

# US Forest Service

## San Bernardino National Forest

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### San Bernardino National Forest Anticipates Busy Fourth of July Holiday

**San Bernardino, Calif., June 28, 2010** – The San Bernardino National Forest is preparing for one of the biggest recreation weekends of the year, as forest visitors come to enjoy camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and a variety of other recreational activities on the national forest in celebration of our country's independence.

On Sunday July 4, public fireworks displays are planned for both Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake. **Visitors are reminded that possession and use of fireworks within the boundaries of the national forest is prohibited by law at all times and strictly enforced.**

Wood and charcoal fires are only permitted in designated fire rings and stoves in campgrounds, picnic grounds and Yellow Post sites. Visitors camping in general forest areas can use a propane or gas cooking stove with a valid California Campfire Permit.

"I am encouraging our visitors to plan ahead, and be fire-aware during their forest visit," said Deputy Forest Supervisor Tom Gillett. "With the public's help, we can make this a safe and enjoyable holiday".

All family and group campgrounds will be open for the holiday. Many campsites are available on a first-come first-serve basis, but to ensure a campsite this time of year, visitors are encouraged to make reservations. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777.

Check with the forest ranger stations for Yellow Post Site locations, Adventure Pass requirements, and current fire use restrictions. Our free forest visitor's guide is also available at the following offices:

San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor's Office: 909-382-2600

Arrowhead Ranger Station: 909-382-2758

Barton Flats Visitor Center 909-794-4861

Big Bear Ranger Station and Discovery Center 909-382-2790

Cajon Ranger Station 909-382-2851

Idyllwild Ranger Station: 909-382-2922

San Gorgonio Ranger Station: 909-382-2881

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitors Center 760-862-9984

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