

This is a challenging route that uses well established trails for most of the route. Water is mostly available. Quickly changing weather, high river flows, snow, bugs and other typical high Sierra conditions exist so be properly prepared. One resupply and other services are available at mile 37 at Kennedy Meadows in clockwise route. Since this route ascends to almost 11,000 feet, some higher sections maybe be covered by snow until mid July or August. The best time to do this route for both snow free and less bugs might be late July, August or early September. Snow, water and bug conditions at a particular month can vary dramatically from one year to the next so check local and recent conditions before starting this loop.

There is one alternative short cut route option to reduce the loop to about 50 miles by taking trails from Kennedy Meadows area directly south to the Emigrant Wilderness, bypassing the higher PCT and Yosemite Trail Section.

Weather, seasons, snow and bugs

Mapping Options

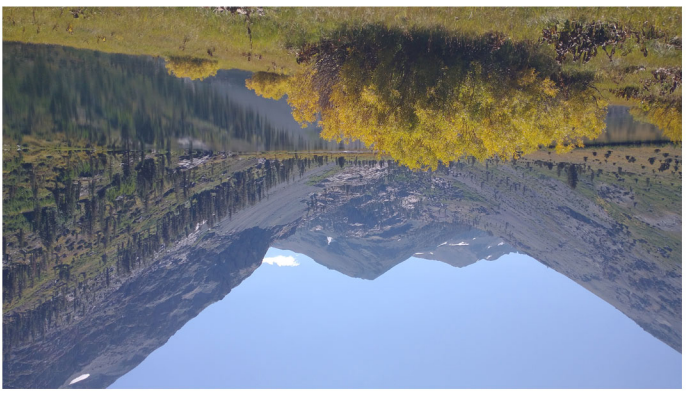
It is very important that you download onto your phone a GPS enabled mapping application like CalTopo, Gaia, or Avenza Maps, and pre-download the PLT gpx route and waypoint file and local background topo maps. This paper map can be used to compliment your phone enabled navigation.

The base map gpx was created with CalTopo.com apps and tools. Here are the links to various resources to get the online maps and gpx route files to work with your phone mapping app.

PinecrestTrails.org Website and Navigation

The PinecrestTrails.org website offers a full website page on just the Pinecrest Loop Trail that contains all of the PDF maps, gpx files, along with many pictures and route suggestions.

PinecrestTrails.org/pinecrest-loop-trail-plt/



Kennedy Lake



Historical Cooper Cow Camp

Trail Views
This unique loop passes thru the Emigrant Wilderness Areas, PCT Trail, and Yosemite NP.



Dorthy Lake, Yosemite NP



Emigrant Lake, Emigrant Wilderness

Trail Views
This trip offers swimming lakes, forested 5600 foot trails and 11,000 foot high Sierra passes.



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**Pinecrest Loop Trail - PLT
Map and Guide**



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Trail Logistics
The PLT is a 77 mile loop trail that starts and finishes in Pinecrest, California. Multiple day parking is allowed on the Pinecrest School Road parking lot. The parking lots closer to the lake do not allow overnight parking so please park appropriately.

There is camping and lodging in Pinecrest if you want to stay in Pinecrest the night before. You could do dispersed camping slightly out of the Pinecrest recreation area on FS logging roads. There is one alternative short cut route option to reduce the loop to about 50 miles by taking trails from Kennedy Meadows area directly south to the Emigrant Wilderness, bypassing the higher PCT and Yosemite Trail Section. See the higher PCT and Yosemite Trail Section. See short cut route on map.

Permits

You can obtain a fiull permit for this loop at the Summit Ranger Station, 1 Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest, CA 95364. Phome 209 965-3434. There should be no limits or quotas on the permits for the PLT. This ranger station can grant permits that go into Yosemite, but not South of Tuolumne Meadows.

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