

Directions to Camp John Mensinger



From Oakdale:

Take Highway 108/120 towards Sonora (120 eventually splits off to go to Yosemite...save that for another trip).

Approximately 33 miles from Oakdale to Sonora

In Sonora, you will by-pass the town (unless, of course a Starbucks stop or last-minute WalMart excursion are needed and then you'll take the Mono Way offramp and go left under the hwy).

Approximately 30 miles from Sonora to Strawberry

As you get closer to Strawberry – two locations with bathrooms: Cold Springs gas station/market has two porta-potties and the Summit Ranger Station at the Pinecrest exit (IF it is open) has a couple nice restrooms.

From Strawberry you will continue up the highway to Beardsley Lake Road (turns off on your left...if you see the road on the right to Leland Meadows SnowPlay area you've gone too far).

Approximately 4 miles from Strawberry to Beardsley Lake Road

The road from the highway down to Beardsley Lake dam is windy – use a low gear and use caution on the turns.

Approximately 8 miles from highway to dam

After crossing the dam you'll climb up the opposite side, staying to the left as you pass the newly refurbished campground on your right, and then taking a sharp hairpin turn to the left to travel up the paved logging road.

Approximately 5.5 miles from dam to dirt road that leads to camp

Watch for a dirt road that will veer off to the left...there will be a BSA sign – follow the dirt road to the parking lot sign for Camp John Mensinger.

Approximately 2 miles from dirt road to Camp

Someone will instruct you where to park your vehicles – bring all your paperwork with you to check in.