



2014 STOCK USE & GRAZING RESTRICTIONS - SEQUOIA NP WILDERNESS PERMIT CONDITIONS

These area-specific restrictions supplement the Minimum Impact Restrictions and guidelines.

DEFINITION OF TERMS: Stock use: Traveling, camping, and grazing with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas). Closed to grazing: Open to travel and camping with stock provided that animals are confined on a hardened surface and given substitute feed. Day rides & pass-through travel only: Open to stock travel, but animals may not graze or stay overnight. Closed to stock: Closed to all stock access.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS: Confine and feed animals properly if not grazing. Keep animals out of wet areas. Maximum party size is 15 people, 20 head of stock unless otherwise stated. Stock travel is restricted to within ½ mile of maintained trails except in designated off-trail areas or along designated routes. Keep your camp compact and unobtrusive. Do not build or improve fire rings or campsite “furniture”. No camping within 25 ft. of water. From 25 to 100 ft. from water, camping is only allowed in previously well-established campsites. You are required to remove and scatter all manure piles from within 100 feet of the campsite to reduce odors and insect problems, and to maintain the appearance of the site. Carry a rake to fill in pawed-up areas. Tie to trees only when packing or unpacking stock. Never tie to trees smaller than 6” in diameter. Water stock downstream from campsites. Do not let stock urinate or defecate directly into water sources. If your stock dies in the wilderness, assure that a ranger is notified as soon as possible for help in properly disposing of the animal. Dead stock must be moved at least 300 feet from trails, campsites, and water within 72 hours of death. Minimize gear and number of stock to minimize impacts to the wilderness. All wheeled vehicles, and all motorized equipment are prohibited in wilderness per the Wilderness Act of 1964.

MIDDLE and MARBLE FORKS, KAWEAH RIVER DRAINAGE:

Lakes Trail	Trail to Heather, Emerald, and Pear Lakes open for <u>day rides only</u> .
Frontcountry Trails	Wolverton Cutoff, Alta, Panther Gap, and Seven Mile Trails open for <u>day rides and pass-through travel only</u> . High Sierra Trail <u>closed to stock</u> from Crescent Meadow to Wolverton Cutoff.
Giant Forest/Lodgepole	All meadows within 5 miles of Giant Forest Museum (includes Crescent, Cahoon, Willow, and Halstead meadows) <u>closed to grazing</u> . All paved trails are <u>closed to stock</u> .
Redwood Meadow	Lower (northern) portion is open to private and commercial use with a two night limit. Grazing by commercial users temporarily limited to 32 total stock nights. Use of the upper (southern) portion restricted to administrative users with grazing limited to 65 total stock nights.
Granite Creek	Route from Redwood Meadow to upper Granite Creek open to stock use but probably impassible.
Hamilton Lakes	<u>Closed to grazing</u> .

MINERAL KING AREA, EAST & SOUTH FORK KAWEAH, & TULE RIVER DRAINAGES:

Mineral King Valley/Lakes Basin	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> for parties with horses and mules. Open to grazing by walking parties with burros or llamas.	
Sawtooth Pass	<u>Closed to stock</u> from Monarch Lake to switchbacks below Columbine Lake.	
Hockett Plateau	Open to stock use with the following five exceptions:	
	Hockett Ranger Station Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public stock use.
	Mitchell Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u> .
	South Fork Meadow (Rock Camp)	Grazing temporarily limited to 75 total stock nights.
	South Fork Pasture (Upper Camp)	Grazing temporarily limited to 100 total stock nights.
	Summit Lake Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> .

WEST KERN PLATEAU (Chagoopa, Funston, Big Arroyo, Rattlesnake, Laurel and Coyote Creeks)

Open to off-trail stock use with the following exceptions:

Big & Little Five Lakes	Open to stock use within 1/2 mile of maintained trails. <u>Closed to off-trail stock use</u> .
Little Five Lakes	Meadow southeast of ranger station <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Forester Lake Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> .

KERN RIVER CANYON:

Open to off-trail stock use *except* for the following areas:

Kern Canyon below Laurel Creek	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> to prevent the spread of velvetgrass, including Lower Funston Meadow and Rattlesnake Camp/River Pasture, except for administrative use of Lewis Camp Large Pasture and Kern Station Small Pasture. Please see the “Velvetgrass in the Kern River Canyon” bulletin for further information.
Laurel Creek to Kern Kaweah	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> for parties accessing the canyon from the USFS lands to the south to prevent the spread of velvetgrass. Open to grazing by parties accessing the canyon from west, north, or east, includes Junction Mdw, Kern Bridge Camp, Upper Funston Mdw, and Twenty-one Inch Camp.
Junction Meadow (Kern)	15 head per party maximum; one night grazing limit.
Kern Hot Springs	Small meadow immediately adjacent to hot springs <u>closed to stock</u> .
Upper Funston Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to commercial and private users. Two night limit. Camp in designated sites if available.

KERN-KAWEAH, UPPER KERN, TYNDALL, WRIGHT AND WALLACE CREEKS:

Milestone Basin	<u>Special permit required</u> . Permit requirements: one party at a time, eight head limit, two night grazing limit. Grazing permitted north of Milestone Creek only. No stock travel above 10,800’.
Lake S. America Col Mdw	Small lake south of Lake South America and large meadow farther south along trail <u>closed to grazing</u> .
John Dean Cutoff	Unmaintained trail from Tyndall Creek Ranger Station to Kern Canyon open to stock use.
Shepherd Pass	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> within one mile of Shepherd Pass.
Wright Creek Drainage	Unmaintained route below 11,200’ open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200’.
Wright Creek Closed Mdw	Side drainage in east-central Wright Lakes Basin <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Wallace Creek	Unmaintained route below 11,200’ open to stock use; <u>day rides only</u> above 11,200’.
Wallace Creek Waterfall Mdw	Open to grazing with a temporary six head, one night grazing limit.

WHITNEY, CRABTREE, AND ROCK CREEK DRAINAGES:

Mt. Whitney Trail	<u>Closed to all stock</u> access from one mile above Guitar Lake and above.
Guitar Lake	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules. Open to stock use by walking parties with burros or llamas.
Crabtree Ranger Sta. Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing</u> .
Upper Crabtree Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to 75 total stock nights.
Lower Crabtree Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to 40 total stock nights.
Crabtree Lakes	<u>Closed to stock</u> travel above the hitch rail located 0.5 mile below the lowest lake.
Lower Whitney Crk./Strawberry	Grazing temporarily limited to private parties only. Grazing temporarily limited to 40 total stock nights.
Sandy Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to 200 total stock nights.
Rock Crk. Ranger Sta. Meadow	Area adjacent to ranger station <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Lower Rock Creek Crossing Mdw	Grazing temporarily limited to 200 total stock nights.
Forgotten Canyon	Unmaintained route to Funston Lake open to stock use but possibly impassable.
Guyot Creek	Meadows west of John Muir Trail <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Siberian Outpost	Unmaintained route to Rocky Basin Lakes open to stock use.
Upper Rock Creek Area	Two night grazing limit for all of the upper Rock Creek area, Nathan’s Meadow, and above.
Miter Basin	Unmaintained trail open to stock use to Sky Blue Lake. <u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> above the outlet stream from Primrose Lake.
Penned-Up Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to 40 total stock nights.
Rock Creek Meadow #2	Meadow between drift fence and Rock Creek Lake <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Rock Creek Lake and Stringer	Grazing temporarily limited to 50 total stock nights.
Nathan’s Meadow	Grazing temporarily limited to 75 total stock nights.
Kern Canyon Overlooks	Off-trail routes between JMT and edge of the Kern Canyon open to <u>day rides only</u> .

For more detailed information, please see 2013 Stock Users Guide to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness

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