

2010 Mt. Whitney Lottery Application
Inyo National Forest Pacific Southwest Region



Apply to Lottery if you want to reserve a wilderness permit for trips:

With an entry date between May 1 and November 1, and
Day Use in the Mt. Whitney Zone via any route; or
Overnight or multi night trips that start on the Mt. Whitney trail.
See second page for what is not reserved in the lottery, terms and conditions.

GROUP LEADER: _____

Print clearly - mail label

optional E-mail _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List Alternate Leaders allowed to replace Group Leader:

Phone -optional (_____) _____

Is this a GUIDED trip?: YES NO

Name of Guide, Company, School, Church Group, Youth Org, etc. _____

Is this trip by Foot? (Hiking/ Backpacking) YES NO

GROUP SIZE / FEES/ PAYMENT TERMS

Mt Whitney Permit Reservations are **\$15.00 per person**. Submission of this application indicates your agreement to Mt Whitney lottery terms and conditions. Reservations are not refundable, not for re-sale and can not be transferred to other parties or future years. Send only one application per trip/group. Reservations that result from submission multiple applications are not entitled to a refund.

GROUP SIZE _____ **X \$15.00 =** _____ **Total Fee**
(maximum group size 15 people)

Payment required with application.

Check or Money Order payable to: **USDA Forest Service**

VISA or MasterCard Provide Credit Card Number

_____/_____/_____/_____

Expiration Date (month/year) _____/_____

Print Name on credit card

Signature _____

DATES REQUESTED: List alternate entry dates in order of preference.

Do not include dates you will be at car accessible campgrounds such as Whitney Portal Campground.

	Entry Date	Exit Date	Entry Trail	Exit Trail	Day Use	Over-night
1 st Choice			Mt. Whitney			
2 nd Choice			Mt. Whitney			
3 rd Choice			Mt. Whitney			
4 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
5 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
6 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
7 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
8 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
9 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
10 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			

If you have more than 10 alternate dates, please attach additional pages and include leader name on all pages.

MAIL APPLICATION IN FEBRUARY

These Trips to Mt Whitney are NOT Reserved by the Lottery

- Day hikes that do not enter the Mt Whitney zone (beyond Lone Pine Lake or Lower Boy Scout Lake) do not require a permit.
- Entry date between November 2 and April 30. No reservation needed. Self-issue permit at Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center.
- Overnight trips via the North Fork of Lone Pine Creek are NOT in lottery (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face/Buttress routes).
- Overnight trips that begin in Inyo National Forest on a trail other than the Mt. Whitney Trail (i.e. Cottonwood or Kearsarge Pass, etc).
- For trips that begin in Yosemite or Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, obtain your permit from the National Park.

Mt. Whitney Lottery Process: Applications must be mailed with a February postmark. Applications are stirred into random order as they are accepted to the lottery. February 16, we begin making reservations from applications drawn at random. Applications received February 16 or later are stirred into the application pool each day. Applications postmarked in February that arrive in March are accepted. Every application is drawn and considered. When your application is drawn, a reservation is made if quota space is still available for the entry date and group size you requested.

Lottery applications: MUST be mailed with postmark in February. Fax applications not accepted. Please be sure your application is accurate and complete before you mail it. We can not revise, intercept, or confirm applications.

Payment: Applications must include payment of **\$15.00 per person** (US Funds only).

Pay by **Visa, MasterCard**, or by **Check / Money Order** MUST be payable to: **U.S.D.A. Forest Service**

Mail Application To: **Mt. Whitney Lottery**
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200
Bishop, CA 93514

More information is available at:
Inyo National Forest website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo>
Wilderness Permit Reservation Office (760) 873-2483

Lottery Results: Expect notification of results by mail after April 1st. Lottery winners will receive instructions on picking up their permit. If you were unsuccessful, missed the lottery, or want to change your reservation, refer to the Inyo National Forest website after April 1st for a calendar of available dates, and timetable of when to apply.

Questions? Need assistance? Call the Wilderness Permit Reservation staff before February 12 or after April 1. **760-873-2483**.

Lottery Terms and Conditions:

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all visitors entering the Mt Whitney Zone. Reservations can only be made for trips that begin during the quota period, from May 1 through November 1.

Day Use Permit: If the entire trip will be on one calendar date and you will enter the Mt. Whitney Zone, a Day Use permit is required. Day Use includes all routes (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face/Buttress routes, Mt Russell). No consecutive day use, if trip is more than one calendar date an Overnight permit is required.

Overnight permit (or multi-night): Trips lasting one night or more, that start on the Mt. Whitney trail require an Overnight permit. This includes trips that will end elsewhere (i.e. Pacific Crest and John Muir trails). Day permit can not be used as part of an overnight trip to pass through the area. Overnight use does not include all routes. Entry via North Fork of Lone Pine Creek is NOT in lottery (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face /Buttress, Mt. Russell), can be reserved 6 months in advance.

Group Size: The maximum group size is 15 people. Large groups can not exceed 15 people even if on separate permits.

Entry Date: is the day you will begin walking from the trailhead. All of your group must start on the entry date listed on your permit. Do not include camping at Whitney Portal.

Multiple Lottery Applications: Submit only one application for your group for each trip desired. Example, for one trip in June and another trip in August, send one application for each trip.

Applications are rejected from the lottery for any of the following reasons: application form for 2010 not used; missing February postmark; received without payment; sent by fax; illegible; incomplete information.

No Refunds: A reservation fee is charged only if your application is successful. Once reserved, there is no refund. Reservations that result from submission multiple applications are not entitled to a refund.

Re-sale of reservations is prohibited. Reservations can not be transferred to other parties or to future years.

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