

CAMP OSITO RANCHO VISITING DURING WINTER

Snow can fall in the mountains any time between October and June. During some winters, snow accumulation can be 5-20 feet. Always check mountain weather before leaving. Carry tire chains in your vehicle and be able to install them. During times of heavy snow or ice, the California Highway Patrol may require all vehicles, even 4-wheel drive, to chain up. Always carry extra clothing such as jackets, gloves, warm hats, and dry socks in the car for sudden weather changes.

Cancellations to Due Weather/Road Conditions

Renter must contact Camp Ranger at least 48 hrs prior to check-in to confirm that camp is accessible and discuss current road conditions. **A cancellation due to winter weather may occur at any time.** For cancellations (by Camp Ranger) due to weather, a refund may be issued, or you may move your reservation to another available date.

In the event of bad weather during your stay be prepared to follow the directions of Camp Ranger. The Camp Ranger will determine if and when the camp needs to be evacuated!

Access to Camp

During the winter months, the US Forestry gate, which is located 1 mile before camp is locked. Access through the gate is via a code (on a padlock) or by Camp Ranger. **It is imperative that you communicate with Camp Ranger about your arrival time.** Once you pass through the forestry gate, the road is dirt/gravel (maintained by Camp Ranger) which can make road conditions difficult, especially at night. **Cell service is limited on this road, again please communicate about your expected arrival time.**



Mountain Road Conditions

During winter months there may be signed posted ["Chains are Required"](#). It is the law to carry chains in all cars if these signs are posted. Not complying with result in fines. [Check Caltrans](#), enter in Highway 330 and Highway 18 for information regarding chain requirements and road conditions.

Check weather and road conditions before you leave.

Cal-Trans: (800) 427-7623

Road Conditions: www.dot.ca.gov KBHR 93.3 Radio

NOAA: <https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/rec/?wfo=sgx>

Local Weather: www.bensweather.com

Call Caltrans at 1-800-427-7623 or visit their website www.dot.ca.gov for road conditions.

CAMP MAP



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

ALWAYS [check the weather](#) **Prior To Your Trip!**

NECESSARY ITEMS:

- ✓ sleeping bag (**20-30 degrees rating**) & pillow
- ✓ extra blanket
- ✓ 2 pairs of sturdy closed-toe shoes (for walking/hiking)
- ✓ 3 pairs of shorts; 2 pairs of long pants
- ✓ 4-6 shirts (short & long sleeve)
- ✓ warm jacket & sweatshirt
- ✓ warm pajamas
- ✓ socks & underwear (bring extra socks)
- ✓ bath towel and washcloth
- ✓ swimsuit & shower flip flops
- ✓ toiletries
- ✓ daypack or drawstring bag
- ✓ sun protection: sunglasses, hat, sunscreen
- ✓ chap stick & lotion
- ✓ reusable water bottle
- ✓ flashlight, headlamp, or lantern

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- ✓ single sized fitted sheet
- ✓ bug repellent
- ✓ warm beanie, scarf, bandana
- ✓ rain gear
- ✓ digital or disposable camera
- ✓ glow sticks or fairy lights (battery operated)
- ✓ white t-shirt, pillowcase, or socks for tie-dyeing

DO NOT PACK:

- ✓ unnecessary electronic devices
- ✓ knives or weapons, drugs, or alcohol
- ✓ valuables that may be lost, stolen or broken
- ✓ items of sentimental value

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP
ADD ADDRESS
From San Gabriel Valley**

Physical Address: 1801 Osita Camp Road Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Take Fwy. 210 East to Hwy. 330, follow signs for Big Bear



At Running Springs continue straight on Hwy. 330, which merges with CA-18. Continue on CA-18 East approximately 17 miles toward Big Bear Lake



When you arrive at Big Bear Dam, cross over the bridge and continue on the CA-18, (which becomes Big Bear Blvd.) continue on CA-18 into the City of Big Bear Lake.



Turn Right onto Tulip Lane (Second Street past Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center)



Turn Right onto Mill Creek Road (at Oak Knoll Lodge)



In 3/4 mile of a mile, road will fork, veer left through the forest gate.



In 3/4 mile you will come to another fork in the road; turn left onto 2N17 (Osita Camp Rd).



In 1/2 mile turn right at the fork, pass through the Camp Osita Arch.

DIRECTIONS TO

CAMP

From Victorville/High Desert

Physical Address: 1801 Osita Camp Road Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

From the 15 North turn right onto Bear Valley Rd towards CA-18. Continue for 12 miles, then turn right onto CA-18.

Continue 10 miles and turn right to stay on CA-18. Continue on CA-18 for another 20 miles to Big Bear.

Once in the Big Bear Valley, stay on North Shore Dr., then turn left on Division Dr.

In .3 mile, turn left at the stoplight onto Big Bear Blvd., and continue for 4 miles.

In 1/2 mile turn left onto Mill Creek Rd.

Pass Aspen Glen Picnic Area. Turn left onto Mill Creek Rd. (Oak Knoll Lodge on right).

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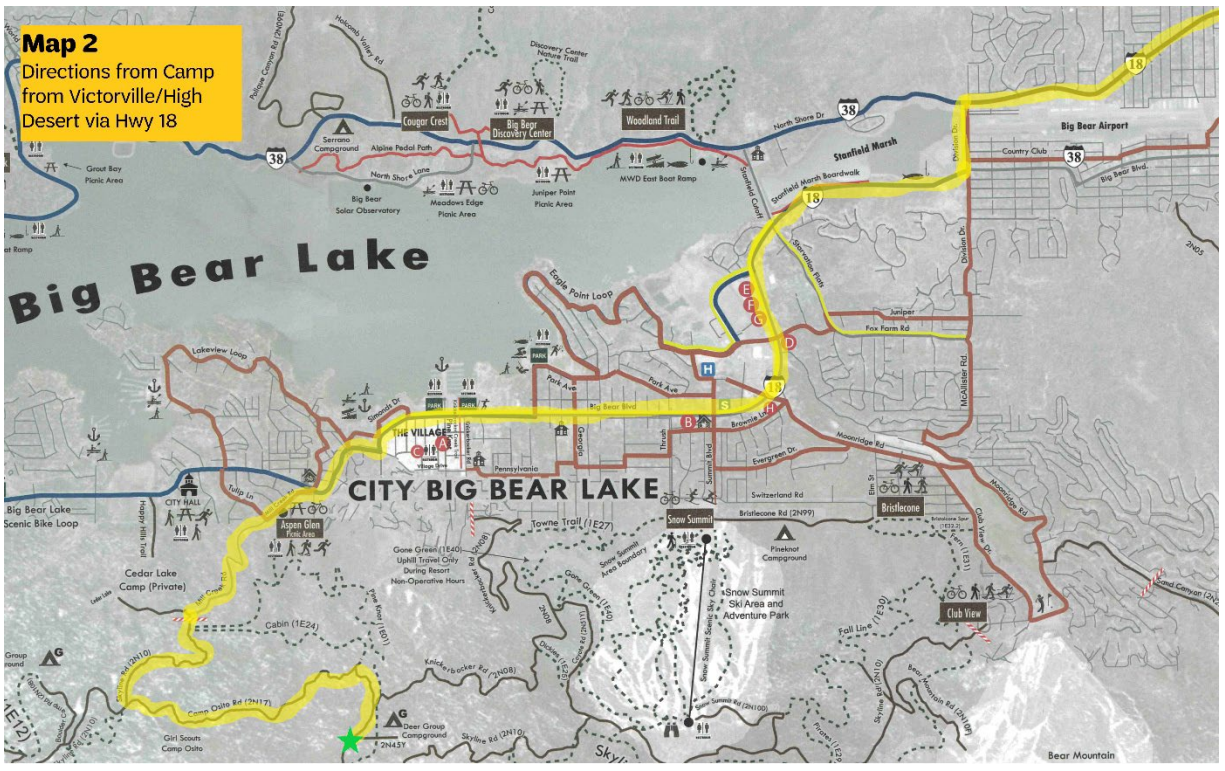
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Map 1
Directions to Camp from San Gabriel Valley via Hwy 330 & 18



Map 2
Directions from Camp from Victorville/High Desert via Hwy 18



Area map provided by trailsfoundation.org