

HORSESHOE MEADOW



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If you have never been to Horseshoe Meadow or if you have visited there dozens of times, the first glimpse through the pine forest to the wide open meadow is a breathtaking moment. Nestled amidst the trees and surrounding rugged Sierra Nevadas, this serene picture instantly draws you in. Lush landscape, a crystal clear stream lazily cutting through the thick meadow grass, the sounds of wildlife playing out around you. This is truly a remarkable place, an escape far away from the hustle and bustle of life, a wonderful place of peace. The meadows are located 24 miles west of Lone Pine. From the Whitney Portal Road turn west on Horseshoe Meadow Road. The road is a paved switchback that ends at the Horseshoe Meadow parking lot and trailhead. The Cottonwood Pack Station is also located nearby. The trail leading into the meadow is considered easy, even small children can make the hike up to The Golden Trout Reserve. The trail continues on up into the Cottonwood Lakes area and is considered moderate to strenuous from the reserve on.

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