

How to get to Mt. Pinos, Chula Vista Campground

Highlights: Mount Pinos (8831') is the highest peak in the area. The ski tour to the summit is through scenic forest and meadow. The view from the summit is well worth the effort. Two meadows along the way are great for ski practice and the surrounding ridges are excellent for carving telemark turns.

Mount Pinos was named by the Spanish who saw the pine-covered peak from the coast and named it for the pines that grow around it. The Chumash people, for whom Chumash Wilderness -- which curves around Mt. Pinos on the north, west, and south -- is named, called Mt. Pinos *Iwihinmu*; it was a sacred mountain to these original inhabitants.

Winter Camping The Essential Clothing:

- Socks
- Hat
- Wicking underwear
- Gaiters
- Gloves or mittens
- Extra gloves or mittens
- Waterproof parka or jacket
- Waterproof pants
- Shirt (wool, fleece or blend)
- Sweater
- Layers of fleece or wool
- Jacket

Overnight Gear:

- Four-season tent
- Four-season sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Cookware
- Dinnerware
- Cup
- Toilet paper

Area Driving Directions

Take I-5 to the Frazier Park exit, two miles south of Lebec. If you're driving northbound, after passing Pyramid Reservoir on the left (west), you should see a distant, snow-covered flat ridge on the western horizon. That ridge is Mount Pinos. The Frazier Park exit is 4000 vertical feet below Mount Pinos, so don't expect snow there. For I-5 road conditions, tune to AM 1220 when you're near Santa Clarita (Six Flags Magic Mountain area). Drive west on Frazier Mountain Park Road 7.2 miles to a stop sign at Lake of the Woods and turn right (northwest) onto Cuddy Valley Road. Continue on Cuddy Valley Road to the "Wye" (named locally after the intersection's shape) at 5.2 miles and turn left (southwest) onto Mount Pinos Highway. Continue 8.8 miles to the end of the highway at Chula Vista Campground parking lot (Mount Pinos Winter Sports Area). Parking is limited. Parking is available at a few other areas along the highway. If you park on the downhill (south) side, you must not obstruct traffic. No parking is allowed on the uphill (north) side of the highway.

In case of emergency contact the Mt. Pinos Ranger District and ask them to relay a message to the Nordic Ski Patrol. The Nordic Ski Patrol will relay the message to Chula Vista Campground.

MT. PINOS RANGER DISTRICT ,

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Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm Every Day

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Directions:

- 1) From Interstate 5, take the Frazier Park exit.
- 2) After approximately 7 miles, at the little community of Lake of the Woods, turn left on Lockwood Valley Rd.
- 3) After approximately 1 mile, the Ranger Station is on the left.

The Kern County Sheriff can be reached at:
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