

PACK OVERNIGHTER SITE APPROVAL FORM

This site approval form is to be used by the BSA council to evaluate local pack overnight family camping locations. It should be kept on file in the council office for local unit use and periodically reviewed for accuracy.

Site: Wheeler Gorge Campground Phone: 805-434-1996

Address: 17017 Maricopa Hwy 33, Ojai, CA 93023

Site contact: 805-434-1996 Title: Parks Management Company

Site managed by (check one): City _____ County _____ State _____ Federal _____ Private BSA _____

Mandatory Standards	Meets Standard	
	Yes	No
1. The camping site is clean and safe from hazards.	<u>Y</u>	_____
2. The site is not located near any natural or manmade hazards.	<u>Y</u>	_____
3. Facilities are available for the proper and sanitary disposal of garbage, with vermin-proof receptacles. These facilities are serviced regularly by the managing agency.	<u>Y</u>	_____
4. Drinking water from an approved source is provided at convenient locations and is readily accessible.	_____	<u>N</u>
5. Emergency assistance is available 24 hours a day.	<u>Y</u>	_____
6. A public telephone is available within a reasonable distance.	<u>Y</u>	_____
7. If fires are permitted, adequate and safe equipment is provided for cooking and recreational fires.	<u>Y</u>	_____
8. Each family site is within 300 feet of a sanitary toilet facility.	<u>Y</u>	_____
9. Any individual site hook-ups provided for electricity, water, or sewer meet all appropriate local and state health codes.	_____	<u>N/A</u>
10. If swimming is available, it is limited to facilities that meet state health standards. BSA safety guidelines for aquatics are followed.	_____	<u>N/A</u>
11. Adequate shelter is available for program activities during inclement weather.	<u>Y</u>	_____

Site Amenities (optional)

12. Campsites are available for tents.	<u>Y</u>	_____
13. Campsites are available for recreational vehicles.	<u>Y</u>	_____
14. Clean and warm showers are available for all campers.	_____	<u>N</u>
15. Sufficient picnic tables are available.	<u>Y</u>	_____
16. An open area is available for group games and other recreational activities.	<u>Y</u>	_____
17. Well-marked and easy-to-follow trails are available.	<u>Y</u>	_____
18. Playground equipment is available and in good repair.	_____	<u>N/A</u>
19. Recreational equipment is available for packs to check out.	_____	<u>N</u>

Additional Opportunities

List any items of interest, historical sites, etc., in or near the vicinity of campsites. See next page

Site inspected by: Jennifer Sorbello Date: 6-6-2021

Site approved by: _____ Date: _____

Council contact: _____ Phone: _____

Site approval expires (date): _____ (This is two years from the date of inspection.)



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Wheeler Gorge

<https://campone.com/campground-finder/campground/california/wheeler-gorge-campground/>

Individual sites may be reserved online at www.recreation.gov, up to six months in advance. There is a ½ mile loop nature trail that was created in 1979 by the Youth Conversation Corps, with 15 informative signs installed by BSA Troop 808 as part of an Eagle Project. There is also a historic stone cabin on site that was built by Boy Scouts. Across the street is a staffed nature center with displays and a couple of kid-friendly programs each month – they are geared towards Cub Scouts and awesome (Reservations required for some). The porch of either nature center or cabin could provide shelter during inclement weather.

The draw of the campground is the Matilija Creek, which has water, tadpoles, and frogs through the end of summer most years, and kids can play in the shallow stream the entire day without getting bored. The campground remains cool in the shade during the heat of the summer. The campsites are spacious and allow for plenty of room for play.

A few years ago, the water spigots were turned off, and hence Packs need to coordinate bringing their own potable water. Restroom buildings (pit toilets) are single stall per building, and are generally grouped in pairs. There is a fire station across the street, just down from the Nature Center. There is no cell phone coverage until you leave the canyon, about 3 miles down the road. The campground is 8 miles from a Vons and a mini-mall shopping district. There are individual ADA compliant sites.