

Frenchman Lake Recreation Area Plumas National Forest

Frenchman Lake Recreation Area is off Hwy 70, about 8 miles north of the town of Chilcoot on California Hwy 284. This drive follows Little Last Chance Creek up through a beautiful canyon.



Camping

Camping is permitted only in the developed campgrounds, which are generally open from April through October. Concessionaire under a special use permit operates these facilities. Fees are required and the maximum stay is 14 days. There are five campgrounds in the Recreation Area: Chilcoot, Cottonwood Springs, Frenchman, Spring Creek, and Big Cove. All together, there are 190 family units, and two group sites at Cottonwood Springs. The loop B group site at Cottonwood Springs, 2 family sites at Chilcoot, and 11 family sites at Big Cove are fully accessible. All campgrounds have tables, grills, fire rings, water, toilets, and garbage service. Chilcoot, Cottonwood Springs, and Big Cove Campgrounds have flush toilets. Sites can be reserved by calling 1-877-444-6777 or online at www.ReserveUSA.com. Reservations need to be made in advance for group camp sites. A service fee is charged at the trailer dump station near Cottonwood Springs Campground. Campfires must be in the fire rings provided. Both Spring Creek and Frenchman campgrounds are available as weather permits in early spring and late fall without fee or water.



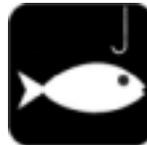
Little Last Chance Scenic Area

The Little Last Chance Creek and canyon were formed as the result of several geologic events. These started several million years ago as volcanic eruptions flowed over granite rock. This completely blocked and filled the then existing canyons and streams, creating a lake that was almost 200 feet deeper than today's. Water and debris from the surrounding hills chiseled a new streambed, carving down through the sharp canyon walls you see today.



Boat Launching

Frenchman Boat Launch has a four-lane concrete launching ramp with a floating boat dock and an accessible boat loading ramp. Lunker Point Boat Launch has a two-lane concrete ramp with a floating boat dock. Both launches have parking areas and accessible toilets.



Fishing

Six locations around Frenchman Lake provide fishing opportunities; Nightcrawler Bay, Snallygaster Point, Crystal Point, Turkey Point, Salmon Egg and the Kiosk. All fishing, whether on shore, in boat or float tube, is regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game with a five trout daily limit all season. Besides Rainbow and Brown trout, Eagle Lake trout and Small mouth bass can also be found.



Hunting

Regulated by the California Department of Fish and Game, hunting is allowed in parts of the recreation area. Historically, this area has been popular for hunting both deer and waterfowl.



Trails

There are three trails in Frenchman Lake Recreation Area. The Frenchman-Spring Creek connector is a gradual, 1/4-mile long trail offering views of the lake and connects the two campgrounds. The Spring Creek-Big Cove Campgrounds connector is 3/4 of a mile with interesting terrain along Spring and Galeppi Creeks and scenic views of the lake. The third trail, the Big Cove Enabler, is a 1/4 mile accessible paved trail providing access from Big Cove campground to the lakeshore.



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Fire / Medical / Sheriff:

Call 911

A pay telephone is located in Chilcoat

