

**Los Padres Council  
Where To Go Camping  
Guide**

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## **Introduction**

This guide is intended to help you get outdoors and enjoy hiking and camping. There are many places to go and see that are not listed in this guide. To best use this guide, make some choices. Decide if you are going hiking, camping, backpacking or on an extended backpack adventure. Then pick an area; the beach, the lakes, the foothills or the mountains. Next choose a County to investigate. This guide covers Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties. Look over your maps and ask your Scouts and Leaders for suggestions. Pick an area and a route and note the names of camps, trails and features. Look them up in this Where To Go Camping Guide to provide the details you need to make your logistical plans. Purchase the topo maps to cover your trip. When you get back, call or email and let us know how the trip went and what we can do to help next time.



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## Camping Hints

### Outdoor Code

*As an American, I will do my best to  
Be clean in my outdoor manners,  
Be careful with fire,  
Be considerate in the outdoors, and  
Be conservation-minded.*

### Enjoy your outing and return home safely

- ✓ Prepare for your trip by reviewing maps and other information before you go. Contact the Forest Service office nearest your destination for information on current conditions.
- ✓ Leave your travel itinerary with a family member or friend.
- ✓ Never hike or travel alone.
- ✓ Stay on designated roads and trails.
- ✓ Do not rely on a cell phone to keep you out of trouble. Cell phones do not work in many areas of the forest.
- ✓ Ride and drive at safe speeds; watch out for others.
- ✓ Be careful when walking, riding or driving on steep, unstable terrain.
- ✓ Stay in one place if you become lost, preferably in an open place where you can be seen. Never move after dark. Never build a signal fire during dry conditions, the fire may spread and be a danger to you and others.
- ✓ Be prepared for sudden changes and extremes in weather. Overheating is a significant hazard for forest visitors. Pace yourself, rest frequently and carry sufficient water. Hypothermia (dangerously low body temperature) is another hazard. Wear proper clothing and carry rain gear, extra clothing and a hat.
- ✓ Treat all water from springs, lakes, ponds and streams before drinking. One method of treatment is to bring the clear water to a rolling boil for five minutes. Water from faucets in developed Forest Service recreation sites is safe to drink.
- ✓ Carry a first aid kit

## Fundamentals of a Scout Outing: For a new Scoutmaster

Start with small and easy outings: 2 nights car camping maximum at first, (no backpacking until you know Scouts and Scouters can handle it).

Ask and get Scouts' interest in activities and places to go.

Get parent/leader support and interest: remember 2 deep leadership for all activities. Be sure leaders have training and know-how and are cleared for BSA Youth Protection training.

Gather permission slips, medical forms and training documentation before the trip.

File a Tour Plan for drivers and leaders of the activity, (which includes BSA Insurance etc.)

Secure the proper road and topographic maps before you go.

Follow the principles of Safe Scouting (BSA pamphlet).

For each outing know: what (activities), where (where specifically they will be done), when (day and time; make an activity outline even if you don't use it), and how (what's needed to make it happen). Think about the activity and its benefit to Scouts (for advancement, learning, and fun).

Know what the conditions are and what you are likely to encounter before you set up and go.

Call ahead to the park, location; ask questions about, water, toilets, fires, permits, costs.

Check with the officials. Mention that you are a Scout Unit (know your number of participants, if possible, or estimate).

Have the materials: let the Scouts do their part, in patrols, but Scout Leaders must provide the safety net of support and material. Think: What if? Think what the boys might NOT think about? Anticipate.

Remember special rules and adult supervision applies to water outings (Safe Swim).

Remember your group will only go as far and as fast as the slowest, youngest person in your outing group. Consider every body's abilities and endurance. Don't be afraid to limit an outing by age, physical fitness, or rank. Adults need to be in shape, too.

Some places I would go in the SLO, Santa Barbara Area:

Pico Blanco, Big Sur: camp and backpack (Pico Blanco is a Monterey County Scout camp)

Camp French and Lopez Lake: camp; short, overnight backpack.

Montana de Oro: environmental camps, walk in, (no water, must bring it).

Union Oil site, Avila Beach: free, with Avila Beach nearby.

Pinnacles National Monument: camping, hiking, and rock climbing.

Rancho Alegre (BSA): hiking, Lake Cachuma nearby or the Santa Ynez Recreation Area.

Santa Margarita Lake: has remote lake campsites, camping, hiking, fishing, requires boating over (Safety Afloat knowledge).

Big Sur campgrounds: Plaskett Creek campground

Beyond local places: the Sierras, consider west side campgrounds as bases for day hikes, fishing, lakes etc., east side for serious backpacking trips.

## Tour Plan

The signed Tour Plan, must be submitted to the Council twenty-one calendar days **(21)** before your Scout group leaves for an adventure that requires a Tour Plan.

Effective March 1, 2011 the Local and National Tour Permits were suspended and replaced by the Tour Planning Worksheet and Tour Plan. To view the Tour Planning Worksheet and Tour Plan go to:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf)

Units will complete this form when planning for local, national and international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place and that the right resources are available for the adventure.

This change will mean one-stop shopping for your Tour Plans, it is streamlined as it is all at the Council level, there is less paperwork, as the form is a fillable .pdf that is available online and there are fewer activities that require the new Tour Plan.

What is different about this process?

1. The local Council is the reviewer of all Tour Plans.
2. The Tour Plan consists of a Tour Plan Worksheet plus the Tour Plan, both to be completed by the unit/contingent and submitted to the Council. The Worksheet is retained by the Council and the Plan is returned to the unit after processing.
3. It is on standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper.
4. **There is a full 21 calendar day before departure date advance notice requirement for units to submit the Tour Plan for council review.**
5. A single point of contact person (not on the tour) is required for the council's use. (This can be very helpful and necessary if there is an emergency and the Council needs to get in contact with the unit, the local contact will give the Council this ability.)
6. **Defined reasons/times when a Tour Plan must be submitted for Council review:**
  - a. Trips of 500 miles or more
  - b. Trips outside of Council borders not to a Council owned property. This is ANYWHERE outside of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.
  - c. Trips to any national high adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference or regionally sponsored event.
  - d. When conducting the following activities outside of Council or District events:
    - Aquatic activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)

- Climbing and rappelling (including going to a commercial climbing establishment)
  - Orientation flights (a flight plan is required)
  - Shooting sports (applies only to Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews) including going to commercial/public firing range. Cub packs are not permitted to conduct shooting or archery programs on their own.
  - Any activity involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
- e. At Council's request.

✓**The Los Padres Council has added the following requirements;**

- **A Tour Plan is required for Scout Troops/Varsity Teams/Venture Crews for any outing that is more than two nights, including backpacking, camping, treks, etc. whether the activity is in our Council territory or not.**
- **A Tour Plan is required for Cub Packs, for ANY overnight activity including Den outings, Pack camping, etc. whether or not the activity is in our council territory or not.**

Please note that there are two **SIGNATURES** required on the Worksheet (bottom of page 1), the Committee Chair or Chartered Organization Representative, and the adult leader in charge of the tour. These must be original signatures.

To make it easier for units, you may submit a list of drivers with the information requested at the bottom of page 2 of the worksheet, and circle the names of the drivers for the event or activity.

In addition the name and contact information for a single point of contact (someone not on the tour) is required to be submitted with every tour planning worksheet.

Your unit may submit the completed Tour Planning Worksheet to the Council in one of 4 ways:

1. By faxing the completed document to (805) 686-5175
2. By making a pdf of the completed and signed document and emailing to [rwalsh@bsamail.org](mailto:rwalsh@bsamail.org)
3. By taking the completed document to any of the Los Padres Council service centers located in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria or Atascadero
4. By mailing the completed document to Council Program Office at Rancho Alegre, 2680 Hwy 154, Santa Barbara, CA, 93105 Attn: Risk Manager

Please allow several days for a return answer, as the office will need time to adequately review the Tour Planning Worksheet. **HINT:** Once the fillable pdf form is



completed, print the form and get the required two signatures. Make a pdf of the completed document and submit by email or copy and submit by other method.

Once the Council has received your Tour Planning Worksheet and Tour Plan, it will be reviewed, and if everything is filled out properly and all the training is verified, it will be returned to you, along with the Tour Plan numbered and stamped by the Council as being reviewed.

If, however, the worksheet is not complete, or the required training is not completed, the Tour Planning Worksheet will be returned as “defective” with notes as to why it was defective and what is needed to complete the review. You can make the required changes and re-submit the Tour Planning Worksheet for a second review. The 21-day advance submission requirement will allow the Council the time to review your Tour Planning Worksheet more than once and still complete the review in time for your planned activity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Council Risk Manager at (805) 686-5167.

### **Additional Tour Plan Information**

- ✓ On the final page of the Tour Plan are Transportation Guidelines and Our Pledge of Performance. When the Tour Plan is signed the Unit is agreeing to abide by these guidelines.
- ✓ To save time on future Tour Plan submissions make a chart showing all the possible unit drivers with the information requested at the bottom of page 2 of the Tour Plan Worksheet. Then, each time a Tour Plan is submitted, make a copy of the complete list, circle the names of the drivers for the event or activity, and submit the copy with the Tour Plan.

### **Travel Hints**

Scout units travel in Class A uniform. This helps with identification and behavior.

The group will have in its possession an Annual Health and Medical Record for every participant, Scout and Adult.

The group will have in its possession a current permission slip for every Scout.

The group will have in its possession a copy of the **Guide To Safe Scouting** and other appropriate resources.

**HINT:** The unit should prepare a notebook containing these items. It should be reviewed for completeness before each outing. On each outing this notebook should be in the possession of the adult leader for the outing.

## Fire Permit

Be Prepared and don't forget your **CAMPFIRE PERMIT**

WHAT – a permit, issued by Cal Fire, USFS, NPS, or BLM

WHERE TO GET ONE – a “Ranger Station” or Headquarters – not typically available at a local fire station

WHAT FOR – ANY campfire or stove outside of an established campground – this includes barbecues – if your campground is really a “campsite” on a trail, you **MUST** have a permit – they are good for one year from date of issue – **BUT** – you must check with local authorities every time you go out

NOTES There may be local / area restrictions on fires  
There are often “seasonal” restrictions due to FIRE DANGER – check before you go  
Liquid fuel stoves “may” be allowed if wood, charcoal, and barbecue fires are not allowed

### PERMIT CONDITIONS

Clearances – clear the area around your fire for a 5 ft radius / 10 ft diameter of all flammable material  
Shovel – one must be immediately available to the fire area  
Adult – a responsible one must be on site at all times  
Extinguishing Fire – drown, stir, feel – it must be DEAD OUT

SPECIAL CONDITIONS exist in wilderness areas, above timberline

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

### CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

Cal Fire	916 – 653 – 5121
USFS	707 – 562 – 8737
BLM	916 – 978 – 4400
NPS	<a href="http://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>

## Wilderness Manners

Wilderness will remain unspoiled for future generations only if it is protected by those who use it today. Everyone who goes into the wilderness can help. You will discover an immense satisfaction in enjoying the wilderness without depreciating it in any way. If you bring it in tack it back out. As you go camping, backpacking and hiking leave no lasting sign that you were there.

**CONSTRUCTION** Minimize building for kitchen or shelter. Don't disrupt the natural scene with hard to erase fireplaces, tables or windbreaks. Tie tarps and tents to rocks or trees. Never cut boughs or poles, or put nails into trees. Set up camp where foot traffic will not damage fragile vegetation.

**FIRES** No open fires are permitted at any time of year in the Los Padres National Forest. Remember to get a Campfire Permit each year. Build fires only in fire rings and stoves in designated campgrounds. Extinguish fires dead out overnight and before leaving. Never leave a fire unattended. Refrain from smoking while traveling. Smoke only in camps and where signs indicate that smoking is permitted.

**WOOD** Use down wood only; do not cut down standing trees, living or dead. Do not break off branches. Axe work on logs and stumps changes the wilderness image for everyone. Keep fires small. Conserve wood at all times. Bring your own wood or purchase wood when available.

**STOVES AND LANTERNS** Gas stoves conserve wood. Camp stoves and lanterns must be placed on a solid, level surface when they are used. Do not leave stoves or lanterns burning if unattended.

**BED AND TENT SITES** Don't excavate. Try to find naturally level and sheltered spots. Erase evidence of your site when breaking camp. Double-check the area before you move on. Forgotten laundry is litter. No open flames or gas lanterns in tents.

**SANITATION** Always use latrines when they are provided. Latrines should be constructed when a large group plans a protracted camp. If there is no latrine go far from camp and trails. Bury your deposit in the top 10" of soil. Never use an area that might be used as a bed or tent site.

**WASHING** Use a pot or small basin for laundry or bathing. Prevent pollution by keeping soap or detergent out of streams or lakes. Do your pot-scrubbing or washing well back from the shore line. Strain the wash water through a cloth to remove chunks and place them in the trash or carry them out. In public campgrounds don't wash dishes at the water source or faucet. Take a pot of water back to your campsite.

**GARBAGE AND LITTER** With a little effort our mountains and wilderness can be kept clean and beautiful. Pick up after other campers and hikers. Carry all of your candy wrappers, food packages, orange peels and other trash out to a trash can. If you burn your trash burn it completely. Foil and mylar does not burn. Cans, bottles and worn out

gear belongs in a trash can. Campers are encouraged to bring a plastic bag to clean up litter from previous visitors.

**TRAILS** Don't cut corners. This breaks trails down and encourages erosion. Stock has the right-of-way. Stand quietly aside, preferably uphill, until animals have passed.

**OFF THE TRAIL** When traveling cross-country refrain from blazing trees or building ducks (rock piles) to mark the trail. Let the next hiker find his way as you did.

**FISH** Catch only as many as you need or can consume. There are very few left in the forest. Clean fish and dispose of entrails far from water source.

**NOISE AND CROWDING** Be a considerate neighbor. Don't crowd already occupied camps or sleeping areas. Limit noise in the evening and early morning. Noise is out of place in a wilderness experience. In public campgrounds quiet hours are 10pm to 7am.

## Forest Service Road and Trail Identification on Forest Service maps

### Trails on Forest Service maps

1. First digits are the RANGE that the trail starts in
2. Generally start numbering in the North and proceed South
3. Digits after the letter are sequential number of the trail in the Range

### Roads on Forest Service Maps

1. First digits are the TOWNSHIP that the road starts in
  2. Generally start numbering in the West and proceed East
  3. Digits after the letter are sequential number of the road in the Township
- Township identifiers run down the left and right margin of the map
  - Range identifiers run across the top and bottom margin of the map
  - Trail identifiers are printed in red
  - Road identifiers are printed in bold black to indicate a National Forest Secondary Route, suitable for passenger cars. Older maps have this number in a box.
  - Road identifiers are printed in regular black to indicate a National Forest Secondary Route, not suitable for passenger cars

### Maintained Roads

Horizontal signs identify roads which are kept up for passenger car use.

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Roads are pavement, gravel, dirt, or a combination.

### Non-maintained Roads

Vertical signs identify roads for high clearance vehicles.

Minimal upkeep, usually bumpy dirt roads, not maintained for passenger cars.

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## VENTURA COUNTY

## Camp Style

<b>C Camp Site</b>	Have tables, fire rings and more modern vault or flush toilets. Access to Campsites is from is from a paved road and interior roads and spurs that are paved or treated for dust control. Most Campsites are campfire use sites. Forest Service campsites do not have electrical hookups or waste stations.
<b>PC Primitive Camp site</b>	Have a metal or concrete fire ring, may have tables and a primitive vault toilet. Sites do not have water. Some Primitive Camps are campfire use sites. Trail side camps are always primitive camp sites.
<b>CG Group Camp Sites</b>	Are designed for large groups and have multiple tables and fire rings. Sites have more modern vault or flush toilets.
<b>D Drive-in H Hike-in</b>	A Drive-in site can be reached by passenger car, a Hike-in site requires a backpack or boat trip. Drive-in sites can always be reached by a backpack hike.

	Name	C a m p Styl e	US FS Map Loc atio n	Elev ation	Ca m p Unit s	Gro u p site s	Day Use Site s	Toil ets Flu sh Vau lt, No ne	Res erv atio ns	Y Ope n all Year S Seas onal	Driv e-in Hik e-in
1	Aliso	PC	J-5	2820	10			V	N	Y	H
2	Cow Springs	PC	R-8	3700	4			V	N	Y	H
3	Chuchupate	C	R-6	6220	30			V	N	S	D
4	Hardluck	C	S-7	2930	26			V	N	Y	D
5	McGill	C	Q-6	7400	78			V	N	S	D
6	Mt. Pinos	C	P-6	7800	19			V	Y	S	D
7	Alder Creek	PC	R-8	2,520	2			N	N	Y	H
8	Ant	PC	R-8	2,750	2			N	N	S	H
9	Ballinger	PC	M-5	3,000	5			V	N	Y	D
10	Bear Creek	PC		2,820	6			V	N	Y	H
11	Bear Trap 1	PC		5,000	2			V	N	Y	H
12	Beaver	PC		3,000	13			V	N	Y	D
13	Big Cone	PC		1,680	6			V	N	S	H
14	Blue Point	PC		1,000	30			V	N	Y	D
15	Bluff	PC		4,600	2			N	N	S	H
16	Buck Creek	PC		4,200	2			N	N	Y	H
17	Caballo	C		5,820	5			V	N	Y	D
18	Camp Bethany Pines	C		5,300		6		F	Y	Y	D

	Name	Camp Style	US FS Map Location	Elevation	Camp Units	Group sites	Day Use Sites	Toilets Flush Vault, None	Reservations	Yearly Seasonal	Drive-in Hike-in
19	Camp Comfort County Park	C		600	20			F	Y	S	D
20	Camp Frazier	C		6,500		1		F	Y	Y	D
21	Camp Lakota	C		6,200		10		F	Y	Y	D
22	Campo Alto	C		8,250	25			V	N	Y	D

### Scout Camp

#### Camp Three Falls, Ventura County Council, BSA

**Name:** Aliso

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** Aliso Canyon Road (11N02) for about 7 miles, south of State Hwy. 166

**USFS Map Grid:** J-5

**Topo Map:** Fox Mountain

**Elevation:** 3,200 feet (975 m)

**Terrain:** Level

**Vegetation:** Oaks, sycamores

**Campsites:** 10

**Water:** None

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None Required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** McPherson Peak Trail (27W01) trailhead, 3 mile hike

**Name:** Cow Springs

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai Ranger District, 805-646-4348

**Access:** North of Filmore via Forest Road 6N16 (closed to vehicle traffic beyond Dough Flat) and the Alder Creek Trail (20W11)

**USFS Map Grid:** R-8

**Topo Map:** Devils Heart Peak

**Elevation:** 3,700 feet (1,130m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Chaparral

**Campsites:** 4

**Water:** Filter from springs

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This campsite is situated within a corridor inside the Sespe Condor Wilderness



**Name:** Chuchupate

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos Ranger District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** From Frazier Park to Lake of the Woods and the Lockwood-Ozena Road (9N03). One mile further is the Chuchupate Ranger Station and the turnoff to the campground via Forest Road 8N04. The site is 2½ miles up a moderate and winding grade.

**USFS Map Grid:** R-6

**Topo Map:** Frazier Mountain

**Elevation:** 6,200 feet (1,890 m)

**Terrain:** Gentle slope

**Vegetation:** Jeffrey and pinion pines

**Campsites:** 30

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Good basecamp for winter sports.

**Name:** Hardluck

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** Located 8½ miles west of Interstate 5 via Hardluck Road (7N08). This camp is close to the Ventura-Los Angeles County line.

**USFS Map Grid:** S-7

**Topo Map:** Black Mountain

**Elevation:** 2,800 feet (855 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Cottonwoods, semi-desert vegetation

**Campsites:** 26

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Located near the Pyramid reservoir

**Name:** McGill

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** 14 miles west of Frazier Park via the Mt. Pinos Forest Highway

**USFS Map Grid:** Q-6

**Topo Map:** Cuddy Valley

**Elevation:** 7,400 feet (2,260 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain slope

**Vegetation:** Jeffrey pine and white fir

**Campsites:** 78

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Good location for winter sports activities, several trails in the area

**Name:** Mt. Pinos

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** 15 miles east of Frazier Park via the Mt. Pinos Highway (9N24)

**USFS Map Grid:** P-6

**Topo Map:** Cuddy Valley

**Elevation:** 7,800 feet (2,380 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain slope

**Vegetation:** Pines

**Campsites:** 19

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This campground is 3 miles from the highest point in the Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos (8,831 feet), which is also a primary condor viewing location.

**Name:** Alder Creek (Ventura County)

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District (805) 646-4348

**Access:** Alder Creek Trail (20W13) via Trail (20W11) from the trailhead at Cow Spring Camp, about 3 miles away. Cow Spring Camp is 17 miles north of Filmore on unimproved Forest Road (6N16), Oak Flat/Cow Spring Road.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Devil's Heart Peak

**Elevation:** 2,520 feet (770 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Alders and chaparral

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Alder Creek

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This camp is located in a scenic area and adjacent to the Sespe Condor Sanctuary.

**Name:** Ant

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District (805) 646-4348

**Access:** 16½ miles north of Fillmore on Forest Road (6N16) (Not recommended during rainy weather) to Bucksnot Springs and then a hike of 3 miles on the Bucksnot Springs Trail (19W18) to the campsite.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Devil's Heart Peak

**Elevation:** 2,750 feet (840 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Agua Blanca Creek

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** Seasonal, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This camp is adjacent to the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. It is also in the vicinity of Cobblestone Mountain

**Name:** Ballinger

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** From State Hwy. 1 take Hwy. 166 east and turn south on Hwy. 33. At Ballard Canyon Road (9N10) turn east about 3½ miles. Campsite is beside the road.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Ballinger Canyon

**Elevation:** 3,000 feet (915 m)

**Terrain:** shallow canyon with rolling hills

**Vegetation:** Junipers and saltbush

**Campsites:** 5

**Water:** None

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This area has been very popular with motorcycles and off-road vehicles. Motor vehicle use is now limited to roads and trails only.

**Name:** Bear Creek

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District, (805) 646-4348

**Access:** North of Ojai via State Hwy 33, Rose Valley Road (7N03) to Lion Camp, and then 4 miles more down the unimproved Sespe Road (also 7N30) to the camp

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Topa Topa Mountain

**Elevation:** 2,820 feet (860 m)

**Terrain:** Sandy bench in a canyon

**Vegetation:** Sycamores and cottonwoods

**Campsites:** 6

**Water:** Sespe and Bear Creeks

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year (road from Lion Camp closed in rainy season)

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** The road continues 11 miles to Sespe Hot Springs, but only motorcycles and 4 wheel drive vehicles should attempt the trip.



**Name:** Bear Trap 1

**Admin By:** Los Padres national Forest, Mt. Pinos District, (661) 245-3731

**Access:** North of Ojai via State Hwy 33, the Lockwood-Ozena Road (9N03), Forest Road (7N11), Camp Scheideck (a private development), and then a little further to Reyes Creek Camp. Bear Trap Trail (23W02) begins at the top of the loop in the campground leading along a moderate uphill grade to bear Trap 1 via Upper Reyes Camp. The hiking distance is about 5 miles.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Reyes Peak

**Elevation:** 5,000 feet (1,525 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oaks, pine, cedar

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Bear Trap Creek (reliable)

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year (Can be snow in winter)

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** In the past there was an enormous Ponderosa pine located between the upper and lower units of this camp.

**Name:** Beaver

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District (805) 646-4348

**Access:** Located about 17 miles north of Ojai via State Hwy 33, Beaver Camp is adjacent to Sespe Creek.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Lion Canyon

**Elevation:** 3,000 feet (915 m)

**Terrain:** Bench in river canyon

**Vegetation:** Willows and cottonwoods

**Campsites:** 13

**Water:** Sespe Creek (reliable)

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Trailers can fit in campsites

**Name:** Big cone

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District, (805) 646-4348

**Access:** North of Santa Paula via State Hwy 150, the Ferndale Ranch, and a 3 mile hike on the Santa Paula Canyon Trail (21W11).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Santa Paula Peak

**Elevation:** 1,680 feet (510 m)

**Terrain:** Bench above creek

**Vegetation:** Big Cone Spruce and oaks

**Campsites:** 6

**Water:** East Fork of Santa Paula Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal (closed during fire season)

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This heavily used camp is near the gorge and falls of Santa Paula Creek. It is also near the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. Fire arms are prohibited.

**Name:** Blue Point

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District, (805) 646-4348

**Access:** About 13 miles north of Piru via the Piru Canyon Road (4N13). The road quality decreases from asphalt to gravel to unimproved. Heavy rains may prevent access. Call for current conditions.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Cobblestone Mountain

**Elevation:** 1,000 feet (305 m)

**Terrain:** Wide canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 30

**Water:** Piru Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This heavily used camp is near Lake Piru.

**Name:** Bluff Camp (Ventura)

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Ojai District (805) 646-4348

**Access:** 3½ miles east of Santa Paula via State Hwy 126 to the Timber Canyon Road on the left. Follow Timber Canyon to the end, about 4½, where the Santa Paula Peak Trail (20W16) begins. The trail is steep and has many switchbacks. At the top enjoy the view then continue as the trail descends to a bench and trail junction with the Bear Heaven Trail (21W10) which leads up a steep incline to Bluff Camp.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Santa Paula Peak

**Elevation:** 4,600 feet (1,400 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Big Cone spruce

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Spring, reliable

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Near by are steep red sandstone bluffs.

**Name:** Bock Creek

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District (661) 245-3731

**Access:** U.S. Hwy 99 (Interstate 5) north of Castaic Junction for 23 miles to the Alamo Mountain turnoff, west on Hungry Valley Road (8N02) for 3½ miles to the Hardluck spur road (7N08) on the left. Follow this road for 5 miles to Hardluck Camp. From here, follow the Buck Creek Trail (18W01) for 3 miles to Buck Creek camp.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Black Mountain

**Elevation:** 4,200 feet (1,280 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Big cone spruce, chaparral, pines, riparian

**Campsites:** 1

**Water:** Buck Creek, seasonal

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features** Located in a deep canyon below rugged peaks, spectacular views

**Name:** Caballo

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Mt. Pinos District, (661) 245-3731

**Access:** About 82 miles north of Ojai via State Hwy. 33 and the Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) Road. The camp is located on a spur road about a half mile to the left. A shorter route is possible (during dry weather) via the unimproved Quatal Canyon Road (9N09) which intersects with State Hwy. 33.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Sawmill Mountain

**Elevation:** 5,850 feet (1,785 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain valley

**Vegetation:** Pinion pine

**Campsites:** 5

**Water:** Well (purify)

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features** This camp is about 10 miles north of Mt. Abel.

**Name:** Bethany Pines Camp

**Admin By:** Christian Churches of Southern California, 3126 Los Feliz Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039 (213) 665-5126

**Access:** West of Frazier Park via Lake of the Woods and Cuddy Valley Road

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Cuddy Valley

**Elevation:** 5,300 feet (1,615 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain slope

**Vegetation:** Pine forest

**Campsites:** 6 group sites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** Inquire

**Special Features** This 14 acre site includes a dining hall.



**Name:** Camp Comfort County Park

**Admin By:** Ventura County Parks Department, (805) 654-3951

**Access:** 2 miles south of Ojai on Creek Road

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Matajilla

**Elevation:** 600 feet (185 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Sycamores and oaks

**Campsites:** 20

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Seasonal, November thru March

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Recommended

**Time Limit:** Inquire

**Special Features** 37 acre site has group barbecue facility and facility for badminton, volleyball and horseshoes and creek access.

**Name:** Camp Frazier

**Admin By:** American Baptist Churches, 816 South Figueroa Street, Los angeles CA  
(213) 628-8313

**Access:** Interstate 5 to the Frazier Park off-ramp just beyond Gorman. Drive west past Frazier Park to Lake of the Woods, turn right on Cuddy Valley Road and proceed 5 miles to the fork in the road. Stay on the main road (left fork) and drive about 1 mile to a side road on the left marked with the sign "Camp Lakota" and "Frazier Baptist Camp." Follow this road about ½ mile to the Frazier Camp entrance on the left.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Cuddy Valley

**Elevation:** 6,500 feet (1,980 m)

**Terrain:** Gentle mountain slope

**Vegetation:** Pines

**Campsites:** 1 group site

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** Inquire

**Special Features** Multi-purpose lodge providing housing and food service.

**Name:** Camp Lakota

**Admin By:** San Fernando Girl Scout Council, 18700 Sherman Way, Reseda CA 91335  
(213) 345-8200 Or 980-1250

**Access:** Interstate 5 to the Frazier Park off-ramp just beyond Gorman. Drive west past Frazier Park to Lake of the Woods, turn right on Cuddy Valley Road and proceed 5 miles to the fork in the road. Stay on the main road (left fork) and drive about 1 mile to a side road on the left marked with the sign "Camp Lakota" and "Frazier Baptist Camp." Follow this road about ½ mile to the Frazier Camp entrance on the left.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Cuddy Valley

**Elevation:** 6,200 feet (1,890 m)

**Terrain:** Gentle mountain slope

**Vegetation:** Pine forest

**Campsites:** 10 group sites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** May, September, November thru April

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** Inquire

**Special Features** Trailers permitted, but no hookups available.

**Name:** Campo Alto

**Admin By:** Kern County Parks and Recreation, (661) 868-7000

**Access:** North of Ojai via State Hwy 33 and the Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) Road

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Sawmill Mountain

**Elevation:** 8,250 feet (2,515 m)

**Terrain:** Shallow mountaintop valley

**Vegetation:** White fir, ponderosa and Jeffrey pines

**Campsites:** 25

**Water:** Piped from tank

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes, during summer, inquire

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 21 days in summer

**Special Features** Campo Alto is the highest camp accessible by automobile in the Los Padres National Forest. Space available for trailers but no hookups. Good winter sports area.

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## Camp Style

<b>C Camp Site</b>	Have tables, fire rings and more modern vault or flush toilets. Access to Campsites is from is from a paved road and interior roads and spurs that are paved or treated for dust control. Most Campsites are campfire use sites. Forest Service campsites do not have electrical hookups or waste stations.
<b>PC Primitive Camp site</b>	Have a metal or concrete fire ring, may have tables and a primitive vault toilet. Sites do not have water. Some Primitive Camps are campfire use sites. Trail side camps are always primitive camp sites.
<b>CG Group Camp Sites</b>	Are designed for large groups and have multiple tables and fire rings. Sites have more modern vault or flush toilets.
<b>D Drive-in H Hike-in</b>	A Drive-in site can be reached by passenger car; a Hike-in site requires a backpack or boat trip. Drive-in sites can always be reached by a backpack hike.

	Name	Camp Style	US FS Map Location	Elevation	Camp Units	Group sites	Day Use Sites	Toilets Flush Vault, None	Reservations	Y Open all Year S Seasonal	Drive-in Hike-in
1	Davy Brown	C	H-6	2100	13			V	N	Y	H
2	Nira	C	H-6	1875	11			V	N	Y	H
3	Figueroa	C	H-7	3630	33			V	N	Y	D
4	Upper Oso	C	J-8	1200	25			F	Y	Y	D
5	Middle Santa Ynez	C	L-8	1500	13			V	N	Y	D
6	Fremont	C	J-8	1000	15			F	Y	S	D
7	Jalama Beach County Park	C		10	98			F	N	Y	D
8	Abel Canyon	PC	J-6	1,750	2			V	N	Y	H
9	Agua Escondido	C		2,200	5			V	N	S	D
10	Alamar Saddle	PC	L-7	5,650	1			V	N	S	H
11	Alder Creek	PC	M-8	2,800	2			V	N	S	H
12	Alejandro	PC	F-5	1,650	2			V	N	Y	H
13	Arnaz Camp (Girl Scouts of America)	C		600	10			F	Y	Y	D
14	Rancho Alegre (Boy Scouts of America)	C		1,200	15			F	Y	Y	D
15	Ballard	PC	G-6	2,080	2			N	N	Y	H
16	Barrel Springs	C	F-5	1,000	5			V	N	Y	D

	Name	Ca mp Styl e	US FS Ma p Loc atio n	Elev ation	Ca mp Unit s	Gro up site s	Day Use Site s	Toil ets Flu sh Vau lt, No ne	Res erv atio ns	Y Ope n all Year S Seas onal	Driv e-in Hik e-in
17	Bates Canyon	PC	H-5	2,700	5			V	N	Y	D
18	Bear	PC	F-5	5,525	2			N	N	S	H
19	Bear Canyon	PC	F-5	1,400	2			N	N	Y	H
20	Big Cone spruce	PC		3,800	2			V	N	S	H
21	Big Pine	PC		6,100	8			N	N	S	H
22	Bill Faris	PC		4,200	2			N	N	S	H
23	Blue Canyon	PC		1,700	3			N	N	Y	H
24	Blue Jay	PC		3,550	1			N	N	S	H
25	Bluff Camp	PC		4,480	4			V	N	S	H
26	Brookshire Springs	PC		1,500	2			N	N	Y	H
27	Cachuma	PC		2,200	6			V	N	Y	D
28	Cachuma Church Camp	C		800		10		F	Y	Y	D
29	Cachuma Lake Recreation Area	C		750	420			F	Y	Y	D
30	Camp Cielo	C		1,325		10		F	Y	Y	D

**Scout Camp**

**Rancho Alegre, Los Padres Council, BSA (805) 967-0105**

**Arnaz Camp, Tres Condidos Council, GSA (805) 965-0539**

**Name:** Davy Brown

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538)

**Access:** North east of Figueroa Mountain via Happy Canyon Road (7N07) and Sunset Valley Road (8N09).

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** H-6

**Topo Map:** Bald Mountain

**Elevation:** 2,100 feet (640 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland and conifers

**Campsites:** 13

**Water:** Filter from Davy Brown Creek

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Excellent (but steep) hiking trails. Have trailer spaces but narrow, winding roads make access difficult.

**Name:** Nira

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** North of State Hwy 154 via Happy Canyon Road or Figueroa Mountain Road  
from Los Olivos (both 7N07) and Sunset Valley Road

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** H-6

**Topo Map:** Bald Mountain

**Elevation:** 2,000 feet (610m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 11

**Water:** Filter from Manzana Creek

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Nira camp is a major point of entry into the San Rafael Wilderness,  
trail head is close to camp



**Name:** Figueroa

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** 12 ½miles northeast of Los Olivos via Figueroa Mountain Road (7N07)

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** H-7

**Topo Map:** Figueroa Mountain

**Elevation:** 3,500 feet (1,070m)

**Terrain:** Gentle slope

**Vegetation:** Ponderosa and coulter line, Douglas fir

**Campsites:** 33

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Figueroa lookout is about 2 miles away, trail head is nearby

**Name:** Upper Oso

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** North of Santa Barbara via State Hwy 154, Paradise Valley Road (5N18) for 6 miles and Forest Road 5N15 (just past the first river crossing) for 1 mile to the camp

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** J-8

**Topo Map:** San Marcos Pass

**Elevation:** 1,225 feet (375m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 25

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Horse corrals and parking area for back country users, trail head near by

**Name:** Middle Santa Ynez

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** 23 miles northeast of Santa Barbara via East Camino Cielo (5N12), Juncal and Camuesa Road (5N15). The camp is ¼ mile west of the Pendola Station.

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** J-8

**Topo Map:** Hildreth Peak

**Elevation:** 1,800 feet (550m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 13

**Water:** piped and filter from Santa Ynez River

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Hiking trails, fishing in the Santa Ynez River. This campground is about 3 miles from Big Caliente Hot Springs and about 5 miles from Little Caliente Hot Springs.

**Name:** Fremont

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** 17 miles north of Santa Barbara via State Hwy 154 and Paradise Road (5N18).

**USFS Map Grid (2008):** J-8

**Topo Map:** San Marcos Pass

**Elevation:** 900 feet (275m)

**Terrain:** Gentle slope

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 15

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Seasonal

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 7 days

**Special Features:** Swimming in the Santa Ynez River, fishing in the Santa Ynez River, river access, trailhead nearby

**Name:** Jalama Beach County Park

**Admin By:** Santa Barbara County Parks and Recreation (805) 736-3504

**Access:** From Hwy. 101 take Hwy 1 Lompoc Vandenberg exit west. After about 12 miles on Hwy. 1 take the Jalama Road exit south for approximately 15 miles to Jalama Beach State Park. This is a very winding two lane road.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 15 feet (5 m)

**Terrain:** Beach front and dunes

**Vegetation:** Eucalyptus and sycamore trees

**Campsites:** 95 campsites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year (Very windy in the winter and spring)

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** No permits required

**Reservations:** No (Very difficult to get a campsite May through September)

**Time Limit:** 7 days

**Special Features:** Beautiful wide smooth beach. Store and restaurant in the campground. Vandenberg AFB is just north. Occasionally a satellite is launched from the base and is very spectacular.

**Name:** Abel Canyon

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** 19 miles from the trailhead at Nira Campground via the Manzana Trail (30W13) and the Sisquoc River Trail (30W12). Another possible route is the Sierra Madre Road (32S13) beyond the locked gate near McPherson Peak and the relatively steep Jackson Trail (27W05) from Painted Rock Camp to a point just below Sycamore Camp on the Sisquoc River.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Hurricane Deck

**Elevation:** 1,750 feet (535 m)

**Terrain:** Bench in canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Sisquoc River

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All Year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** Wilderness Permit required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** In times past, just below camp is the chimney of one of the dwellings built by settlers who came to the Sisquoc River area in the late 1800's.

**Name:** Agua Escondido

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** East on San Luis Obispo County Highway 32 for 27½ miles, north on Forest Road (30S07) for one mile, north on the Escondido Road (30S02) for two miles.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Los Macho Hills

**Elevation:** 2,200 feet (670 m)

**Terrain:** Steep hillside

**Vegetation:** Chaparral

**Campsites:** 5

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Deer season only (Note: While the camp is on Forest Service land and is theoretically open all year, the gate on the Escondido road is on private property and may be locked.)

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Nearby is a 10 mile off-road vehicle trail.

**Name:** Alamar Saddle

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** 2/10 of a mile south of the Alamar Saddle on a side loop of the Buckhorn Road (9N11).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Big Pine Mountain

**Elevation:** 5,650 feet (1,722 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain Ridge

**Vegetation:** Conifers

**Campsites:** 1

**Water:** None, Sisquoc River is about a mile away

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Camp is not far from the peak of Big Pine Mountain. The Alamar Saddle, at the junction with the Alamar Trail (26W06), is not far from the peak of Big Pine Mountain.



**Name:** Alder Creek (Santa Barbara County)

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District, (805) 967-3481

**Access:** East of Santa Barbara via East Camino Cielo Road (5N12), Juncal Road (5N13) (Beyond the locked gate immediately east of Juncal Camp) and on the Franklin Trail (25W09)

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** White Ledge Peak

**Elevation:** 2,800 feet (855 m)

**Terrain:** Hillside

**Vegetation:** Alders and chaparral

**Campsites:** 1

**Water:** Alder Creek

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** Contact District Ranger Station

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** In the past a flume below the camp carried water from Alder Creek into Jameson Lake, the water supply for Montecito.

**Name:** Alejandro

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Colson Canyon Road (11N04) to just past the Colson Station, then the Alejandro Trail (31W15) for about three miles south.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Tepusquet Canyon

**Elevation:** 1,650 feet (505 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Seasonal stream

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** In the past this campsite was surrounded by a two wire fence of barbed wire to keep out range cattle in the area.

**Name:** Ballard

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Northeast of Los Olivos via the Figueroa Mountain Road (7N07) and Trail (30W19) which begins on a potrero near the road at an unmarked point about half a mile above the Figueroa Station. This scenic two mile route descends into Birabent Canyon. The camp is really two separate units with the same name. The newer one is in the upper part of the canyon, and the older one is about half a mile down the trail.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Zaca Lake

**Elevation:** 2,080 feet (635 m)

**Terrain:** Narrow, steep canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland and riparian habitat

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Birabent Creek (reliable)

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Excellent for nature walks near La Jolla Spring.

**Name:** Barrel Springs

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Located east of Santa Maria via Tepusquet Road, Colson Canyon Road (11N04), and Barrel Springs Road (10N06).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Tepusquet Canyon

**Elevation:** 1,000 feet (305 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak grassland and chaparral

**Campsites:** 5

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** In the past water from the pipe was directed into a large redwood tank or barrel.

**Name:** Bates Canyon

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** State Hwy 166 to Bates Canyon Road (11N01) then 7½ miles southwest.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Bates Canyon

**Elevation:** 2,700 feet (825 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oaks and cottonwoods

**Campsites:** 4

**Water:** Piped from spring

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This camp is adjacent to the White Oaks Station which may be occupied by Forest Service personnel on a seasonal basis.

**Name:** Bear

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Forest Road (9N11) from Santa Barbara Canyon (beyond the locked gate) to the junction of the Sisquoc Trail (27W07) and then about a mile down to the camp.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Big Pine Mountain

**Elevation:** 5,525 feet (1,685 m)

**Terrain:** Mountain valley

**Vegetation:** White fir, incense cedar, Douglas fir, Jeffrey pine, sugar pine

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Headwaters of the Sisquoc River, reliable at upper site

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** Seasonal, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** Wilderness permit required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Picturesque site is divided into 2 units nearly half a mile apart.

**Name:** Bear Canyon

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** East of Santa Maria via Colson Canyon Road (11N04) to the intersection with the Bear Canyon Trail (31W05), near the Webber Ranch, then about 3 miles to the camp.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Tepusquet Canyon

**Elevation:** 1,400 feet (425 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Chaparral

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** ¼ mile upstream, seasonal

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:**

**Name:** Big Cone Spruce

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Site is located about 9 miles above Nira camp via the Manzana trail (30W13) and the Big Cone Spruce Trail (28W04). The later trail, not always apparent, is not recommended for pack stock.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** San Rafael Mountain

**Elevation:** 3,800 feet (1,160 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Big Cone Spruce and oaks

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Manzana Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** Wilderness permit required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Very small but scenic environment, many very large Big Cone Spruce in the area.



**Name:** Big Pine

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** ½ mile off the Buckhorn Road (9N11) via an unidentified Forest Trail. This camp is about 1 mile east of West Big Pine camp

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Big Pine

**Elevation:** 6,100 feet (1860 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Pines

**Campsites:** 8

**Water:** Local spring

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** Wilderness permit required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:**

**Name:** Bill Faris

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** This camp is located about 2 miles below the locked Buckhorn Road (9N11) via the Alamar Trail (26W06).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Malduce Peak

**Elevation:** 4,200 feet (1280 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Chaparral and oaks

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Stream, reliable

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Fine view of Malduce Peak

**Name:** Blue Canyon

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District, (805) 967-3481

**Access:** Northeast of Santa Barbara via East Camino Cielo (5N12) and Juncal Road (5N15), and the Blue Canyon Trail (26N12).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Carpinteria

**Elevation:** 1,700 feet (520 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 3

**Water:** Blue Canyon Creek

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This camp is named for the abundance of rocks called serpentine (hydrous magnesium silicate) with dominant blue hues.

**Name:** Blue Jay

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest

**Access:** North of Santa Barbara via East Camino Cielo (5N12), Juncal Road (5N15) and Camuesa Road (5N15).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Big Pine Mountain

**Elevation:** 3,550 feet (1,082 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oaks and Big Cone spruce

**Campsites:** 1

**Water:** Indian Creek

**Toilets:** None

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Numerous deep holes in the creek provide good fishing and swimming.

**Name:** Bluff Camp

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District

**Access:** This site is about 20 miles beyond the locked gate at Upper Oso Camp via Forest Roads (5N15), (6N13), and (9N11). Most of this road has been designated as two-wheel access.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Big Pine Mountain

**Elevation:** 4,480

**Terrain:** Mountain ridge

**Vegetation:** Oak woodlands and chaparral

**Campsites:** 4

**Water:** Piped from spring

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year, closed during fire season

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Adjacent to Bluff Camp Station and includes a corral.

**Name:** Brookshire Springs

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Located northeast of Santa Maria via State Hwy 166, the Sierra Madre Road (32S13) to a turnoff at Pine Canyon Road (11N03) and Forest Road (11N04A).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Miranda Pine Mountain

**Elevation:** 1,500 feet (455 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland and chaparral

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Piped from spring

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features** This camp can accommodate trailers up to 16 feet long

**Name:** Cachuma

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara District (805) 967-3481

**Access:** 42 miles northwest of Santa Barbara via State Hwy. 154 and Happy Canyon Road (7N07)

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Figueroa Mountain

**Elevation:** 2,200 feet (670 m)

**Terrain:** Narrow canyon

**Vegetation:** Oaks and sycamores

**Campsites:** 6

**Water:** Cachuma Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features** This scenic canyon is well endowed with wild flowers in the springtime.

**Name:** Cachuma Church Camp

**Admin By:** Cachuma Church Camp, Star Route, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 (805)  
962-6776

**Access:** 25 miles northwest of Santa Barbara via State Hwy 154 and Tequepis Canyon  
Road (6N04)

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Lake Cachuma

**Elevation:** 800

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 10 group sites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** None

**Special Features** This interdenominational camp is available to organized groups of all ages. There are accommodations for 144 people in dormitory type cabins which can house up to 16 campers each. There is a dining hall, lodge, pool and activity field available.



**Name:** Cachuma Lake Recreation Area

**Admin By:** Santa Barbara County Parks Department

**Access:** 25 miles northwest of Santa Barbara via State Hwy 154, 2225 Hwy 154,  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105, (805) 606-5055

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:**

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 9 group areas, 7 cabins, 400 campsites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes, reservations are recommended as Cachuma Lake is popular

**Time Limit:** up to 30 days depending on location

**Special Features** Swimming in the lake is prohibited. Fishing license is required.  
9,300 acre site includes, boat rental and launch ramp, swimming and wading  
pools, general store.

**Name:** Camp Cielo

**Admin By:** Ventura County Council Campfire, Inc., 2739 Buckeroo, Oxnard, CA 93036,  
(805) 642-5770

**Access:** 26 miles northwest of Santa Barbara via State Hwy 154 and the Tequepis  
Canyon Road (6N04).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Lake Cachuma

**Elevation:** 1,325 feet (405 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak woodland

**Campsites:** 10

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** Inquire

**Special Features** Has a dining hall and a pool. Formerly Boy Scout of America Camp  
Drake



## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

### Camp Style

<b>C Camp Site</b>	Have tables, fire rings and more modern vault or flush toilets. Access to Campsites is from is from a paved road and interior roads and spurs that are paved or treated for dust control. Most Campsites are campfire use sites. Forest Service campsites do not have electrical hookups or waste stations.
<b>PC Primitive Camp site</b>	Have a metal or concrete fire ring, may have tables and a primitive vault toilet. Sites do not have water. Some Primitive Camps are campfire use sites. Trail side camps are always primitive camp sites.
<b>CG Group Camp Sites</b>	Are designed for large groups and have multiple tables and fire rings. Sites have more modern vault or flush toilets.
<b>D Drive-in H Hike-in</b>	A Drive-in site can be reached by passenger car, a Hike-in site requires a backpack or boat trip. Drive-in sites can always be reached by a backpack hike.

	Name	Ca mp Styl e	US FS Ma p Loc atio n	Elev ation	Ca mp Unit s	Gro up site s	Day Use Site s	Toil ets Flu sh Vau lt, No ne	Res erv atio ns	Y Ope n all Year S Seas onal	Driv e-in Hik e-in
1	Cerro Alto	C	B-1	1000	22			V	Y	Y	D
2	Hi Mountain	PC	D-2	2360	11			V	N	Y	D
3	La Panza	PC	E-2	2160	15			V	N	Y	D
4	Montana de Oro	C		50	50			F	Y	Y	D
5	Morro Bay	C		50	115			F	Y	Y	D
6	Lopez Lake	C		800	354			F	Y	Y	D
7	Santa Margarita Lake	PC		500	60			V	Y	Y	H
8	American Canyon	C	E-2	1,700	14			V	Y	S	D
9	Atascadero State Beach	C		15	92			F	Y	Y	D
10	Camp Mabel French	C		700		15		F	Y	Y	D
11	Balm of Giliad	PC	E-2	2,000	2			V	N	Y	H
12	Buckeye	PC		1,700	1			V	N	Y	H

### Scout Camp

Camp Mabel French, Los Padres Council, BSA (805) 967-0105

**Name:** Cerro Alto

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia Ranger district (805-925-9538)

**Access:** Located southwest of Atascadero via State Hwy 41 for 8 miles and Forest Road 29S11 for one mile

**USFS Map Grid:** B-1

**Topo Map:** Atascadero

**Elevation:** 1000

**Terrain:** High hill country

**Vegetation:** Chaparral

**Campsites:** 22

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This campsite is the trailhead for the trail to the top of Cerro Alto Peak

**Name:** Hi Mountain

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia Ranger District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** East of San Luis Obispo via U.S. Hwy 101, State Hwy 58, Pozo-Santa Margarita County Road, and the Hi Mountain Road (30S05) for four miles southwest. The gate on this road is locked during wet weather.

**USFS Map Grid:** D-2

**Topo Map:** Santa Margarita Lake

**Elevation:** 2,800 feet (855m)

**Terrain:** Mountainside

**Vegetation:** Chaparral

**Campsites:** 11

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** This campsite is near the old Hi Mountain Fire Lookout which is now a condor lookout site

**Name:** La Panza

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia Ranger District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Located east of Santa Margarita via State Hwy 58, Forest Road 29S15 and Forest Road 20S02. Access is also possible via the unimproved Pozo Road 29S01

**USFS Map Grid:** E-2

**Topo Map:** Pozo Summit

**Elevation:** 2160 feet (670m)

**Terrain:** Rolling hills

**Vegetation:** Chaparral, pines and oaks

**Campsites:** 15

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** No permits required

**Reservations:** None

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:**

**Name:** Montana de Oro State Park

**Admin By:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**Access:** 7 miles south of Los Osos on Pecho Road

**USFS Map Grid:** A-11

**Topo Map:** Morro Bay South

**Elevation:** 50 feet (15 m)

**Terrain:** beach

**Vegetation:** coastal sage-scrub, riparian

**Campsites:** 50 sites for RV or tent camping

**Water:** piped

**Toilets:** flush

**Season:** all year

**Fees:** \$15 per site

**Permits:** no permits required in campground

**Reservations:** yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** trail head, hiking, biking, equestrian trails, beach access, remember  
star fish and sea urchins will die if removed from the water

**Location / Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Los Osos Valley Road east to Pacheco  
Road, then 7 miles south to the campground.

**Contact Information:** For more information contact the camp Ranger office at (805)  
528-0513



**Name:** Morro Bay State Park

**Admin By:** California Department of Parks and Recreation, (805-772-2560)

**Access:** In Morro Bay, 14 miles west of San Luis Obispo via State Hwy 101, then south 2 mile on South Bay Blvd., at the bridge turn right 2 miles on State Park Road

**USFS Map Grid:** Not on USFS map

**Topo Map:** Morro Bay South

**Elevation:** 50 feet (15m)

**Terrain:** Beach, lagoon and bay

**Vegetation:** eucalyptus and cypress trees

**Campsites:** 115

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** No permits required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 7 to 14 days depending on the season

**Special Features:** This 1,483 acre site can accommodate trailers and campers up to 31 feet. There is a trailer sanitation site, food service and boat rental. Hiking and nature trails allow visitors to see wildlife habitats of shore birds and marine organisms. Natural history museum exhibits describe natural features and cultural history, Indian life, geology and oceanography. Nature walks and programs are available all summer.

**Name:** Lopez Lake Recreation Area

**Admin By:** San Luis Obispo County Parks (805) 788-2381

**Access:** Fro Hwy. 101 take the Grand Ave. exit north in Arroyo Grande. Turn east towards the mountains and drive through old town Arroyo Grande to Huasna Road. Turn right on Huasna Road which turns into Lopez Drive. Stay on Lopez Drive for approximately 10 miles to the entrance to Lopez Lake Recreation Area.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 800 feet (265 m)

**Terrain:** Rolling hills and valleys

**Vegetation:** Oaks

**Campsites:** 354 campsites

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Camping, fishing, boating, waterskiing, windsurfing, waterslides are all available in the recreation area.

**Name:** Santa Margarita Lake

**Admin By:** San Luis Obispo County Parks (805) 788-2397

**Access:** From Hwy.101 take Hwy. 58 exit east into Santa Margarita, Follow thru town and look for Hwy.58 signs. At the end of town turn right onto Hwy 58 Santa Margarita Road for 8 miles to Santa Margarita Lake Road and continue straight ahead. DO NOT turn left onto HWY. 58. The entrance to Santa Margarita Lake is at the end of the road.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 1,000 feet (325 m)

**Terrain:** Lake front

**Vegetation:** Oak scrub

**Campsites:** 60

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Swimming in the lake is not allowed. Santa Margarita Lake is a drinking water source for San Luis Obispo. Fishing, boating and canoeing are allowed. For swimming, a pool is available June thru September. Many campsites are accessible from the water.

**Name:** American Canyon

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Santa Margarita-Pozo County Road, Pozo-Branch Mountain Road (30S02),  
American Canyon Road (30S04) and the Avenales Ranch

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Pozo Summit

**Elevation:** 1,700 feet (520 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak and pines, chaparral

**Campsites:** 14

**Water:** Piped from spring

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Open during hunting season only

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** None, groups admitted with owners consent

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Limited trailer space available

**Name:** Atascadero State Beach

**Admin By:** California Department of Parks and Recreation (805) 772-2500

**Access:** State Hwy. 1, turn west at Yerba Buena in Morro Bay

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Morro Bay south

**Elevation:** 15 feet (5 m)

**Terrain:** Beach front

**Vegetation:** Coastal Grassland

**Campsites:** 92

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 7 to 14 days, depending on the season

**Special Features:** This 75 acre site can accommodate trailers up to 21 feet long.

Activities include swimming, surfing and fishing.

**Name:** Balm of Giliad

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Located northeast of Arroyo Grande via the Pozo-Arroyo Grande county road and the Trout Creek Trail (31S01) and Sellers Potrero Trail (16E05).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Pozo Summit

**Elevation:** 2,000 feet (610 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Oak, chaparral, riparian

**Campsites:** 2

**Water:** Sellers Potrero Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** The presence of Balm of Giliad trees (*Commiphora mecanensis*) in the area gives the camp its name; it yields a fragrant balsam, an oily resinous substance.

**Name:** Buckeye

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Santa Lucia District, (805) 925-9538

**Access:** Northeast of Arroyo Grande via Pozo-Arroyo Grande County Road for 19 miles and then 3½ miles east on Trout Creek Trail (31S01).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:** Caldwell Mesa

**Elevation:** 1,700 feet (520 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon

**Vegetation:** Live oaks

**Campsites:** 1

**Water:** Buckeye Creek, reliable

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:**





## MONTEREY COUNTY

### Camping Locations

<b>C Camp Site</b>	Have tables, fire rings and more modern vault or flush toilets. Access to Campsites is from is from a paved road and interior roads and spurs that are paved or treated for dust control. Most Campsites are campfire use sites. Forest Service campsites do not have electrical hookups or waste stations.
<b>PC Primitive Camp site</b>	Have a metal or concrete fire ring, may have tables and a primitive vault toilet. Sites do not have water. Some Primitive Camps are campfire use sites. Trail side camps are always primitive camp sites.
<b>CG Group Camp Sites</b>	Are designed for large groups and have multiple tables and fire rings. Sites have more modern vault or flush toilets.
<b>D Drive-in H Hike-in</b>	A Drive-in site can be reached by passenger car, a Hike-in site requires a backpack or boat trip. Drive-in sites can always be reached by a backpack hike.

	Name	Ca mp Styl e	US FS Map Loc atio n	Elev ation	Ca mp Unit s	Gro up site s	Day Use Site s	Toil ets Flu sh Vau lt, No ne	Res erv atio ns	Y Ope n all Year S Seas onal	Driv e-in Hik e-in
1	Kirk Creek	C	E-5	160	33			F	N	Y	D
2	Plaskett Creek	C	E-5	200	200			F	N	Y	D
3	Ponderosa	PC	E-5	1600	23			V	N	Y	D
4	Arroyo Seco	C	E-3	900	49	1		F	Y	Y	D
5	Pinnacles	C		1000	120	20		F	Y	Y	D
6	Nacimiento Lake	C		1200	300	15		V	Y	Y	D
7	San Antonio Lake	C		1300	300	15		V	Y	Y	D
8	Bottchers Gap	PC	B-2	2100	11			V	N	S	D
9	China Camp	PC	D-2	4300	6			V	N	Y	D
10	Escondido	PC	E-3	2175	9			V	N	Y	D
11	Santa Lucia Park	PC	E-4	2086	8			V	N	Y	D
12	White Oaks	PC	D-2	4200	7			V	N	Y	D

### Scout Camp

Camp Pico Blanco, Monterey Bay Area Council, BSA

**Name:** Kirk Creek

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831-385-5434)

**Access:** State Hwy. 1, North of San Simeon

**USFS Map Grid:** E-5

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 160 feet (58m)

**Terrain:** Ocean front canyon

**Vegetation:** Oaks and pines

**Campsites:** 160

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** No permits required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Located on the coast with access to beach, tide pools and hiking in the hills

**Name:** Plaskett Creek

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831-385-5434)

**Access:** State Hwy 1, north of San Simeon

**USFS Map Grid:** E-5

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 200 feet (68m)

**Terrain:** Coastal canyon and rolling hills

**Vegetation:** Coastal pines

**Campsites:** 45

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Whale watching in season, beach access, tide pools and hiking in the hills

**Name:** Ponderosa

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831-385-5434)

**Access:** State Hwy 1, north of San Simeon

**USFS Map Grid:** E-5

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 1600 feet (560m)

**Terrain:** Coastal canyon

**Vegetation:** Pines

**Campsites:** 23

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to the Ventana Wilderness

**Name:** Arroyo Seco

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831-385-5434)

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:** E-3

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 900 feet (300 m)

**Terrain:** Rolling hills and coastal canyon

**Vegetation:** Pines

**Campsites:** 49

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** Open all year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to the Ventana Wilderness, hiking trails and fishing areas

**Name:** Pinnacles National Monument

**Admin By:** Pinnacles National Monument (831) 389-4485

**Access:** From Hwy. 101 in King City take G13 east to State Hwy 25. Travel 12 miles north to Pinnacles Road. Turn left and travel 3 miles to the campsite.

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 1,000 feet (350 m)

**Terrain:** Canyon lands

**Vegetation:** Oak chaparral

**Campsites:** 200

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Flush

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Pinnacles national Monument is located on the San Andres Fault line. The Pinnacles themselves are one-half of an extinct volcano. The other half is the Neenach Formation located approximately 300 miles southeast in the northwest corner of Los Angeles County 30 miles north of Lancaster. Over time large boulders have fallen into slot canyons and formed caves for exploring.

**Name:** Lake Nacimiento

**Admin By:** Monterey County Parks Department (831) 755-4899

**Access:** From Hwy 101 in Paso Robles take the Hwy 46 exit and go under the freeway 20 miles east on Nacimiento Lake Road (G14).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 800 feet (135 m)

**Terrain:** Rolling hills and lake front

**Vegetation:** Oak chaparral

**Campsites:** 400

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** No permits required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Camping, fishing, boating, waterskiing are all available

**Name:** Lake San Antonio

**Admin By:** Monterey County Parks Department (831) 755-4899

**Access:** From Hwy 101 in Paso Robles take Hwy 46 exit and go under the freeway 28 miles east on Nacimiento Lake Road (G14).

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 800 feet (135 m)

**Terrain:** Rolling hills and lake front

**Vegetation:** Oak chaparral

**Campsites:** 300

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** Yes

**Permits:** None required

**Reservations:** Yes

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Camping, fishing, boating, waterskiing are all available



**Name:** Bottchers Gap

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831) 385-5434

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:**

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 2,100 feet (710 m)

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 11

**Water:**

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to Ventana Wilderness

**Name:** China Camp

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District, (831) 385-5434

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:** D-2

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 4,300 feet (1,450 m)

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 6

**Water:** Piped

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to Ventana Wilderness Area

**Name:** Escondido

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District, (831) 385-5434

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:** E-3

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 2175 feet (760 m)

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 9

**Water:**

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** Seasonal

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to Ventana Wilderness

**Name:** Santa Lucia Memorial Park

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District (831) 385-5434

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:** E-4

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 2086

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 8

**Water:**

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:** Access to several trails in the area

**Name:** White Oaks

**Admin By:** Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District, (831) 385-5434

**Access:**

**USFS Map Grid:** D-2

**Topo Map:**

**Elevation:** 4,200 feet (1,400 m)

**Terrain:**

**Vegetation:**

**Campsites:** 7

**Water:**

**Toilets:** Vault

**Season:** All year

**Fees:** None

**Permits:** None

**Reservations:** No

**Time Limit:** 14 days

**Special Features:**



## OUT OF COUNCIL LOCATIONS

### **Coldbrook Campground, Angeles National Forest**

**Campsites:** 25 sites for tent camping

**Facilities:** Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, flush toilets

**Elevation:** 3,350 feet (1,115 m)

**Dates Open:** Year round

**Reservations / Fee:** No reservation required / Fee \$12 per night

**Special Features:** This site has a well-stocked stream that runs nearby

**Location / Directions:** From I-210 take Azusa Canyon exit and drive north on San Gabriel Canyon Road (Highway 39). Follow to the campground.

**Contact Information:** For more information contact the Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Ranger District Office, at (818) 335-1251.

## DREAM TRIPS

- **Trail to Mt. Witney**

While accessible without extensive training or technical equipment, summiting Mt. Whitney still requires planning, permits, practice and preparation.

The Tah-Heetch Lodge has an excellent website for camping. On their website are links to many exciting hikes. One of the most interesting is the Trail to Mt. Whitney. At 14,497 feet (4418.69 meters) Mt. Whitney is the tallest mountain in the continental United States. On the Tah-Heetch website is a link to the Mt. Whitney Trek Award. This medal is available from the Sequoia Council. The award is represented by a silver medallion on a silver/blue ribbon. In brief the requirements are:

1. Be registered Scout or Scouter at the time they climb Mt. Whitney
2. Take a conditioning hike within 30 days before commencing the Mt. Whitney trip.
3. Register in advance of the trip and carry proper credentials during the trip.
4. Climb Mt. Whitney, using one of the approved routes.
5. Complete a **Good Turn** or **Conservation Project** during the trip.
6. Be accompanied by an adult throughout the trip.
7. Submit trip reports and final application within 45 days after the trip is completed.

- **John Muir Trail**
- **Pacific Crest Trail**
- **Continental Divide Trail**

## NATIONAL LOCATIONS

- **Philmont Scout Ranch**
- **Florida Sea Base**
- **Northern Tier**
- **The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve**



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## CAMPING RELATED BOOKS, MAPS, WEBSITES AND EQUIPMENT SOURCES

### Equipment Sources

SLO Camp and Pack

341 Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

805-541-8006

Equipment

Mountain Air Sports

667 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

805-543-1676

Equipment, boots, books, maps

### Web sites

California State Parks

[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

Los Padres National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/)

Outdoor Adventure Sites

[www.totalescape.com](http://www.totalescape.com)

[www.wildernet.com](http://www.wildernet.com)