

Hoover Wilderness Rules & Regulations

- Proper food storage is mandatory. Approved bear-resistant food canisters are required in all of the Hoover Wilderness. Hanging or guarding of food items is not allowed. Cleanup of food and debris if a bear gets into your food is your responsibility.
- Wilderness permits are required for all overnight use.
- Maximum group size is 15 people; you can travel with no more than 25 head of stock.
- Do not camp within 100 feet of any lake shore, stream, or trail. If terrain does not permit camping at least 100 feet away, camp no less than 25 feet away in any situation.
- Do not camp within ¼ mile of Barney Lake for more than 1 consecutive night. Do not camp within 100 feet of the shore of Barney Lake.
- There is no camping at Red Lake, Blue Lake, or Big Virginia Lake.
- Do not build, attend, maintain, or use a campfire, stove fire or barbecue (or any fire that uses wood or charcoal), except for a portable stove using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized fuel, within ¼ mile of Barney Lake or Peeler Lake and above 9000 feet within the Virginia Creek and Green Creek drainages.
- Do not discharge a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun except for emergencies, or the taking of wildlife as permitted by state law.
- Do not cut or damage standing trees, live or dead.
- Camping is allowed for no more than 14 consecutive days.
- It is illegal to possess or use a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle.
- It is illegal to possess or use any motorized or mechanized equipment, including chainsaws.

Additional Rules & Regulations For The Sawtooth Ridge Zone:

- Do not build, maintain, or use a campfire (any wood or charcoal fire).
- Maximum group size is 8 people, and no stock.
- Do not camp within 100 yards of established routes.



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It is the responsibility of all trip participants to know and obey the following regulations while in the Yosemite Wilderness. If you have further questions call Yosemite National Park Wilderness permits office at 209-372-0308.

1. A permit is required for all overnight wilderness use and MUST be in your possession while in the wilderness.
2. Your campsite must be four trail miles from Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point, Hetch Hetchy or Wawona, or one trail mile from any road.
3. Group size is limited to 15 people or less, 8 for any cross country hiking more than 1/4 mile off trail. Stock are limited to 25 head.
4. Choose a previously impacted campsite at least 100 feet (30meters/40 paces) from any water source or trail.
5. Proper food storage is mandatory. Approved bear-resistant food canisters are required in ALL areas of Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging or guarding food items is NOT permissible. Cleanup of food and debris if a bear gets your food is your responsibility. Report any bear incidents to the nearest ranger. You can also report bear incidents by calling the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209-372-0322.
6. Fires are allowed in EXISTING rings only, and prohibited above 9600 feet in elevations. Use dead and down wood only. Construction of new fire rings, or altering or enlarging existing fire rings is not permitted.
7. Carry out all trash. Do not burn or bury toilet paper or trash.
8. All human waste must be buried at least 6 inches deep and at least 100 feet from water sources, camp areas, or trails. Toilet paper must be packed out.
9. Pets and weapons are prohibited.
10. Do all washing at least 100 feet from any water source. Do not put soap directly into streams.

The trip leader and/or participants can be cited for violation of any of the above regulations.

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