

**Brightman Recreation Complex (Upper Hwy 108 corridor)**

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The Brightman Recreation Complex, set beside the Stanislaus River on the upper Highway 108 corridor, has seven campgrounds that are operated by a concessionaire for the U.S. Forest Service. There is one organized camp, a day-use area, an interpretive trail and trailhead leading into the Emigrant Wilderness. Elevations range from 5,600 feet to 6,200 feet. The campgrounds usually open in time for the start of the fishing season, which is the last Saturday in April. They remain open until mid-October, or until winter weather closes Highway 108. Camping fees are charged during this time. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks the area with catchable trout during the summer months. While most campgrounds are open before mid-April and after mid-October, there are no services during this time, so we ask that you Pack it In, Pack it Out.

There currently is one resort operating in or near this complex. The Kennedy Meadows Resort is on private property, three miles from Highway 108 on Kennedy Meadows Road. Services include a restaurant, store, cabin rentals, limited campsite rentals, pack rentals and trail rides. The Dardanelles Resort, on Hwy 108, is on federal land and operated under a special-use permit from the Stanislaus National Forest. In August 2018 parts of the resort were burned in the Donnell Fire. Contact the Dardanelles Resort for expected openings and services provided.

**Campgrounds**



**Boulder Flat**

This campground is 20 miles east of the Summit District Office on Hwy 108. There are 21 camping sites; a few are double sites and

two are walk-in sites. The main road has parking pads. Restrooms are vault toilets. Potable water is not available at Boulder Flat. A fee is charged for extra vehicle parking. There is no designated trail to the river.

**Brightman Flat**

The campground is one mile east of Boulder Flat, between Hwy 108 and the Stanislaus River. There are two entrances to the campground and a total of 33 sites. Main road and parking areas are native surfaces.



Restrooms are vault toilets. Each campsite has a table and metal fire ring. Potable water is not available. There are no designated trails to the river. A fee is charged for extra vehicle parking.

**Dardanelle**

Located one mile east of Brightman, there are 28 sites, including two double sites and four walk-in sites. Restrooms are vault toilets. Main road and spurs are paved. Water is piped to hydrants that serve multiple sites. A table and fire ring are located at each camping site. There is a fee for extra vehicle parking. Two trails lead from the campground to the Stanislaus River.

**Pigeon Flat**

This is a walk-in campground, located two miles east of the Dardanelle Campground. No cars are allowed past the main gate into the camping area. There are seven sites, each with a table and metal fire ring. Restrooms are vault toilets. Parking area is native surface. An additional fee is charged for extra vehicle parking.



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### Eureka Valley

Located one mile east of Pigeon Flat, this campground has 28 sites. Road and parking area are native surfaces. Each site has a table and a fire ring. Restrooms are vault toilets. Water is provided from three wells with hand pumps. The trail next to the host site at the rear of the campground leads to the river. Additional fee charged for extra vehicle parking.



### Baker

Situated at the junction of Highway 108 and Kennedy Meadows Road, about 27 miles from the Summit Ranger District. There are 44 sites, a few of which are doubles, and two walk-in sites. The main road and parking pads are paved. Each site has a table and a fire ring. Water is piped to hydrants that serve multiple sites. Restrooms are vault toilets. Additional fee charged for extra vehicle parking.

### Deadman

Located one mile from Hwy 108 on the Kennedy Meadows Road. There are 17 sites with a paved access road and parking spurs. Two sites are walk-ins. There is a table and a pedestal stove at each site. Water is piped to hydrants that serve multiple sites. Restrooms are vault toilets. Additional fee charged for extra vehicle parking.

### Picnic and Day-Use areas

The Douglas Picnic and Day-Use Area is 26 miles east of the Summit Ranger District. There are seven picnic tables and three fully accessible tables. There are grills and

accessible vault restrooms. There is no drinking water. A path leads to the Stanislaus River. No camping or overnight parking allowed.

### Trailhead



Kennedy Meadows Trailhead is a paved parking area opposite Deadman Campground. It has numerous parking areas with several pull-through parking stalls for vehicles with horse trailers or RVs. There are three picnic tables. Faucets are at both the accessible vault toilet and a horse unloading zone next to Kennedy Meadows Road. This parking area is for visitors going into the Emigrant Wilderness. There is a \$5 fee per night for using the trailhead site. There is a two-night camping limit. There are trails leading into the Emigrant Wilderness.

### Interpretive

The Column of the Giants trail is next to the Pigeon Flat Campground, 24 miles east of the Summit Ranger District. Parking is paved and restrooms are vault toilets. There is a bridge over the river to the paved half-mile interpretive trail.

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