

French Meadows Picnic Area

DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM

Name of Facility:	French Meadows Picnic Area and Associated Parking Area
Type of Facility:	Picnic Area
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest – American River Ranger District
Date of this Inventory:	July 23, 2008
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

The French Meadows Picnic Area is located on the south side of French Meadows Reservoir, in the immediate vicinity of French Meadows Boat Ramp. It is accessible via Mosquito Ridge Road (FR-96). This site consists of a parking area and a four-site picnic area. The picnic area formerly consisted of 7 sites but was downsized in 2000 due to lack of use and to reduce maintenance costs. Each picnic site includes a table and a pedestal grill. Other amenities in the picnic area include: a two-unit vault bathroom; one bear-proof garbage container; and two water faucets.

The site is operated by the Forest Service with funds provided by PCWA under the current FERC license agreement.

OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:

Condition of Facility: The parking area is paved and in good condition. The picnic tables are constructed of wood and are in good condition. The bathroom is in poor to fair condition. The bear-proof garbage containers are in good condition. Signage ranges from poor to good condition.
Accessibility Conditions: The parking area grade is accessible but there are no designated handicap parking spaces. None of the picnic sites are considered disabled accessible due to level changes, obstacles, and insufficient clear space. In addition, none of the picnic tables or grills are accessible. A native-surface pathway connects the parking area and the picnic sites. The pathway is not accessible due narrow widths, excessive slopes, and obstacles. The bear-proof garbage container is not considered accessible due to the handle design.
Health and Safety Concerns: None
Environmental and Cultural Concerns: None
Comments: Potable water is available at two locations within the picnic area.

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SITE FEATURES

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Type	Cond	Accessibility						Comments	
						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other		
Garbage Container	1 (2-bin)	In parking area, adjacent to pathway entrance	Steel	Bear-proof	Good	N						X	Garbage container is not considered accessible due to handle design.
Bathroom	1 double unit	Along pathway near parking area	Wood on concrete pad	Vault	Poor	N		X				X	Roof is rotten. Not accessible due to narrow entrance with, level changes (concrete lip), no handrails.
Faucets	2	One near bathroom, one in picnic area	Upright attached to wood posts set in a round corrugated steel sump filled with drainage rock	Potable water	Fair	N	X	X	X			X	Not accessible due to handle design and level changes.
Picnic Tables	4	One in each picnic site	Painted wood	Single, heavy	Good	N						X	Tables are not designed to be accessible.
Pedestal Grills	4	One in each picnic site	Steel	Single	Good	N						X	Grills do not meet accessibility standards due to height.

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PARKING, ROADWAYS and TRAVEL PATHS

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Access Road	Approx. 580 feet long by 20-foot wide (1.5 lane)	As measured from entrance at FR 96 to beginning of boat ramp access road	Asphalt	Good	Y						Project recreation access road.
Parking Area	Approx. 80-foot wide.	Adjacent to access road.	Asphalt paved	Good	Y						Parking stalls are not striped. No designated handicap parking stalls.
Barrier Fence	Approx. 70 feet	Delineates NW boundary of parking area	Wood post and rail	Good	NA						
Pathway	Approx. 450 feet	Pathway is 300 feet long from parking area to first picnic site. An additional 150 feet of pathway traverses through the picnic area.	Native surface	Poor to Fair	N	X	X	X	X	X	Does not meet accessibility standards due to narrow widths, excessive slopes, level changes, and obstacles such as rocks and brush.

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SIGNAGE

Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Directional	Trail entrance	1	Painted aluminum on wood post	Good	PICNIC AREA with directional arros		Good contrast
Informational	Near faucet	1	Wood board (approx. 10" x 12") on wood post	Fair	PLEASE!! DO NOT. Clean Fish Wash Dishes Bathe Wash Clothes Or Use Soap at Water Hydrants	Laminated paper notice. A similar notice is mounted to the other faucet in the picnic area.	Lettering too small for vision impaired.
Bulletin Board	In picnic Area	1	Wood board (approx 3'x4') in wood frame on wood posts	Poor	One information bulletin screwed to board	Roof is broken. Needs to be repaired.	Lettering too small for vision impaired.