Thomas Lake and Vicinity

System Trails

Designated Site GPS Coordinates

Site #1 121° 49' 51.3W  46° 0' 15.6N
Site #2 121° 49' 51.5W  46° 0' 06.8N
Site #3 121° 49' 48.0W  46° 0' 03.9N
Site #4 121° 49' 43.9W  46° 0' 06.1N
Site #5 121° 49' 42.7W  46° 0' 12.4N
Site #6 121° 49' 37.6W  46° 0' 19.2N
Site #7 121° 49' 29.8W  46° 0' 22.4N

Blue Lake and Vicinity

System Trails

Designated Site GPS Coordinates

Site #8 121° 47' 55.7W  46° 59' 12.2N
Site #9 121° 47' 01.3W  46° 59' 08.3N
Site #10 121° 47' 47.3W  46° 59' 07.3N
Site #11 121° 47' 49.2W  46° 59' 00.3N
Site #12 121° 47' 48.2W  46° 58' 59.3N
Site #13 121° 47' 41.5W  46° 59' 01.9N
Site #14 121° 47' 42.2W  46° 59' 00.1N
Site #15 121° 47' 38.9W  46° 58' 55.6N
Site #16 121° 47' 35.5W  46° 58' 49.7N
Why are there designated campsites?

Wilderness managers are asking people to camp in designated campsites for several reasons:

- To protect sensitive high elevation environments.
- To concentrate the impact of a few often-used campsites rather than many rarely used campsites.
- To ensure that other visitors have opportunities to experience wilderness and the solitude it can offer.

Restoration Sites

The Wilderness Act directs us to protect and manage Wilderness areas “so as to preserve its natural conditions,” ensuring that wilderness “generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable.”

There are several locations where restoration work has been undertaken. Restoration sites have been closed to visitors to allow for natural recovery. Please respect these closures.

How do you find a designated campsite?

- Each designated site is identified with a post, and a number.
- It does not matter how attractive a site may be, if it does not have a post, it is not a designated campsite.
- Finding a campsite is much easier in the daylight, plan ahead so you arrive at your destination before dark.
- Signs have been posted along the trail to inform you when you are entering a designated campsite area. If you cannot find a site please camp outside of the designated site area.
- Your tent(s) should be within 40 feet of the designated site post.

Leave No Trace Camping Techniques

Once you have located a suitable site for your camp, the following suggestions help you care for the land and will enhance yours and other’s wilderness experience.

Pack It In, Pack It Out

- Keep a clean camp and pack out all food and trash.
- Store food using bear hangs or bear canisters.

Sanitation

- Dispose of human waste in “catholes” dug 6-8 inches deep - refill the hole after use. Consider packing out toilet paper, as it does not decompose.
- Urinate and defecate at least 200 feet away from any water body, campsite, or trail.
- Carry water away from lakes and streams for dishes and washing. Do not use soap in lakes or streams.

Minimize Fire Impacts

- Use existing fire rings.
- Use only dead and down wood, and keep your fire small.
- Make sure your fire is out and cold to the touch before leaving.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Remember you are in a popular area, try to minimize your level of noise and activity in consideration of other visitors.

More Leave No Trace information is available at www.lnt.org