

# Highway 108 Corridor Picnic and Day-Use Areas

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Looking for a cool, quiet spot to fish or have a secluded picnic lunch? A picnic or day use area may be just what you're looking for! Day use areas are open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Locations are listed in order as you drive east on Highway 108 from Sonora. Please remember that overnight camping is prohibited at all day-use areas.

# **Riverside Day-Use Area**

Located on the North Fork of the Tuolumne River, turn onto Buchanan Mine Road, or FR 1N04, from Tuolumne Road. Proceed 2.5 miles and turn right on FR 1N01 and find the Riverside Day Use Area sign on right. The area has barbecue grills, picnic tables, trash service and restrooms. No drinking water available. Swimming area is open during the season. Fires are only allowed in grills.

#### North Fork (Tuolumne) Day-Use Area

Located on the North Fork of the Tuolumne River. From Hwy 108, turn on FR 3N01 at the second Long Barn exit. Proceed two miles to just before the bridge to the North Fork Day Use Area sign. Barbecue grills and picnic tables are available. Fires are only allowed in grills. No trash service or drinking water available, so Pack it in, Pack it out! Vault toilets are open in winter.

#### Lyons Reservoir Day-Use Area

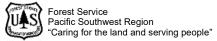
Located on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. Take FR 3N14 from Highway 108 and drive two miles to the reservoir. Park in designated parking areas. Barbecue pits and picnic tables are provided, as are trash service, drinking water and restrooms. Fires are allowed in only in grills. This area is owned by PG&E and is located on private property. Shoreline fishing is allowed, but because the reservoir is a drinking water reservoir, boating, rafting, swimming, or any other bodily contact with water is not allowed. The Lyons Lake area is closed to off-highway vehicles. All other motor vehicles are restricted to FR 3N14, from Hwy 108 east of Sierra Village down to the day-use area near the lake. FR 4N02, on north side of the lake and between the two private gates, is closed to all motor vehicles.

### Fraser Flat Day-Use Area

Located on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River next to the Fraser Flat Campground. From Highway 108, take FR 4N01 three miles to Fraser Flat Campground. The day use area has barbecue grills, fire rings, picnic tables, trash service, drinking water and accessible restrooms. Two accessible fishing piers and concrete walkways allow wheelchair access to the river for fishing. There is a \$5.00 fee for using the picnic and day-use areas; no fee is required if you are only fishing. Fires are only permitted in grills and campfire rings.

#### Sand Bar Flat Day-Use Area

Located at the northeast end of Sand Bar Flat Camp-ground near the floating bridge. From Hwy 108 turn left on FR 4N01. Stay on this road for about 11.5 miles, keeping left at the fork in





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the road at Spring Gap, then make a sharp right **Donnell Vista** turn on FR 4N88. Turn left on FR 4N85 at the gravel pit and follow the road for 3.5 miles to the campground. Not recommended for trailers or large motor homes. Two day-use areas include picnic tables, barbecue grills, drinking water, restrooms and trash service. Fires are only permitted in the grills; no ground fires or rock fire rings are permitted. No fee required.

## **Pinecrest Lake Day-Use Area**

Located at the Pinecrest Lake Basin Recreation Area on Pinecrest Lake Road. Follow Hwy 108 to Pinecrest Lake Road turnoff; turn right and proceed one mile to Pinecrest Lake. Signs identify appropriate areas for day-use activities. The area has barbecue grills, picnic tables, drinking water, trash service and three accessible restrooms. Fires are only permitted in the grills. The swimming area is separate from the boating area. Large accessible fishing pier at the east end of day-use area is available. No pets allowed in the day-use area.

# **Beardsley Reservoir Day-Use Area**

The Beardsley Reservoir Day-Use Area is closed through the 2020 recreation season due to significant damage to the access road during the 2017 winter storms. We anticipate repairs will begin in 2020.



### **China Flat Day-Use Area**

Located adjacent to the Beardsley afterbay fishing area on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River. On Hwy 108 turn left at the Beardsley Dam sign four miles past Strawberry. Follow the paved road to the Beardsley Reservoir, cross the dam and turn left, then follow the gravel road past the powerhouse to the parking area. Area has vault toilets and picnic tables, but no barbecue grills or drinking water is available.

Located on Hwy 108 overlooking Donnell Reservoir, approximately 13 miles past Strawberry. Turn left at the Donnell Vista sign and follow directional signs to parking and trails. Walkway leads to a viewpoint overlooking the Donnell Reservoir. The restrooms and some of the paths are wheelchair accessible. There are picnic tables but no barbecue grills or fire rings.



#### **Cottonwood Picnic Area**

Located on Clark Fork of the Stanislaus River. On Hwy 108, turn onto Clark's Fork Road 15 miles past Strawberry. Drive about five miles until you reach a sign on the right indicating the picnic area. Area has picnic tables and accessible restrooms but no barbecue grills. No ground fires are allowed.



# Douglas Picnic Area

Located on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River between Eureka Valley and Kennedy Meadows campgrounds. Drive Hwy 108 for about 25 miles past Strawberry to a sign indicating the picnic area. The area has picnic tables, restrooms and barbecue grills. No drinking water available. Fires are only permitted in the grills.