



Obtaining your wilderness permit

All overnight trips starting in the Hoover Wilderness and the Recommended Additions require a free permit. For trips during busy summer months, it is advisable to apply for your permit in advance. This can only be done through the mail, following the steps listed below. Permits are not required for day hikes.

Quotas and Reservations

Quotas are in effect from the last Friday in June through September 15. Quotas reduce resource damage in heavily used areas by limiting the number of people who enter the wilderness. This provides a better wilderness experience, while protecting the physical and biological resources. While reservations are not necessary for the non-quota trailheads (Burt Canyon, Molybdenite Creek, Leavitt Lake, and Sonora Pass Trailheads), permits are still required.

Reservation requests are accepted by mail with postmark dates of March 1 through three weeks before the first day of your trip. Reservations by phone will not be accepted. Requests are processed in order of postmark date. No preference is given to express mail, telegrams or personally submitted applications. Due to the volume of mail March through April, a response may take up to five weeks.

Reservation Fee

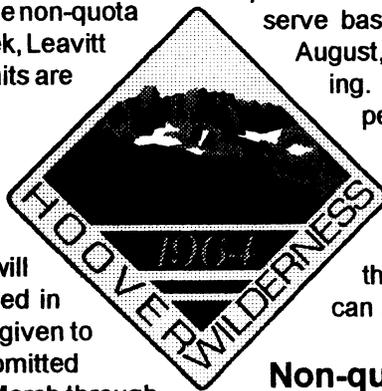
A fee of \$3.00 per person is charged for each confirmed reservation. For example, if a party of four applies for a permit, the application must include a check for \$12.00. A check or money order must accompany the reservation request. Fees will be returned for applications not confirmed due to full quotas. The fee is non-refundable once the reservation has been made.

Getting Your Permit

A confirmation letter will be mailed to the address specified on your permit application immediately after your request is processed. Bring this letter to the Bridgeport Ranger District office and exchange it for your wilderness permit. Permits not picked up by 11:00 A.M. on the day of entry will be made available for first come, first serve visitors. Arrangements can be made for "night drop" pickup of wilderness permits at the Bridgeport Ranger District office.

Obtaining permits without a reservation

Up to one half the quota is available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of departure. In July and August, trailhead quotas may fill early in the morning. To increase your chances of getting a permit, plan to arrive at the Ranger Station early the morning you wish to enter the wilderness. Additionally, a limited number of permits may be available after 12:00 pm on the day before entrance into the wilderness. First come, first serve permits can be issued in person only.



Non-quota period

The quota system is not in effect between September 16 and late June. A wilderness permit is required and may be obtained in person at the Bridgeport Ranger Station. Self-issue registration is located in front of the ranger station. The Burt Canyon, Molybdenite Creek, Sonora Pass and Leavitt Lake trailheads are not on the quota system. Permits for these trailheads may be obtained in person at the Bridgeport Ranger Station during business hours. Permits for the Leavitt Lake and Leavitt Meadows trailhead may also be obtained at the Summit Ranger Station located on Highway 108 near Strawberry.