CAMP TAHQUITZ

Welcome to Camp! We hope you and your family have a great time. Here are some general guidelines to help you enjoy your stay and keep everyone safe.

NO OPEN (WOOD) FIRES
Please use only a propane-type campfire. Ask the staff if you would like to borrow a “Campfire in a Can”.

NO FIREWORKS
No fireworks or any kind are allowed!

NO GROUP ACTIVITY
The County is allowing us to have families camp if each family remains in their own campsite. Please do not go the campsite of another family.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY
In case of a medical emergency, please call 911. Then call Michael Dermody or Christian so that we can go and meet any emergency vehicles at the gate and then direct them to your campsite.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER
Parents - be sure that you keep an eye out on your children. It is easy to get lost if they can wonder off by themselves.

TRASH PICKUP
Please be sure to have your trash bagged and at the commissary station to be picked up. The camp truck will start its round at 6:30 pm.

PROGRAM FACILITIES
Unfortunately, we are not allowed to provide any program at this time. We ask that you stay out of, and do not climb on, any camp program or building.

HIGHWAY 38
Please use the bridge to cross over Highway 38. Please do not cross Highway 38 on foot!

TAHQUITZ LAKE
On the north (lower) side of the camp is the Tahquitz lake. Please be cautious on the north side of the lake, as there is a steep cliff.

ANIMAL SAFETY
One of the great experiences at Camp is to see animals in their natural environment. Please respect them! Do not feed the animals at any time and be sure that your food (and anything with an odor) is kept in the bear box.

BEARS
We do have bears in the mountains, and while they are not looking for you, they may be interested in your food (or what they think might be food). Usually a bear will leave if you make a loud noise. They will not attack you unless you frighten them or walk between them and their food.

- Never provoke a bear – Do NOT take flash pictures, try to get a closer look or throw things at it. Give adult bears and cubs a wide berth.
- Make a lot of noise if the bear approaches your campsite and is still at least 100 yards away. If the bear is closer than 100 yards, leave the area.
- Do not try to save your gear, it can be replaced – you cannot.
- If you awaken to a bear around you or your tent, start talking in a calm voice. Do not play dead or try to hit the bear. If the bear is far enough away and you can move, slowly back away. Do not run!
- Do not feed the bear! If a bear starts to rely on human food and trash, it becomes a nuisance bear – and might have to be killed. As the Forest Service says, “A fed bear is a dead bear”.

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Emergency Contact numbers:

**CAMP STAFF CONTACTS**

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**LOCATION**

41700 State Highway 38
Angeles Oaks, CA 92305

Contact any staff member to find out more about these services available:

- Cubed Ice
- Propane bottles
- “Campfire in a Can”
- Camp Store
- Overnight Food Storage
- Evening Trash Collection
- Garbage Can Liners
- Rental equipment

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**CAMP TAHQUITZ**

**COVID 19 Procedures**

While we hope that you and your entire family are enjoying the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors after months of being “safer at home”, we want to ensure that you stay healthy.

**WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

The camp staff has developed a list of procedures that we will be using to keep you and your family safe. These include:

- Sanitizing each campsite prior to a family arriving;
- Providing masks and disposable gloves to staff members;
- Providing hand-washing stations so that staff members can frequently wash their hands;
- Reducing the need for family members to enter camp buildings, and, if there is a need to enter a building, limiting it to one family member.

*Contact Michael if you would like to see a copy of the complete staff procedures*

**HOW YOU CAN HELP US**

You can help us protect your family as well as other families and our staff by following some simple guidelines:

- Please do not visit the campsites of other families!
- When you approach other families, please be sure to maintain social distancing of 6’.
- Please remember to wear a mask if you are likely to run across other families or staff members. (We have a limited number of additional masks in case yours is lost).
- Be sure to wash your hands frequently. There is a hand washing dispenser in each campsite.
- Cover your sneezes with a kleenex, and cough into your elbow.
- If you or a family member begins to experience any symptoms of Covid, it is essential that you contact a staff member immediately, and then return home so that you can receive appropriate treatment.

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CAMP TAQUITZ
A few things for you and your family to enjoy while you are here!

In Camp
Tahquitz is 640 acres – a full square mile. There is a lot to do and see here at camp. Be sure to look at the map to find key locations at camp.

Camp trails
Walk around “upper camp” and enjoy the wonders of nature. Look for flowers, trees, birds and animals that you will not see outside of the mountains. Enjoy the cool air, and century old Ponderosa Pines.

Middle Meadow:
A large, pristine mountain meadow. In the summer it is the site of our Wrangler program. Be sure to use the bridge to cross over Highway 38.

Historic Log Cabins:
We have four historic log cabins. They surround our upper meadow and were built in the late 1890’s. You probably saw the “Barton Flats Store” when you arrived at camp – we are in the middle of a major restoration project, so please be careful and do not get too close to the “store”.

Whispering Pines/Ponderosa Nature Trails
The Whispering Pines Trail and Ponderosa Nature Trails are directly across the road from another, at the turnout near Jenks Lake Rd and Highway 38 (right at the edge of camp property). These two short loop hikes combine for just over one mile of pleasant strolling. Distance wise, the two trails are rather similar. However, the Ponderosa Nature Trail includes many longer distant views of the canyon below. Given the day of choice to visit, rather dramatic skies often accompany the view. Both trails pass under a forest canopy of black oak and pine, with the much taller trees along the Whispering Pines Trail. These are easy loops that can be completed by visitors of all ages.

Mountain Bikes at Tahquitz
You may bring your mountain bikes up to camp; however we have a few guidelines that we ask you to follow. These are to ensure your safety, the safety of other campers, and to protect the environment of the camp.

- All riders must wear helmets while on Camp Tahquitz property (according to state law, bicyclists under the age of 18 must wear helmets even off Camp Tahquitz property (and we strongly encourage those over 18 to set a good example by wearing helmets as well!))
- Please stay on established trails – please do not create your own trail!
- Please do not ride on the main camp road between Highway 38 and the Commissary. Cars come up that road rather quickly and are not looking for bicyclists!

Mountain Bikes in Barton Flats
There are many good mountain bike trails around Camp Tahquitz. Check with the camp office for additional information on some of the more popular trails in the area, which would include:

Barton Road to Jenks Lake
Travel from the back gate down the Barton Road, a small county road. The road enters a deeply wooded part of the forest, dotted with small cabins. Eventually the road turns to dirt and is a bit more challenging. As the road approaches Highway 38 you can connect to the Jenks Lake Trail – this will take you to the Jenks Lake Day Use area.

Santa Ana River Trail
A single-track bike trail that starts at the South Fork Campground and goes through to Angelus Oaks. You can also pick up the trail when it passes by camp along Glass Road.

(Please see reverse side for additional activities)
Mountain Bikes – Barton Flats Area (Continued from other side)

Poop-out Hill Trail
Leave camp through the back gate, and turn left at Jenks Lake Rd. After a few miles you will reach the Poop-out Hill Fire Trail. Now closed to vehicles, this road brought hundreds of scouts and other hikers up to the trailhead for entrance into the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Although you will not be able to go all the way to the trail head, this will bring close to the start of the Wilderness area.

Driving Trips Outside of Camp
In addition to hiking and biking, there are some very scenic roads through the Barton Flats area. Stop by the Camp Office for additional information.

JENKS LAKE
A man-made lake, about 2 miles from camp. Go out the back gate of camp and turn right on “Barton Road”. In a few 100 yards it will dead-end on “Jenks Lake Road West”. To get to the lake, turn left.

ANGELOS OAKS
The small “town” or Angelus Oaks is six miles down the road towards Redlands. Turn left on Highway 38 as you leave the main camp gate. You will find a small restaurant, as well as a small grocery store.

SANTA ANA RIVER – Seven Oaks
As you exit camp, turn right on Highway 38, and go a half mile to “Glass Road”. Turn left and go down country road for 2 miles to the bottom of the canyon. You will dead-end on the Santa Ana River Road. Turn left and you will cross over the Santa Ana River and find yourself at Seven Oaks resort. It calls itself the “oldest resort in California”, and has a small restaurant, and an even smaller grocery store.

SANTA ANA RIVER – South Fork
At the Santa Ana River Road (see above), turn left and you will be on a graded dirt road that parallels Highway 38. Amazing views, with the chance to pull off the road alongside the Santa Ana River. After 5 miles, the road rejoins Highway 38 at South Fork/Santa Ana River. Turn left, heading west on Highway 38 and you will drive through the Barton Flats area. After 4.5 miles you will be back at the camp front gate.

BIG BEAR
As you exit camp, turn right on Highway 38. You will go through Barton Flats, down into the Santa Ana River Canyon, cross over the headwaters of the Santa Ana river, and then climb to Onyx Summit (elevation 8,443’). Along the way you will see amazing views of the San Bernardino Mountains including Mount San Gorgonio, the highest point in Southern California. After you crest Onyx Summit (a favorite place for rock climbers) you will start down into Bear Valley. Looking off to your right you will see the start of the Mohave desert. In Big Bear you will find quaint shops, restaurants, as well as two major grocery stores. There are nice walks around the edge of the lake itself. The distance from camp to “The Village” in Big Bear is about 29 miles.

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