Big Pines Recreation Area



ANGELES National Forest

The Big Pines Recreation Area offers a variety of recreational opportunities and facilities for year-round enjoyment. Ten campgrounds and five picnic areas are available, and all provide tables, stoves and restrooms. Numerous hiking trails are in the area, including a section of the Pacific Crest Trail. Nearby Jackson Lake provides opportunities for fishing, and Grassy Hollow Visitor Center is just a few miles west of Big Pines.

During the summer a variety of special activities are offered for Forest visitors. Included in the schedule are campfire programs, guided nature walks, and children's activities. Program schedules are posted on the bulletin boards in the campgrounds and at the Information Station. These activities are made possible by volunteers of the Angeles National Forest.

The Big Pines Information Station, located near the

junction of State Highway No. 2 and Big Pines Hwy (County Road N-4), provides information regarding recreation opportunities, as well as National Forest Adventure Pass sales, campfire permits, brochures, books and topographic maps for sale. The Information Station is open everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A National Forest Adventure Pass or Golden Passport is required for your vehicle if parked on National Forest lands while recreating (picnicking, hiking, camping in a no-fee campground, hunting, etc.). A Pass is not needed if you are parked at an administrative site (Information Station, Visitor Center, etc.) or in an area where a fee is already required. We hope you have an enjoyable time while visiting this area. If we can be of assistance, please contact one of our rangers or stop by the Information Station. For more information call Big Pines at (760) 249-3504.

Campground	Elevation	Season	Water	Sites	RV's	Fee Required	Adventure Pass	Distance from Big Pines
Table Mountain*	7,000′	May-Nov	in summer	115	to 34'	ves	no	1 mile
Appletree	6,200′	all year	in summer	8	no	no	yes	2 miles
Peavine	6,100′	all year	in summer	4	no	no	yes	2 1/4 miles
Lake*	6,100′	May-Dec	in summer	8	to 18'	yes	no	2 1/2 miles
Mountain Oak*	6,100′	May-Nov	in summer	17	to 18'	yes	no	3 miles
Blue Ridge	8,000′	May-Nov	no	8	to 20'	no	yes	5 miles
Guffy	8,300′	May-Nov	no	6	no	no	yes	8 miles
Lupine	6 500′	May-Nov	no	11	to 16'	no	yes	11 miles
Jackson Flat Group*	7,500′	June-Oct	in summer	5	no	yes	no	4 miles

* Concessionaire Operated - call (877) 444-6777 or visit www.ReserveUsa.com for reservations

Picnic Area	Elevation	Adventure Pass Required	Water	Tables	Stoves	Distance from Big Pines
Arch	6,800′	yes	in summer	13	0	1/4 mile
Grassy Hollow	7,300′	yes	ves	22	22	3 miles
Jackson Lake	6,100′	yes	yes	8	4	3 miles
Table Mountain	7,000′	yes	no	6	0	1 mile
Mescal	6,100′	yes	yes	9	4	2 1/2 miles

Hiking Trail	Elevation at Highest Point	Elevation Gain	Water*	Distance (one way)	Other Information
Blue Ridge to Mt. Baldy	10,0641	3,000′	no	5 miles	Only for experienced hikers
Table Mountain Trail	7,000′	200'	no	1/2 mile	Self-guided nature trail
Lightning Ridge Trail	7,100′	300′	no	3/4 mile	Self-guided nature trail
Mt. Baden Powell (PCT)	9,399'	2,800′	ves	4 miles	Trailhead at Vincent Gap
Mine Gulch from Vincent Gap	4,500′	2,000' loss & gain	yes	4 1/2 miles	Trailhead at Vincent Gap
Little Fish Fork	6,500′	1,000' loss & gain	yes	3 1/4 miles	Trailhead at Lupine CG
Upper Fish Fork	6,000′	1,500′ loss & gain	yes	4 1/4 miles	Trailhead at Lupine CG
Big Pines	6,900′	200' loss & gain	yes	1/2 mile	Self-guided nature trail
Blue Ridge	8,000′	1,000′ loss & gain	no	2 miles	Intersects PCT

^{*} Water from lakes, streams and springs should always be treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a boil for at least 5 minutes.



