



### TOILETS: To

help protect water quality, there are toilets at Outpost Camp and Trail Camp. There is a pit toilet at the summit. The facilities at Outpost Camp and Trail Camp are for solid waste only. Toilet paper is not supplied. If the toilets are not available, please dispose of human waste at least 200 feet from water, and bury it in soil at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep, or pack it out. Pack out your toilet paper. Do not bury sanitary napkins or tampons; pack them out. A sealable plastic bag works well.

**WILDLIFE:** Many animals call the Mt. Whitney area their home. You may see black bears, marmots, squirrels and birds. Their diet consists of food obtained from the natural environment. When wild animals eat human food, it is unhealthy for them and it can change their behavior. In some cases, it can spell death for the animal.

Please help us in the effort to keep black bears, marmots and other animals from obtaining human food. Keep them out of your food and garbage by storing your food properly. Keep a good distance between you and wild animals. Do not try to approach or feed these animals. Hand feeding them puts your life, and theirs, at risk. Remember, you are a visitor to the place they call home; so treat them with respect.

**PROPER FOOD STORAGE:** Proper food storage protects wildlife and guarantees that you will not go hungry on your trip. All garbage, toiletries and anything with a scent should be stored with your food. Please check at the Ranger Station for current bear activity before starting your trip.

**AT THE TRAILHEAD:** *Do not leave any food, toiletries, or scented items in your car.* If you *must* leave food at the trailhead, label it with your name and place it in the food storage lockers at the trailhead. **Ice chests, cans, water bottles, trash, film canisters, grocery bags, wrappers, boxes, and anything with a scent or odor are all food to a bear.**

**ON THE TRAIL:** Marmots and bears are in search of food from the trailhead to Trail Camp. A hungry marmot colony is in residence at Trail Camp day and night, and bears have been travelling as high as Trail Camp (above tree line) looking for food.

***We strongly recommend that you use the canister on the Mt. Whitney trail; it is the only food storage method that will keep bears and marmots from getting your food.***

A bear-resistant food canister cannot be opened by any animals (except humans). Canisters are for rent or sale at the Mt. Whitney Ranger Station, the Whitney Portal Store, and some local sporting good stores.



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