

## TRAILHEAD FACILITIES:

**A: FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS:** Sites are available, 60% reservable, 40% first-come, first-serve. For campground reservations call the National Recreation Reservation Service: 1-877-444-6777. International calls: 518-885-3639. Web site: <http://reserveusa.com>

Campgrounds at Whitney Portal are usually open May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Whitney Portal:** Located one mile east of the Portal trailhead. Forty-four unit family campgrounds. Piped water and flush toilets. Fee.

**Whitney Portal Trailhead:** All first-come, first-served. Ten unit hiker campgrounds. One night limit. Fee.

**Whitney Portal Group Campground:** By reservation only. Three group sites available. Fee.

**Lone Pine:** Six miles west of Lone Pine on Whitney Portal Road. Seven miles from Whitney Portal. Forty-four unit family campgrounds. Piped water and vault toilets. Fee. Open all year. No piped water November to May.

**B: WHITNEY PORTAL STORE AND CAFE:** Open during summer months. Supplies, meals, souvenirs, showers. Telephone available, credit card calls only.

**C: PARKING:** Parking is available. Overflow parking lot is located 500 feet east of the trailhead.

**D: PICNIC AREA:** Day use area, drinking water, picnic tables, grills, and fishing pond with an accessible fishing pier for the physically disabled.

## MAPS:

1. **United States Geological Survey (USGS)** 15 minute quads: Mt. Whitney and Lone Pine, California.

2. **Forest Service:** John Muir Wilderness and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park topo map set (15 minute scale) available from the Ranger Station. To order by mail call: 760-876-6222.

## SUGGESTED REFERENCE:

1. Climbing Mt. Whitney, by Wheelock and Benti; Spotted Dog Press.

2. Climbing California's Fourteeners, by Porcella and Burns; The Mountaineers.

## WILDERNESS ETHICS:

Regulations alone will not ensure protection of this area. Your respect and regard for the Wilderness and its inhabitants are important. Remember, your actions have lasting impacts.

## Mt. Whitney Regulations:

(Violations are subject to a fine)

- A Wilderness permit is required for all overnight and day hikes beyond Lone Pine Lake. Permits prevent overcrowding and protect the resource.
- Fires are not permitted. Fires scar the landscape and use wood that the next generation of trees is dependent upon.
- Proper food storage is required. Food storage keeps you and the animals out of danger.
- Trailside Meadow and Mirror Lake are closed to overnight camping. These areas were subject to overuse in the past.
- Pack and saddle stock are prohibited.
- Pets and firearms are not allowed in Sequoia National Park, located 8.5 miles from the trailhead.
- Stay on the maintained trail, and do not shortcut the switchbacks. It causes destructive erosion and shortens the life of the trail.
- Pack out all your garbage, including toilet paper.

*If you see any violations of regulations, please report them to a ranger as soon as possible.*

## A Note Regarding your Wilderness Permit:

Your permit is a contract between you and the National Forest Service that you agree to treat the backcountry with respect and you will take care of the Wilderness. You will see wilderness regulations on your permit. Read, understand, sign and obey them. Thank you.

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