



Buttermilk Country and Horton Lakes

INYO National Forest

BUTTERMILK COUNTRY is a broad open area of the INYO National Forest that sits at the base of 13,652' Mt. Tom and Mt. Humphrey's. The area provides endless exploration on foot, by bicycle or vehicle. Spectacular geology, views of the Sierra Nevada and White Mountains, and solitude are but a few of its delights.

DIRECTIONS TO BUTTERMILK COUNTRY AND THE HORTON LAKES TRAILHEAD:

Begin at the intersection of Main and Line Streets in Bishop. Drive west on Line Street (Hwy168) for 7.7 miles to Buttermilk Country Road. The pavement ends in a few feet and becomes a broad graded dirt road. A standard clearance passenger car can negotiate most of the main Buttermilk Country roads. Some of the side roads are steep and rough; only a 4x4 should be used.

HORTON LAKES TRAILHEAD

From the intersection of Hwy 168 and Buttermilk Road, drive 6.2 miles on the main dirt road. Turn right at the Horton Creek sign. Vehicles that aren't four wheel drive or high clearance should drive 0.5 miles on this road and park near the aspens. Others can go another 0.2 miles and turn to the right. Follow this road 0.5 miles to the locked gate. Do not block access to this gate when you park. Note the gate is the wilderness boundary; no vehicles or bicycles are allowed beyond this point. A wilderness permit is needed only for overnight trips. The quota season is in effect from May 1st thru November 1st. Contact the White Mtn. Ranger Station for further information.

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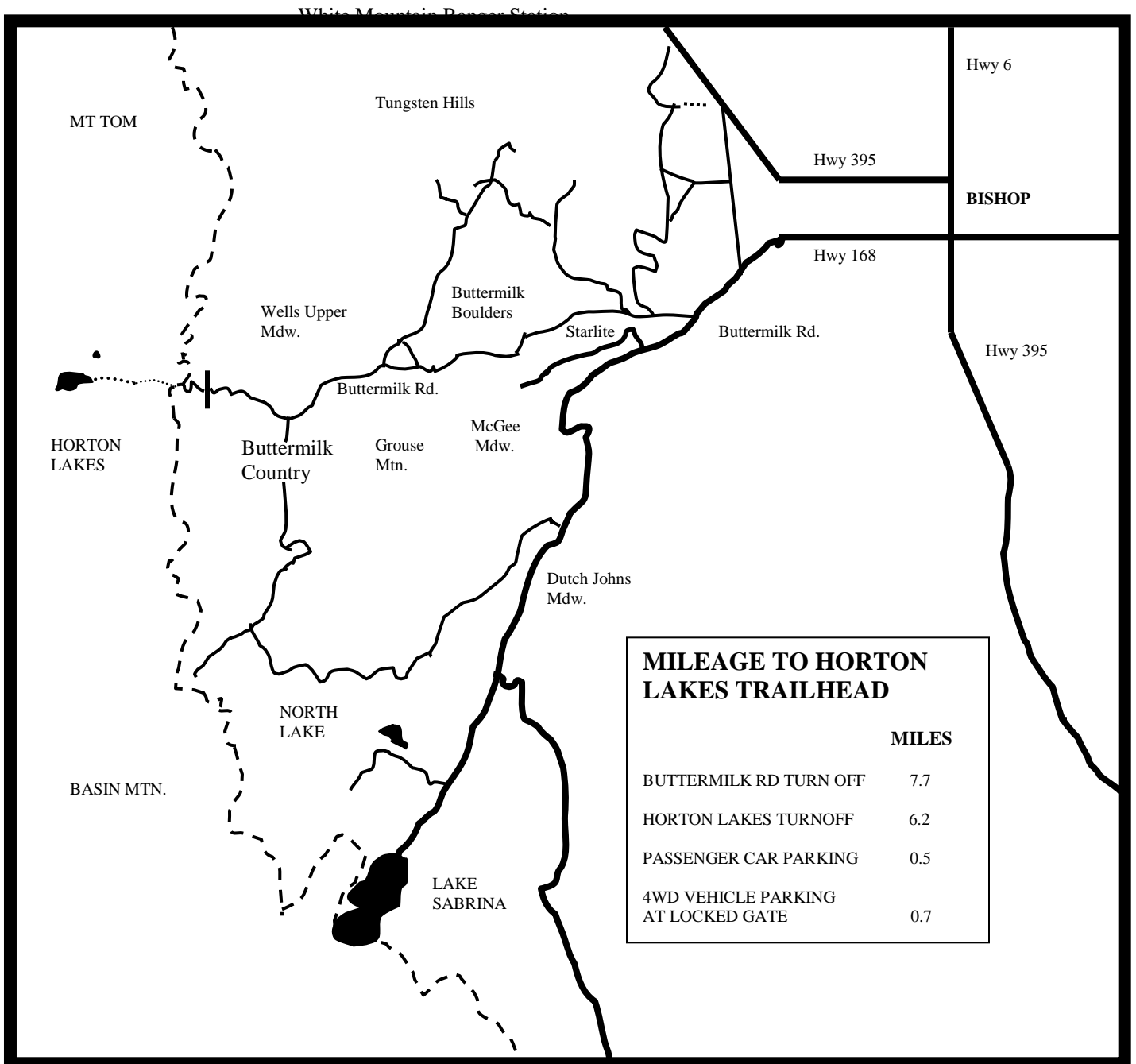
A California Campfire permit is required when using a stove or making a campfire in Buttermilk Country. Permits can be obtained at any ranger station. Most of Buttermilk country is Inyo National Forest land and you are welcome to camp. Please note that there is also privately owned land and day-use only on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power land within the National Forest.

All vehicles are limited to travel on the existing roads to protect high desert plants and to maintain a pleasing visual setting. Your responsibilities are simple ones: Camp at least 100 feet from water and trail. Bury human waste at least 100 feet from water and trail and 6 inches in the soil. Please pack out all your trash.

Buttermilk Country is popular for enthusiasts of rock climbing, hiking horseback riding, mountain biking, and off-highway vehicle users exploring the dirt roads. Please respect the need for all to enjoy this beautiful area in peace.

Weather conditions change rapidly in the Sierra Nevada. Day users and overnight users should be prepared for the anticipated changes. It is recommended that all who wish to use the creek water should be boiled or filtered.





MAPS:

John Muir Wilderness & Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness Map Set
 Inyo National Forest Map

Persons of any race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or with any handicapping condition are welcome to use and enjoy all facilities, programs, and services of the USDA Forest Service. Discrimination in any form is strictly against agency policy, and should be reported to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250