

# Hoover Wilderness Permit Reservation Application Instructions

**Step 1: Fill out the application:** We begin accepting wilderness permit reservations, by mail or in person, beginning March 1. Reservations cannot be accepted by telephone, fax, or email.

**Step 2: Payment:** There is a charge of \$3 per person in your party. Each wilderness permit reservation application must include a check or money order (payable to USDA Forest Service) or your application will not be processed.

**Step 3: Mail application and payment to:**  
Bridgeport Ranger Station  
Attn: Wilderness Permits  
HC 62 Box 1000  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Step 4: Selection:** Priority for selection is based upon the date the application is received.

**Step 5: Confirmation:** A confirmation letter will be mailed to you when your reservation application is accepted. If your reservation application is not accepted, your application and check or money order will be returned to you.

**Step 6: Pick up your permit:** Come into the Bridgeport Ranger Station, no sooner than the afternoon prior to your trip starting date, to obtain your actual wilderness permit.

## Important Items to Remember:

- All overnight trips into the Hoover Wilderness and proposed additions to the Hoover Wilderness require a wilderness permit, year round.
- From the last Friday in June through September 15, wilderness permits are limited by a trailhead quota.
- Only trailheads under the quota system need reservations, and only during the quota season. Trailheads under quota are: Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, Horse Creek, Green Creek, Virginia Lakes, and Leavitt Meadow.
- Wilderness permits may also be obtained at the Summit Ranger Station (Stanislaus N.F.), on Hwy 108 in Pinecrest.
- Wilderness permits are free. A \$3 processing fee is charged for wilderness permit reservations.
- Self-issue wilderness permits for Sonora Pass, Leavitt Lake, and Leavitt Meadow trailheads **only** are located at the Leavitt Meadow trailhead.
- During the quota season, up to one half of the wilderness permits for each trailhead are available on a first come, first served basis at the Bridgeport Ranger Station.
- Wilderness permits not picked up by 11:00 a.m. on the date of entry will be made available for first come, first served visitors.
- Reservation fees are nonrefundable once confirmed.
- Wilderness permits are nontransferable.
- In order to insure that you can start your wilderness trip when you want to, reservations are highly recommended.

- ⇒ All wilderness visitors, including day users, are encouraged to stop by the ranger station for current information.
- ⇒ A trip to the wilderness carries with it certain inherent risks. You are likely to experience extremes in weather conditions, isolation, physical hazards, and communications or rescue are not likely to be rapid.
- ⇒ The wilderness permit is a contract between you and the U.S. Forest Service. It is your responsibility to know and follow all the rules and regulations. Failure to abide by these rules, including having your permit with you, may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

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