

# Accessible Recreation Opportunities Sierra National Forest

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The Sierra National Forest is located on the western slope of the central Sierra Nevada 50 miles east of Fresno, California. Its 1.3 million acres extend from the Merced River south to the Kings River east to the Crest of the Sierra Nevada. Forest terrain ranges from gently rolling oak-covered foothills along the San Joaquin Valley to the rugged majestic snow capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada crest.

The three major access routes are State Highway 41, State Highway 140 accessing the northern half of the Forest and State Highway 168 accessing the southern half.

The Sierra has 11 reservoirs, 528,000 acres of designated wilderness, over 60 campgrounds, two wild and scenic rivers and 1,100 miles of trails. The Sierra National Forest provides an array of recreational opportunities.

A continuing goal of the Forest is to provide as many accessible opportunities to persons with disabilities so that all will be able to share in the common day-to-day experiences that non-disabled take for granted. Although many areas have wheelchair accessible campsites and/or rest rooms, a greater number of sites are being made accessible.

## NATIONAL FOREST PASSES

Federally issued **Golden Age** (\$10 one-time fee) and **Golden Access** (free) **Passports** are honored at all National Forest facilities. Passports can be obtained in person at National Forest offices. These permits allow discounts on campground fees and free entrance to all National parks.

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA PASSES

The State of California offers "**Disability Discount Pass**" for discounts to State Park facilities and free

fishing licenses for the disabled. Contact your nearest California Department of Fish and Game Office for a free annual fishing license or contact the Sacramento Office at: **Dept. of Fish and Game, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**. Contact your nearest California Department of Parks and Recreation office for a "Disabled Discount Pass", or write the Sacramento Office at: **Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 1416 9th Street, Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001**. Cost is a *one-time* fee of \$3.50. This gives you a 50% discount on all State Park fees.

## CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

For your convenience, selected campgrounds on the Sierra National Forest offer reserveable sites. Reservations are advised for all selected National Forest campgrounds during peak seasons. The peak season for most campgrounds is Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Reservations are available by contacting:

### National Recreation Reservation Service

**1-877-444-6777**

**TDD 1-877-833-6777**

**[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)**

## ACCESSIBLE AREAS

Areas that are currently wheelchair accessible are listed below (*Not all locations/facilities are 100% accessible*). Due to road and weather conditions, not all locations are available year round. We invite you to explore the opportunities available on the Sierra National Forest.

## BASS LAKE AREA

Four family campgrounds, one group campground and one group day-use area are on the south side of the lake. Many of the campgrounds and picnic areas around Bass lake have been updated and have accessible toilets and campsites.



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***Lupine-Cedar Bluff Campground, Spring Cove, Forks Campgrounds***— All three campgrounds provide accessible campsites and toilets. Spring Cove and Forks have recently been renovated and have more updated facilities.

***Lakeside Picnic Area***—New renovated, this facility has nice pathways and accessible restrooms and picnic sites.

***Recreation Point***—at the north end of the lake. Only picnic site that has a paved road and trail to accessible rest rooms.

***Wishon Boat Launch*** - at the south end of the lake by the Dam, is paved and has an accessible rest room, but no paved trail to the beach area. Accessible boat loading ramp is available.

## **MERCED RIVER**

***Dirt Flat & Dry Gulch Campgrounds*** - have accessible toilets.

***McClendons Beach, and Cranberry Launch*** have accessible toilets. Day use only.

***Indian Flat Day Use*** – has accessible toilets.

## **SIERRA VISTA NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY**

***Ross Cabin*** - a 150 year-old cabin near Clearwater Forest Service Station along Forest Highway 81, north of North Fork. The Cabin is not wheelchair accessible but the parking area has an accessible toilet.

***Mile High Vista*** - a spectacular stop along the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway revealing the crest of the Sierra and the headwaters of the San Joaquin River, has paved parking lot and accessible restrooms.

## **BEASORE ROAD**

***Cold Springs Summit***- accessible restroom available.

## **HUNTINGTON LAKE AREA**

There are various levels of access to the lakeshore; many may require assistance depending on your strength. These access points can be used for fishing, sightseeing, swimming and boating.

***DAM III at Huntington Lake***-located at the west end of the lake. To reach the dam by car, follow the

Huntington Lake Road along the north shore. Parking is limited, with a few parking spaces close to the dam on compacted dirt or pavement; other parking can be found along turnouts on the adjacent roadway. The dam is accessible with a paved surface and a safety cable at the waters edge.

***Huntington Lake Campgrounds***-most accessible areas are Deer Creek, Kinnikinnick, and Catavee.

***Bear Cove Picnic Site***-has accessible sites and a paved trail. The trail traverses from Bear Cove to Deer Creek campground.

***Huntington Lake Boat Launch***-roads and parking areas are paved. Accessible boat loading ramp and restrooms are available.

## **HIGH SIERRA AREA**

***Kaiser Pass Road***-accessible toilet is available at the turnoff to White Bark Vista.

***High Sierra Area Campgrounds***-flat campsites with accessible restrooms can be found at Mono Hot Springs and Mono Creek campground. Fishing and swimming opportunities are possible for those who enjoy challenges and others who can get a little help from a friend.

***Jackass Campground***-almost all of the 50 campsites in this campground are flat and compacted for the use of wheelchairs, crutches and other mobility assisting devices. Though not meeting accessibility standards, picnic tables and fire grills at each campsite have been found to be useable by most visitors.

***Jackass Meadow Interpretive Trail***- a 2000-foot accessible plank boardwalk is available near the campground.

## **OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ROUTES**

Red Mountain- provides access to remote and pristine areas of the Forest. The 4-wheel drive trails, with various challenge levels, take you to five different lakes where primitive camping is available. The most accessible opportunities for camping, fishing and other recreation are at Red and Coyote Lakes where access to lakeshores is somewhat flat and unobstructed. **Note: Access to Coyote Lake does require a short wheel base vehicle. Toilets at all lakes will accommodate a wheelchair.**

**Maps and additional information are available at Forest Offices.**

## **SHAVER LAKE AREA**

**Boat Launch**- accessible boat ramp is available at the Sierra Marina boat launch facilities.

**Camp Edison Campground**-has accessible campsites and restrooms. Operated by Southern California Edison. For information contact (559) 841-3134.

## **DINKEY CREEK AREA**

**Trails End Picnic Area** - a very popular and scenic area located at the end of the road along Dinkey Creek. Accessible tables and restrooms.

**Dinkey Creek Campground** - numerous sites with flat surfaces for camping. Restrooms have not been upgraded to accommodate wheelchairs. Motor homes of various sizes can be easily accommodated.

**McKinley Grove Botanical Area** - located six miles past Dinkey Creek on McKinley Grove Road. An accessible paved nature trail winds through the towering Giant Sequoias. Picnic and accessible restroom facilities are available.

## **COURTRIGHT RESERVOIR AREA**

**Trapper Springs Campground** - located three miles north of the boat launch facility. Restrooms and designated accessible sites are available. This is a first come, first served campground.

**Wee-Mee-Kute** - accessible picnic areas with restrooms 2 1/2 miles north of the boat launch facility.

**Maxson Trailhead** - located across Courtright Dam has great scenery and an accessible restroom. Horse loading ramp is available.

## **WISHON RESERVOIR AREA**

**Wishon Reservoir** - has several picnic and fishing access points along the west side of Wishon Lake. All restrooms are accessible, however picnic sites and fishing routes are not accessible depending on your strength and need for assistance.

**Upper Kings** - located on the south side of the road. Provides fishing that is accessible at the base of Wishon

Dam. Group camping area available with some flat sites and accessible restrooms.

**Lily Pad Campground** - located on the north side of the road. Designated accessible sites and restrooms available.

## **KINGS RIVER AREA**

**Kirch Flat Campground** - on the north side of the river. Close enough to the river for watching and listening to the roar of the rapids from accessible campsites. Accessible restrooms are provided in the group site. No potable water is available.

**Kings River** - accessible toilets at Camp 4 1/2, Camp 4, Mill Creek and at Garnet Dike. Several compacted dirt sites are along the river that may be accessible depending on your strength and need for assistance. Come take a drive and view the array of wildflowers in the spring.

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

For more information on areas listed in this brochure, please contact offices listed below:

### **Sierra National Forest Headquarters**

1600 Tollhouse Road  
Clovis, CA 93611  
(559) 297-0706  
California Relay Service 711 or  
TTY to Voice 1-866-735-2929

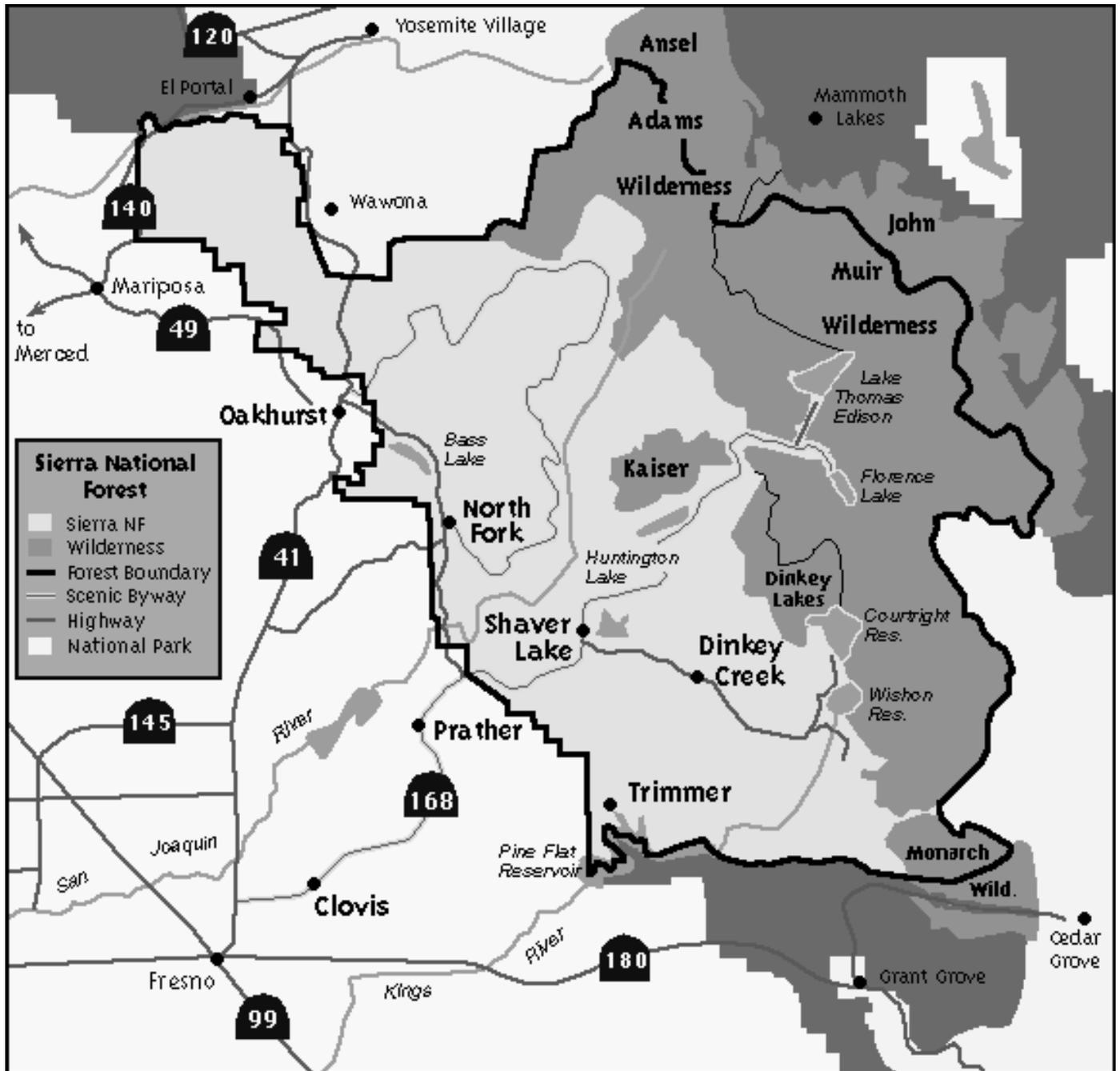
### **Bass Lake Ranger District**

57003 Road 225  
North Fork, CA 93643  
(559) 877-2218  
California Relay Service 711 or  
TTY to Voice 1-866-735-2929

### **High Sierra Ranger District**

PO Box 559  
Prather, CA 93651  
(559) 855-5355  
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TTY to Voice 1-866-735-2929

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