

Bearpaw High Sierra Camp Guest Information

**Bearpaw High Sierra Camp is open mid June to mid September (weather permitting)
Reservations are required!**

Booking your reservation:

- Available to book as of January 2nd of each year after 7am PST
- Call **866-807-3598** to reserve (International callers dial 801-559-4930).
- One booking per call. No minimum or maximum number of nights or tents
- Full payment is required at the time of booking
- Wilderness Permits are required, but free of charge for guests confirmed at the High Sierra Camp. Guests do not need to reserve a permit. Permits need to be picked up in person at the Lodgepole Visitor Center.

The Lodgepole Wilderness Permit Desk is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11 to 12). Permits may be picked up the same day of the hike. Or they can be picked up the afternoon prior to the hike (after 1:00 p.m.). For additional wilderness information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm> or call the wilderness office at (559) 565-3766.

Rates:

Adults \$175.00

Additional adult in tent \$75.00

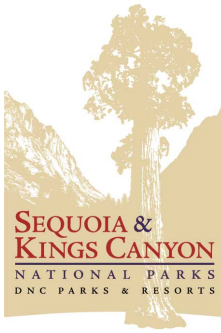
Daily Rates per Person / Based on Double Occupancy (Includes two meals per day) We recommend a minimum two night stay.

If unable to obtain a reservation on January 2nd, check back periodically for cancellations (Reservations may be canceled due to snow or trail conditions). Notice will be given as soon as changes are made aware to us. It is a good idea to reconfirm reservations 3 – 5 days prior to arrival to check on trail conditions.

Cancellation: There is a 60 day cancellation policy. Cancellations within 60 days forfeit entire stay. There are no exceptions.

Accommodations:

- There are **six tent cabins** located on a rocky saddle overlooking the Great Western Divide
- Each cabin can sleep **three (3) people** (two beds in each cabin, third person* on the floor)
- **Bedding is provided** (down comforter, blanket, sheets, towel, and pillow)



- *Floor person must provide their own bedding and sleeping pad.
- There is a central shower house and flush toilet shared by all guests

To Contact Us:

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The Hike:

Trail Head: The High Sierra Trail starts at **Crescent Meadow** in Sequoia National Park (approximately 10 miles south of the Wuksachi Lodge)

Mileage: **11.3 miles** east on the High Sierra Trail

Elevation: Starts at 6800ft (Crescent Meadow) ends at 7800ft (Bearpaw)

The gain in elevation is approximately 1000ft

Terrain: The hike is considered moderate with warm southern exposure. The trail follows a ridgeline (of mixed conifers) offering views of Great Western Divide. The journey gains and loses elevation the entire way with several creek crossings.

Guest Recommendations:

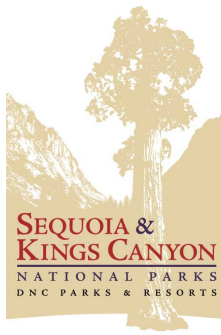
Start hiking early! It takes the average person approximately **7 hours** to hike in or out of Bearpaw. A 7 am start is recommended to allow enough time to shower and relax before dinner. This will also help to avoid some of the mid day heat.

Drink and carry plenty of water. There are several creek crossing along the way, carry a water filter or iodine tablets. Potable drinking water is not available on the trail.

Eat small meals but often. Large meals sit heavy and demand oxygen for digestion. It is recommended to eat high carbohydrates and avoid fat and proteins as they are harder to digest.

Merhten Creek is approximately six miles, (a good lunch destination) and it is recommended to rest and enjoy Buck Creek (it has a concrete bridge) because the last 1.3 miles gains 600 vertical feet and is without water.

As the trail tops the ridge, a sign identifies the campground. Stay left on the trail (toward Hamilton Lake). DO NOT take the trail to the campground. The tent camp lies 300 yards ahead. Walk around to the front of the dining hall for lemonade, and the camp host will greet you.



Mules

Most people choose to hike in, but mule rides are available with the Cedar Grove Pack Station. For rates and reservations call: 559-565-3464. Personal items cannot be shipped on the Bearpaw weekly pack trains. Arrangements must be made privately.

The night before your hike to Bearpaw we recommend you stay at the Wuksachi Village and Lodge in Sequoia National Park to acclimate to the elevation. Stay a night after your hike as well so you can rest before your drive home.

Meals: (We cannot sell meals to backpackers)

Breakfast and dinner are included in the price of the tent.

Box lunches can be purchased separately.

Meals are served family style

Breakfast is served: 7:30am

Dinner is served: 5:30pm

Typical Dinner:

Meat (beef, chicken, or pork) & Vegetarian entree

Starch & Veggies

Fresh baked bread & homemade dessert

The kitchen prepares "home style meals". Breads and desserts are prepared from scratch.

Wine can be purchased for \$4.00 a glass. We do not sell beer or soda

Store:

There are a few items for sale at Bearpaw but do not depend on it for essentials

What to Bring:

Warm Hat

Sweater and/or Fleece Jacket

Extra Socks! (Laundry facilities are not available)

Sweat Pants, Tee Shirts, Etc.

Rain Poncho

Ball Cap or Sun Visor

Camping Shoes or Sandals (good for creek crossings)

Area Hiking Map

Sunscreen

Sunglasses

Water Filter or Iodine Tablets

Insect Repellant

Flashlight

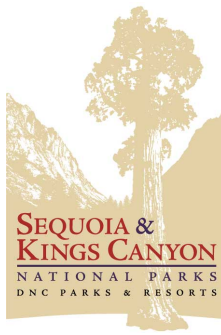
Water Bottle

Walking Stick

Toiletries

First Aid Kit & Blister Kit

Medications (bring extra just in case)



Hiking Season

For trail conditions, **maps**, and information call the Wilderness Office at 559-565-3766
For **weather** information call 559-565-3341

Side Trips:

Lone Pine Creek Bridge
3 Miles Round Trip

Redwood Meadow
9.6 Miles Round Trip

Lower Bearpaw Meadow
3 Miles Round Trip

Elizabeth Pass
11 Miles Round Trip

Hamilton Lake (Great for fishing)
8 miles round trip

Kaweah Gap
18 Miles Round Trip

Tamarack Lake (Great for fishing)
9 miles round trip

What to Expect:

Mid to late June:

Songbirds and fewer insects
Possible snow on trail and higher water levels
Cool temperatures low 40's to mid 70's with possible thunderstorm activity
Little trail usage (backpackers)

Early July:

Some flowers and songbirds with an increase in insect activity
Warmer temperatures high 40's to mid 80's

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Flowers and insects
Warmer Temperatures high 40's to mid 80's with possible thunderstorms
Increase in trail usage (backpackers)

Early to mid August:

Some flowers and insects
Warmer temperatures high 40's to mid 80's with possible thunderstorms
High trail usage (backpackers)

Late August through mid September:

Berry season with decrease in flowers and insect activity
Cooler temperatures low 40's to high 70's
Low trail usage (backpackers)