



Wilderness Permits

Permits are required for all overnight trips in Yosemite's wilderness. A limited number of overnight users are permitted to enter the wilderness each day on each trail. 60% of each daily trailhead quota is available by reservation and 40% is available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 11:00AM one day prior to departure. Those trailheads that do not fill one day in advance will be available during Wilderness Center hours on the day of departure. Maximum group size is 15 people for on-trail travel and 8 for cross-country travel. Popular trails often fill months in advance but there is usually space available at trailheads elsewhere in the park.

To learn more about the Yosemite Wilderness and the wilderness permit system, visit us at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, and www.yosemiteconservancy.org, or call 209/372-0200 for automated information.

For wilderness information and wilderness permits during the summer months, visit the wilderness centers located in Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Big Oak Flat, or Wawona. Permits for the Hetch Hetchy area are available at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. In general, Wilderness Centers are open from May to October with the exception of Hetch Hetchy, which is open year round. Quotas are in place and permits are required year-round, but reservations are only accepted for May to October. Permits are available via self-registration for all other months. Detailed dates and hours can be found on the park website listed above.

How to Make a Reservation

Please plan your trip before applying for a reservation. It is the visitor's responsibility to research trails and trail conditions and to decide which trip is right for their group. Before you submit your reservation request, please have the following information available: name of permit holder, mailing & email address, daytime telephone number, number of people, start and end dates, beginning and ending trailheads, principal destination and know your 1st night camp location.

Wilderness permit reservations are available 2 days – 24 weeks in advance by phone, and 7 days - 24 weeks (168 days) in advance online. To reserve a permit starting within the next week please submit your request by phone, not online. The online permit request form and information is available through the Park's Wilderness website, www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm or at www.yosemiteconservancy.org

- **Online (preferred):** Please complete the online reservation form on your computer: www.yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-wilderness-permit-request-form. You will receive an email from our office within two business days stating whether you received one of your requests or if your request was denied because of the trailhead quota availability. If you would like to request a reservation for a departure date within the next week, you must apply by phone.
- **Phone:** Please have your trip planned with the above information and your credit card or debit card ready for payment before calling 209/372-0740. The phone line is staffed from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday and closed on federal holidays.

Processing Fees: Confirmed reservations will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$5 per permit *plus* \$5 per person. To make this payment look for the payment link and instructions in the first paragraph of the email confirmation. Visitors will have 48 hours to pay for their reservation, otherwise the reservation will be canceled. First come, first serve wilderness permits are free and must be picked up in person.