

Whiskeytown Unit

Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity
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USING WHISKEYTOWN'S BACKCOUNTRY



WELCOME to the Whiskeytown Unit of the National Park Service. To make your stay more enjoyable and safer, and to help us protect the area

for others to enjoy, please observe the following while camping in the backcountry.

BACKCOUNTRY USE PERMITS are required for any overnight use except at the Oak Bottom, Brandy Creek and Dry Creek Campgrounds.

FIRES- During periods of severe fire potential you may be prohibited from having a campfire - it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to know if fires are allowed. Check at Headquarters or with a ranger if you are not certain. Make sure there is no vegetation at least 10' to all sides and 15' above

the fire. Scrape 5' around the campfire to bare soil. **NEVER** leave a fire unattended and be especially careful during windy periods. Put all fires out before leaving by pouring water on the fire and then stirring the water and embers vigorously.

HELP save firewood by having a small fire. Burn only small pieces of dead wood gathered from the ground; do not break any branches from trees. Where fires are allowed, use only existing firerings and do not add rocks.

SMOKING - Never smoke while moving, either on foot, horseback, bicycles, or motorcycles. When taking a smoke break, clear a small



CAMPSITES - Camp on bare ground, never on any vegetation, and at least 100' from water. Avoid camping beneath leaning trees or dead branches; they may fall. Campsites

area to mineral soil, and crush out ashes before leaving. Cigarette butts and matches are litter; pick them up.



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WATER - Water may be **polluted** even if it looks and tastes pure. The best treatment for making water potable is to boil it for 5 minutes. Carry the water at least 100' from the stream to wash dishes or yourself. **NEVER** wash directly in the water - never put anything in the water; even "biodegradable" soap pollutes.

WASTE DISPOSAL - The potential health hazard from human waste is increasing as more people visit the wild areas. To prevent the spread of disease, it is essential that visitors dispose of their body waste properly. Bury feces at least 6" below the surface and at least 100' from lakes and streams.



TRASH - If you carry it in, carry it out. Leaving any **litter** in campsites or along trails is prohibited. Please also remember to remove any burned aluminum foil you may have left in the campfire ashes. Whenever possible, carry out trash left behind by others. **Never bury trash.**

FOOD STORAGE - Protect your food from bears and other animals at all times, **NEVER** leave it unattended. Store your food properly at all times, except while preparing or eating, by using the counter-balance method or storing the food out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle.

PRESERVATION - All archeological, natural and cultural resources are protected by federal law. Damaging, removing or disturbing them is prohibited. Hunting, fishing, gold panning, and wood cutting are allowed by permit only. Pets must be physically confined or kept on a leash of 6' or less at all times.



Please **REPORT** all injuries, property damage, fires, or unusual encounters with wildlife to a park ranger before leaving the Unit. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies. For general Unit information please call 241-6584.
