RECOMMENDED CAMPSITE NEAR LONE PINE, CA. / MT. WHITNEY CLIMBS

CAMPground Names: Cottonwood Lakes/Golden Trout & Cottonwood Pass
These campgrounds are located in Horseshoe Meadows
Cottonwood Lakes have 18 sites and Cottonwood Pass has 12 sites – same stuff at each

Nearest City/Town: Lone Pine
Reservations: No
Directions:
Cottonwood Lakes: In Lone Pine, CA, at intersection of US Rt. 395 and Whitney Portal Rd, take Whitney Portal Rd west and go 3.2 miles to Tuttle Creek campground sign. Turn left at sign onto Horseshoe Meadow Road and go 20.2 miles to campground on right.
Cottonwood Pass: Follow directions above and then turn right after sign and go 0.5 miles to campground on right.

General Comments:
The elevation is 9,900 ft. / 10,000 ft.
The campground, surrounded by John Muir and Golden Trout Wildernesses, has all walk-in tent sites scattered around a stand of mature Lodgepole pine. Picnic tables and fire rings (with grilles) are communal with camp sites clustered around them. Communal bear-proof food containers are provided.
This is bear country; practice safe food storage techniques.
"Possessing/storing food so bears/wild animals have access will result in a fine of at least $150."

Seasons
Open Seasonal: Open May 26 through October 10.
Campground Site Configuration
No. Tent Sites: 18 / 12
No. Tables on Sites: 6
No. Grilles on Sites: 6
Equestrian Camping: No
Facilities
Vaults: Yes
No. Water Spigots (non-site): 1

Hiking
Cottonwood Pass (foot & horse) - 2 miles provides access to Pacific Crest Trail and a network of trails in the Golden Trout Wilderness and Kern Plateau
Cottonwood Lakes/New Army Pass Trail (foot & horse) - 5 mile provides access to network of trails in Golden Trout and John Muir Wildernesses and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks
Fishing - No
Fishing Cottonwood Creek for golden trout is nearby

CAMPGROUND NAME: Lone Pine

NEAREST CITY/TOWN: Lone Pine

RESERVATIONS: 1-877-444-6777 or make on-line reservation

DIRECTIONS:
In Lone Pine, CA, at intersection of US Rt. 395 and Whitney Portal Rd, take Whitney Portal Rd west and go 6.7 miles to campground sign. Turn left at sign and go 0.6 miles to campground.

GENERAL COMMENTS:
The elevation is 5,700 ft.

Located between Alabama Hills and Mt. Whitney, the campground is a single loop with a spur. Although Lone Pine Creek runs along one side of campground, this campground is in the desert with sagebrush and boulders that provide minimal privacy between campsites. Some deciduous trees provide limited shade. Some camp sites have stone ovens. Some community bear-proof food containers are provided. There are some great views of Mt. Whitney and its neighboring peaks from campground. Firewood is available for a fee.
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SEASONS
Open Seasonal: Open April 1 through October 31

RATE AND MAXIMUM STAY PERMITTED
Rate: $17 per day
Maximum Stay Permitted (days): 14

CAMPGROUND SITE CONFIGURATION
No. Tent Sites: 3
No. Combined Sites (Tent or RV): 35
Total Sites: 38

FACILITIES
Vaults: Yes
No. Water Spigots (non-site): 8

HIKING
Lone Pine National Recreation Trail (foot) - 11 miles

FISHING
Rainbow, Brown, Brook, Alpers (hybrid) trout

MORE OPTIONS CHECK OUT: http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/pacifcsw/inyo.htm