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Rules

- Open from dawn to dusk.
- Areas of John Muir National Historic Site have restricted hours and separate rules. Visit nps.gov/jomu.
- Trails are multi-use. Bicyclists yield to hikers. All yield to equestrians.
- Dogs on-leash near picnic area. Dogs off-leash on trails if under control at all times.
- High fire risk. Smoking, campfires, barbecues and fireworks are not permitted.
- Camping, fishing and hunting are prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Drones are prohibited.
- Cañele-grazing area. Do not attempt to touch. Keep distance and avoid getting between cows and their calves. Dogs must be under control or on-leash.
- Close any gate found closed.

Information

- No bathrooms.
- No potable water available.
- Garbage service is limited. Please pack out all trash.
- Contact 925-228-5460 or info@jmlt.org.