

SAN JACINTO WILDERNESS – NATIONAL FOREST SECTION

CAMPING REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

1. Carry a permit at all times while in the Wilderness (if your group splits up, carry copies), obtain through the Idyllwild Ranger Station.
2. Camp in the Zone assigned on the Overnight Wilderness Permit.
 - i. If assigned to a Zone, camp within it at least 200 feet (60 paces) from trails, meadows, streams, and other campers. Choose a site so it is out of sight and sound of other campers.
 - ii. If assigned to a Brown Post Site, camp at that site (example: site Chinquapin B3 will have a CH3 painted on the brown post at the campsite). See Trail Marker info on Camping Zone Map.
3. NO CAMPFIRES are allowed in the Wilderness.
4. Use a backpack stove in an area cleared down to mineral soil at least 3 feet in diameter.
5. Keep group size limited to 12 persons maximum (large groups should travel at least 20 min. apart). Each part of a split group must have a permit copy.
6. Pack It In, Pack It Out! Do not leave or bury trash, animals dig up trash. Use of glass containers in Wilderness is strongly discouraged.
7. Restore your campsite to its natural state, it should look as though you had never been there.
8. Carry a trowel, bury human waste at least 8 inches deep and pack out toilet paper.
9. Do not smoke while traveling on the trail; smoking is allowed in an area cleared down to mineral soil at least 3 feet in diameter.
10. Filter, treat or boil water before using. Water quality testing is not performed.
11. Dispose of waste water at least 200 feet from open water sources.
12. Keep group size of stock limited to 8 animals (horses, mules, llamas).
13. Picket stock at least 200 feet (60 paces) from trails, meadows, streams, and other campers. No grazing allowed, pack in food.
14. Dogs must remain on a leash no greater than six feet at all times. Dogs are allowed in the National Forest Section, not the State Section of the Wilderness.
15. Stay on trail, do not cut switchbacks. Soils in the Wilderness are fragile.
16. Wheeled mechanical devices including but not limited to bicycles, strollers, and carts are not allowed in the Wilderness.
17. Firearms are not allowed in the State Game Refuge, most of the Wilderness is in the Refuge.
18. Mutilating, removing, or destroying any natural feature or Government property is prohibited.
19. Respect the Wilderness experience of others by keeping noise to a minimum. The Wilderness Act provides for solitude.
20. Tahquitz Peak Lookout facilities are provided solely for the lookouts, not for public use.
21. Trail maps can be purchased at the Ranger Stations in Idyllwild.



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WOOD AND CHARCOAL CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SAN JACINTO WILDERNESS



Camp stoves may be used, but they must be the type that can be turned off. **You must have a California Campfire Permit when using a camp stove.** Permits can be obtained from the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Permits are also available online at www.preventwildfireca.org.

Watch for **DEAD TREE HAZARDS** such as falling limbs and trees. **Camp away from dead trees.** Limbs and trees may fall at any time, during all types of weather.

For more information, please call the USFS Ranger Station in Idyllwild: (909) 382-2921.

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