to Joshua tree and go south on Park Blvd. for 17 miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Sheep Pass Group

<http://reservations.nps.gov/> (start here)

Map ID: JT8 Map: [Central JT](#)

Campsite: There are 6 group sites

Facilities: Sheeps Pass has picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets. (There is no water).

Elevation: 4,500 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: Reservations required / Fee \$20/\$35 group sites (1-20/3-30/2-50)

Group Information: No trailers, RV's or campers over 25 feet, 8 vehicles maximum, vehicle limit strictly enforced, no overflow parking, minimum 7 people

Special Features: Rock climbing and hiking are located nearby. Maps are available at the stores in the campground.

Location: From Highway 62 go to Joshua tree and go south on Park Blvd. for 18 miles to the campground.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.

## Where to go Camping

### White Tank

Map ID: JT9 Map: [North Entrance](#)

Campsite: There are 20 sites for tents

Facilities: There are picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets.

Elevation: 3,800 Feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations/Fee: No reservations or fee required

Special Features: This is on of the few sites right on the border of the monument. There is no water at this site so bring some./

Location: Take the I-10 past Twenty-Nine Palms and go south on the Utah trail and follow the road to the fork. Take the left fork to the campsite.

For More Information Contact: Joshua Tree National Monument at 760-367-5500.