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Welcome to Lake Kaweah and the new Army Corps 'Horse Camp'.

(You may have heard that this is 'a ride in the lake bed'. Here's a fun visual.)



Lake Kaweah

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September 29th, 2009

Horse Camp
is over this
way

Since the camp is on 'high ground' it is open from September through the last weekend in March with an average of 6 miles of trails open along Kaweah River and the rising waters of the lake.

This photo tour is all about the "Lake Kaweah Horse Camp" located adjacent to [Horse Creek Campground](#). It is provided for you by local [BCHC](#) and [ETI \(99\)](#) members that also serve as Army Corps Mounted Volunteers. Included in this photo tour are camping fees, trail maps, the Camp and Trail Rules, as well as directions for our 'outa town friends'.

Horse Camp is located approximately 25 miles east of Visalia, right off Highway 198, so is easy to get here and with plenty of riding this a perfect weekend getaway. Only 6 miles east of camp is the great little town of [Three Rivers](#) so you can easily get any supplies you might need.

The [High Sierra](#) and [Sequoia Units](#) of the B.C.H.C. have been key Volunteers for and about this Public Lands Project!

For Horse Camp Reservations Call Lake Kaweah Staff (559) 597-2301
Camping for next year is already being reserved!



There is a total of ten corrals configured as three individual sites each with a pair of 12'X12' corrals at \$20 per night.

Each individual site has a fire ring, a picnic table and good parking for 2 rigs.

One group site that has four back to back 12 footers with three picnic tables, a fire ring, and this site also has its own parking area. It is \$40 a night. (only \$10. per horse)

There is potable water at the trough near the entry and you can see the two on site 'potties'.

Within the Horse Camp Area are 5.6 miles of trails with a couple more miles of riding 'to and from' the 2nd boat launch at Kaweah Rec. or to Slick Rock.

Local wildlife include Coyotes, Bobcat, Wild Boar, all kinds of birds and the occasional rattle snake.

Hot Tips:

- There are hot showers, which you may use, up at the Main Camp restrooms.
- You are required to pick up your horse's manure so come prepared with a muck bucket and manure fork. (There is a large trash dumpster on site)
- Please remember that this is the Army Corps test year for Horse Camp so let's be courteous to all and always 'Play It Safe'.
- For emergencies note that Verizon cell phones work all around the area.
- Horses are not allowed within 50 feet of "Horse Creek Campground".
- Special Events are allowed and your group can book the entire camp if ya plan ahead. Contact Ranger Barrett Frobose @ (559) 597-2301.



Horse Camp & Horse Creek Rules

- **Equestrian Leave No Trace ethics must be practiced while trail riding and in camp**
- **Horses must maintain a 50 foot distance from the traditional campground at all times**
 - **Stock cannot be ridden/walked, offloaded or tied up in the traditional camp**
- **Each site and corral must be cleaned of human and animal waste upon vacating site and must be placed in the dumpster provided**
- **Quiet hours - 9 PM to 6 AM (no generators, noise must be limited to your campsite)**
- **Camp only in designated sites**
- **Vehicle travel is limited to access of Horse Camp only. Vehicles are prohibited on all other lake bed roads and trails**
- **Maximum of 8 people per individual site and 16 people at group site : Maximum of 2 stock per corral**
- **Maximum of 2 vehicles per individual site**
- **All pets on leash**
- **Check out time is 2 PM, re-register by 12 PM, envelopes available at host site in camp ground**
- **\$20 individual/\$40 group per site per night. No Refunds**



For Special Events or Group Rides call [Ranger Barrett Frobose](mailto:Ranger.Barrett.Frobose@nps.gov)
 @ Lake Kaweah (559) 597-2301

Directions to Horse Camp at Lake Kaweah

"Goggle" this: 37843 Sierra Dr., Lemon Cove, CA. 93244

From the 99 & 65 freeways; turn east on the 198 (Sierra Dr.) going towards Lemon Cove & Lake Kaweah
 (Drive east towards the Sequoia National Park on highway 198.)

You will drive up Lemon Hill and see Lake Kaweah Dam & Marina on your left.

Continue driving 3.2 miles to the entrance of Horse Creek Campground; also on the left.

For Reservations at Horse Camp contact Lake Kaweah Staff at (559) 597-2301 (M-F/9-5)

Tip: Definitely call ahead and reserve your campsite.

When you arrive, check in with the Camp Host in site 2 or 3 (just past the main entry gate)

If they are not available proceed to your assigned camp site.

(Drive forward, past the traffic isle, to the left turn at the one way road that leads to Horse Camp)



Trail Rules

- **Practice Equestrian Leave No Trace ethics**
 - » **Do not ride more abreast than the trail is wide**
 - » **When traveling cross-country: Limit impacts to the land, DO NOT ride single file**
 - » **Pack it in, pack it out. All litter (organic and inorganic) must be disposed of in trash cans**
 - » **Avoid invasive species introduction:**
 - Clean stock of foreign seed source before arriving at Horse Camp or using trails.**
 - » **Leave what you find: Do not remove natural/historic objects**
- **Horses must maintain a 50 foot distance from the traditional campground at all times**
 - » **Do not ride/walk, offload or tie up stock in the traditional camp**
- **Be courteous to non equestrian users: Trails are used by walkers, people with dogs, and cyclists**
- **Pets must be under voice or physical restraint at all times**
Pets must be on a leash in all other recreation area
- **Vehicle travel is limited to access of Horse Camp only.**
Vehicles are prohibited on all other lakebed roads or trails
- **Beware: Lakebed and Trail system is Rattlesnake, Coyote, Yellow Jacket and “Wild Boar” habitat**



Welcome to the Neighborhood

Let us introduce you to some neighbors of note.

We are visitors here. This is their home.
Be Aware & Stay Clear



Western Rattlesnake: Small rodents constitute the majority of this snakes diet. Strikes at humans are defensive and occur when the animal feels cornered or trapped. Give rattlesnakes a wide birth if encountered. Call 911 immediately if bitten.

“Wild Pigs”: Ferrell pigs travel from the surrounding hills to the waters edge to drink and feed typically at night. Ferrell pigs are of poor temperament. Keep a good distance and do not interferer with these “Wilbers”.



Coyote: A chorus of voices call out in the night staking territory, looking for a mate, or just calling to one another. This “trickster” of Native American lore can be seen at Lake Kaweah probably on the hunt for mice, rabbit or other small rodents or birds.

Mountain Lion: Solitary and stealthy, these powerful predators typically feed on deer, wild pigs and small prey. Dogs off leash can also fall prey to an opportunistic cat. If you see or encounter a mountain lion: group together, make noise, try to scare the cat away and report the incident to a Park Ranger, Camp Host or the Visitor Center.





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Enjoy Your Stay at Horse Camp

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