

MAIL during February only, DO NOT FAX !

Lottery is for: Overnight trips that start on the Mt. Whitney trail, and Day Use in the Mt. Whitney Zone via all routes. Day Use on North Fork of Lone Pine Creek is included in Lottery. See second page instructions for other trails "Not in Lottery".

GROUP LEADER:

Mail label or print clearly

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

optional E-mail _____

List Alternate Leaders allowed to replace Group Leader:

Is this a GUIDED trip?: YES NO

Name of Guide, Company, School or Church Group, Youth Org, etc.

Is this trip by Foot? (Hiking/ Backpacking) YES NO

FEES/PAYMENT

Mt Whitney Permit Reservations are **\$15.00 per person**. Reservations are non-refundable, non-transferable to other parties or future years, and not for re-sale. Send only one application per group. Applications received without payment will be rejected. Duplicate reservations that result from submission multiple applications are not entitled to a refund. Submission of this application indicates your agreement to these terms and conditions.

GROUP SIZE _____ X \$15.00 = _____ Total Fee
 (maximum group size 15 people)

Payment returned if no reservation is made. Pay with:

Check or Money Order payable to: **USDA Forest Service**

VISA or MasterCard Credit Card Number:

_____/_____/_____/_____

Expiration Date (month/year) ____/____

Print Name on credit card

Signature _____

Reservations are based on entry date. List alternate dates in order of preference. Entry date is the date your group *must* start on the trail. Do not include dates you will be at car accessible campgrounds such as Whitney Portal Campground.

	Entry Date	Exit Date	Entry Trail Name	Exit Trail Name	Day Hike or Overnight
1 st Choice			Mt. Whitney		
2 nd Choice			Mt. Whitney		
3 rd Choice			Mt. Whitney		
4 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
5 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
6 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
7 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
8 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
9 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
10 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		
11 th Choice			Mt. Whitney		

Your application must be accurate and complete. We are unable to revise, intercept or confirm receipt of lottery applications. If you have more than 11 alternate dates, please attach additional pages and include leader name on all pages.

**** DO NOT FAX APPLICATION. MAIL DURING FEBRUARY ONLY ****

The Lottery Process: Applications must be postmarked in February to be accepted for the Mt. Whitney Lottery. On February 15, we begin making reservations from applications drawn at random. Applications received after February 15th are stirred into random order and added to the same ongoing lottery at the end of each business day. Applications postmarked in February that arrive in March will still be accepted into the lottery. Every application will be drawn and considered. When your application is drawn, a reservation will be made if quota space is still available for the entry dates requested. Reservation fee is only charged if you are successful. Results are sent by mail.

Fill out the application form: Please be sure your application is accurate and complete before you send it. We will not revise or intercept applications. Send only one application per party. Use separate applications for multiple trips. See below for more terms and information.

Payment: Applications must include payment of **\$15.00 per person** (US Funds only). Payment returned if no reservation is made. Visa, MasterCard, Check or Money Order accepted. Check or money order must be payable to: **U.S.D.A. Forest Service**

Mail Application To: **Mt. Whitney Lottery** Lottery applications
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200 Must be postmarked in February
Bishop, CA 93514

Confirmation: Applications will receive a response from our office by mail. Lottery results available by April 1st.

After the lottery is complete: If you were unsuccessful or missed the lottery, refer to the Inyo National Forest website after April 1st for calendar of available dates, timetable to apply, and general application form, or phone the Wilderness Reservation Office after April 1st.

To change a reservation: After the Lottery, changes can be made if space is available. A \$10 fee applies for change of entry date or trail. Party size may be increased for \$15 per additional person. For space availability and when to apply, visit the Inyo National Forest website after April 1st at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo> or contact the **Wilderness Permit Reservation Office at (760) 873-2483**.

Reminders / Conditions: For Mt. Whitney Lottery and Wilderness Permits

All visitors entering the Mt Whitney Zone must have a valid overnight or day use wilderness permit. Permits required year round.

Permits can be reserved for trips that begin during the quota period, from May 1st through November 1st. Reservations can be made until 2 days before a trip if space is available. For non-quota period use self-issue permits available at the Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center.

All members of your party **must enter the wilderness** on the **entry date** specified on permit.

Day hike permit cannot be used as part of an overnight trip. Overnight permit cannot be used for a day hike. No consecutive day hikes. Day use quota includes all routes into the Mt Whitney Zone including the North Fork of Lone Pine Creek.

Large groups can not exceed 15 people.

Lottery applications that are incomplete, illegible, lacking payment information, or sent by fax will be rejected.

Reservations will be canceled if you do not **pick up permit** or **confirm** group size and **arrival time** by phone, one or two days before trip. Day hike confirmation deadline is noon on day before entry. Overnight trip confirmation deadline is 10 a.m. on your entry date.

Pick up your reserved wilderness permit from **Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center** one or two days before trip entry date.

Not in the Lottery:

- Day hikes that do not enter the Mt Whitney zone (beyond Lone Pine Lake or Lower Boy Scout Lake) do not require a permit.
- For trips that begin in Yosemite or Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, obtain your permit from the National Park. Specify your exit trail as Mt. Whitney trail and the permit issued by the National Park will be valid for your entire trip, including Mt Whitney.
- Overnight trips on the North Fork of Lone Pine Creek are NOT in lottery (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face/ Buttress routes).
- Overnight trips that begin in Inyo National Forest on a trail other than the Mt. Whitney Trail (such as Shepherd Pass, Kearsarge Pass, Cottonwood Pass, etc) reserve with the general application. If trip will end on the Mt Whitney trail request "Trail Crest Exit".
- Entry date between November 2 and April 30 is non quota. No reservation needed. Self-issue permit at Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center.

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