

As a reminder, the state's shelter in place order and local counties' public health guidance still advises local recreation and travel for only essential needs. "You can travel for urgent matters or if such travel is essential to your permitted work. Even though businesses around the state are opening up, avoid travelling long distances for vacations or pleasure as much as possible. This is to slow the spread of the coronavirus." https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/

The State of the Inyo, current as of 08/07/20

Mono Lake Ranger District:

Roads open: Monitor Pass (Hwy 89), Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4), Sonora Pass (Hwy108), Bodie Rd. (Hwy 270), Lundy Lake Rd. Hwy 120 E (Benton), Hwy 158., Saddlebag Rd. Tioga Pass (Hwy 120 W) at Yosemite National Park Boundary is open to vehicular traffic w/ day use reservation or proof of overnight accommodation in the park required.

Campgrounds open: Lundy Canyon (county), Tioga Lake, Junction, Saddlebag Lake, Sawmill Walk-in, Ellery Lake, Big Bend, Aspen, Moraine, Lower Lee Vining, Hartley, Glass Creek, Big Springs, Upper Deadman, Lower Deadman, Aerie Crag, Silver Lake, Reversed Creek, Gull Lake, June Lake, Oh Ridge.

Campgrounds closed: Saddlebag Lake Group. Obsidian Flat Group.

The Mono Basin Visitor Center is closed, but visitor questions are being answered via phone call daily, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, 760-647-3040 or 760-647-3044.

Mammoth Ranger District

Roads open:

Reds Meadow Rd. (no shuttle this year—access limited to available parking, highly recommend horse trailers no more than 25' in length), Lake Basin Rd., Mammoth Scenic Loop.

Campgrounds open: Brown's Owens River (private). Mammoth Mtn. RV Park, Old Shady Rest, New Shady Rest, Pine Glen Family, Sherwin Creek, Crowley (BLM, no water), Twin Lakes, Lake Mary, Lake George, Pine City, Coldwater, Reds Meadow, Agnew Meadows Family, Agnew Meadows Horse, Pumice Flat, Minaret Falls, Upper Soda Springs.

Campgrounds closed: Pumice Flat Group, Agnew Meadows Group.

The Mammoth Welcome Center is closed, but visitor questions are being answered via phone call daily, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, 760-924-5500.

The Devils Postpile Ranger Station will not open this summer. There will be a public contact station outside the Ranger Station.

White Mountain Ranger District

Roads open: McGee Creek Rd., Rock Creek Road, Buttermilk Rd., Hwy 168, North Lake Rd., South Lake Rd. (construction underway, M – F, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm, expect up to 30 minute delays, parking restrictions), White Mountain Rd. Silver Canyon Rd. (4x4-high clearance expect winter damage), Wyman Canyon Rd. (4x4-high clearance), Big Pine Canyon.

Campgrounds Open: Horton (BLM), Goodale (BLM). Convict Lake, McGee Creek, Tuff, Rock Creek, Iris Meadow, Big Meadow, Mosquito Flat Backpacker, Pine Grove, Upper Pine Grove, East Fork, French Camp, Pleasant Valley (County), North Lake, Bitterbrush, Forks, Intake 2, Bishop Park, Big Trees, Four Jeffrey, Willow, Mountain Glen, Sabrina, Baker Creek (County), Sage Flat, Upper Sage Flat, Big Pine Creek, Taboose Creek (County), Tinnemaha Creek (County).

Campgrounds closed: Holiday (summer closure), Aspen Group, Palisade Group, Rock Creek Group, Pleasant Valley Pit (BLM), Table Mountain Group, Bishop Park Group, Grandview, Cedar Flat Group, Clyde Glacier Group, Palisade Glacier Group.

The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center is closed.

The White Mountain Ranger Station Visitor Center is closed, but visitor questions are being answered via phone call daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, last call at 4:45pm, 760-873-2500, 760-873-2501. 760-873-2503.

Mt Whitney Ranger District

Roads open: Onion Valley, Whitney Portal Rd., Foothill Road, Division Creek, Horseshoe Meadow.

Campgrounds open: Upper and Lower Grays Meadow, Onion Valley, Independence Creek (county), Whitney Portal, Whitney Portal Trailhead Campground (partially open), Tuttle Creek (BLM), Lone Pine, Boulder Creek RV Resort (private), Portuguese Joe (county), Diaz Lake (County), Cottonwood Lakes, Cottonwood Pass, Horseshoe Meadows Equestrian.

Campgrounds closed: Whitney Portal Group, Whitney Portal Trailhead Campground (partial closure due to rockfall), Kennedy Meadows.

The Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine is closed, but visitor questions are being answered via phone call daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm last call at 4:45 pm, 760-876-6200. 760-876-6222.

Virtual wilderness permits are being issued by email @ <u>SM.FS.WildPmt Inyo@usda.gov</u>, at all visitor centers and through the Wilderness Permit Office, daily from 8:00am to 4:30 pm, 760-873-2483. Call volume has been significant, so if you have a permit later in the year, we advise waiting to call until your reservation gets closer.

The Inyo National Forest and Bishop BLM Field Office are in Fire Restrictions.