



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Equestrian Campgrounds

Eldorado National Forest



General Information

- ◆ **Fees:** Campground fees are subject to change. Call for current fees. At some campgrounds there is an extra charge for each additional vehicle and/or pets.
- ◆ **Limits:** Single-family campsites are designed to accommodate 6 persons and 2 vehicles. Double sites handle 12 persons and 4 vehicles.
- ◆ **Accessibility:** Some campgrounds have accessible facilities for people with disabilities.
- ◆ **Hookups:** No hookups are available at any Forest Service campgrounds.
- ◆ **Stay limit:** Each stay is limited to 14 consecutive days annually in the Eldorado National Forest.
- ◆ **Check-out time** is 1:00 p.m. **Check-in time** is 2:00 pm.
- ◆ **Pets** are permitted and must be kept on a 6-foot leash at all times.

Reservations

**National Recreation
Reservation Service
(NRRS)**



Toll-Free: 877-444-6777

TDD: 877-833-6777

INTL: 518-885-3639

Internet: www.Recreation.gov

Interagency Senior and Access Passes

Senior passes are available for a one-time \$10.00 fee to persons 62 years of age or older. Access Passes are available free to qualifying persons who are blind or permanently disabled. These cards entitle the holder to special discounts at federal recreation areas. They do not apply to group sites, cabin rentals, parking or wilderness permits. For more information, please contact your nearest Forest Service office.

The following campgrounds offer facilities for horse trailers and stock, and access to miles of trails on which equestrian use is permitted.

Dru Barner Park

(Georgetown Ranger District) Elevation 3,000'. 48 units for equestrian and/or single-family use. Fee. Well water, some picnic tables, some grills, some fire rings, flush toilets. Open year-round. An annual day-use pass is available. Seven miles east of Georgetown, turn left on Bottlehill Bypass Road. Go 1- 1/2 miles on gravel road to the park. No motorcycles. Equestrian trail nearby. Check ahead - campfires may not be allowed during fire restrictions. *No reservations.*

LOON LAKE GROUP

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 5 units will accommodate 25 people. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, picnic tables, grills, fire rings. Located on Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 29 miles north of Highway 50 via the Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Parking access to Desolation Wilderness. Obtain an overnight wilderness permits in advance at www.recreation.gov or the Pacific Ranger District. Self-issue day permits are available at the Wilderness parking lot. For additional information contact the Pacific Ranger District at (530) 644-2349. *Reservations are required and may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*

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Loon Lake Equestrian

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,378'. 9 units. Fee. Piped water, accessible vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, grills. Located on Loon Lake in the Crystal Basin, approximately 29 miles north of Highway 50 via the Ice House Road (Primary Forest Route 3). Parking access to Desolation Wilderness. Obtain an overnight wilderness permits in advance at www.recreation.gov or the Pacific Ranger District, 4 miles east of Pollock Pines/Sly Park exit on Highway 50. Self-issue day permits are available at the Wilderness parking lot. For additional information contact the Pacific Ranger District at (530) 644-2349. *Reservations for campsites may be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service.*



Tells Creek Horse Camp

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 6,300'. No Fee. Primitive equestrian camping available. Narrow paved access road, internal dirt roads, no water (stream nearby), vault toilet. From Placerville, about 20 miles east on Highway 50, and turn left on Ice House Road. Travel north about 20 miles to Robbs Saddle, turn right (east) on Tells Creek Road (signed as Tells Creek Horse Camp/ Desolation Wilderness trailhead/Forest Road #13N22). Travel 6 miles to the parking area on the right. For additional information contact the Pacific Ranger District at (530) 644-2349. Campfires are not allowed during fire restrictions. *No Reservations.*

Wrights Lake Equestrian

(Pacific Ranger District) - Elevation 7,000'. 15 units. Fee. Piped water, vault toilets, fire rings. Picnic area, fishing, and the family campground are nearby. For additional information contact the Pacific Ranger District at (530) 644-2349. *Some units are reservable through the National Recreation Reservation Service for early July through Labor Day Weekend.*

Located in the Crystal Basin, there are two ways to access this facility. Travel 11 miles north on Ice House Road (Forest Road 31), then take a right on the Wrights Lake tie road (Forest Road 32) which will "T" into the Wrights Road. The second access is via the Wrights Lake Road (Forest Road 4) from 4 1/2 miles east of Kyburz off of Highway 50. Trailers are not recommended on this route.

Parking and access to Desolation Wilderness trailheads. Obtain an overnight wilderness permits in advance at www.recreation.gov or the Pacific Ranger District., 4 miles east of the Pollock Pines/Sly Park exit on Highway 50. Self-issue day permits are available at the trailheads during the summer months.

Water Quality

Water quality testing is not performed on open water sources such as lakes, streams and springs. Boil or treat before using.



Bear Country

In most cases, bears are not a threat, but they do deserve your respect and attention. When camping and hiking in bear country keep alert and enjoy the opportunity to see these magnificent animals in their natural habitat.

- ◆ **Keep Your Camp Clean**
- ◆ **Store Your Food Properly**
- ◆ **Dispose of Garbage Properly**
- ◆ **Sleep Well Away From Food or Dumpster Areas.**

Campfire Permits

When you camp in developed campgrounds, no campfire permit is required. If you plan to stay **outside maintained campgrounds, you may want a campfire for cooking,** enjoying its warmth, or roasting marshmallows.



For campfires, stoves, lanterns or barbeques used outside a recreation vehicle, you need a campfire permit.

Permit is free, valid for a full year from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, and may be obtained in person from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offices. Your responsibility for building and putting out your fire safely is explained on the campfire permit.

Be aware that as fire danger becomes greater, campfires may be prohibited.

Please check to find out if there are any fire restrictions in the area were you intend to camp. Campfires prohibited in Desolation Wilderness