

MMLA Camping 2014 - FAQ

Here is the summary of the FAQs.

1. Will MMLA provide tent and other items required for camping?

MMLA will not provide tent. Also all personal items such as [sleeping bags](#), floor mats, and insect repellent spray need to be brought by the participants themselves.

2. What do we need to get to the camping venue / any checklist for first time campers?

Attached campers guide also has checklist which will also be posted on MMLA website and on MMLA facebook page.

3. What will MMLA provide?

- a. In addition to reserving the group campsite.
- b. MMLA will provide late evening tea/snacks, dinner and breakfast the following day. All items related to food, paper cutlery etc. will be provided by MMLA.
- c. MMLA will conduct group games and activities
- d. Ensure camp safety, share the responsibility of kid's vigilance
- e. Provide emergency first aid kit and all emergency items in case someone forgets to bring something. (This is subject to availability)

4. What is the schedule?

General schedule is -

1. Camping Site is open for camping from 3pm on Sat. 19 July. MMLA will provide afternoon tea around 5pm with light refreshment.
2. We will play some group games till 8pm.
3. Dinner will be served at 8pm
4. Continue the Party till late night
5. 8am breakfast will be served next day.
6. 10am Pack Up.

MMLA camping ends here. People can (at their own responsibility) go on nearby trails, visit a Lake nearby for boating etc.

5. Directions to the campsite?

Attached campers guide has directions to the campsite. This will also be posted on MMLA website and on MMLA Facebook page. This checklist contains items to bring to the camping venue and detailed instructions on how to get to the camping site.

Please feel free to call the below contact persons

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MMLA 2014 Camping: Campers Guide

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Camping at Lake Castiac

32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA

Date – Jul 19, 2014. Time-3:00 PM

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General Instructions

Date: Saturday July 19th, 2013, 3:00 PM

Time: Entry to Campsite 3pm onwards.

Location: Lake Castaic Recreational Group Camping – 7 Acre LOT and 3 Acre LOT

Address: 32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA

Parking Fees: Additional Parking Fees - \$10 / per vehicle per day

Admission: MMLA representative will be present at the campsite entrance from 3 pm.

Entrance Access: Please show your receipt from Paypal at registration desk at the entrance. If you can open a receipt soft copy on your smartphone, then no need of printed copy.

MMLA Contact Persons for the day

Rakshit Kamble (805-791-7436)

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Please Note: If you call on event day after 12pm, due to limited cell coverage you may not be able to reach the Event Coordinators.

Event Schedule

Day 1: Saturday 7/19/2014

- 3:00PM Campers Check-in
- 3:30PM - Welcome Address and Camping Safety Instructions
- 3:30PM - 5PM : Tent Setup
- 5:00PM - Tea, Biscuits and Snacks
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM - Activities I
- 8:00PM - DINNER
- 9:00PM - Activities II
- 10:00PM Onwards - Party Continues

Day 2: Sunday 7/20/2014

- 8:00AM Breakfast
- 10:00AM Tent Wrap-Up and Clean-Up
- 11:00AM MMLA Camping Ends

We encourage campers to start around **noon** from their respective locations to reach campsite on time. As it gets dark, it is difficult to find the location and also gets progressively difficult to setup tents in the dark. Not to mention you will miss some of the activities.

MMLA Food Menu

- Evening Tea Time: Bhel, Biscuits, and Muffins
- Dinner: Puri Bhaji, Srikhand, Masal Bhat Optional for Kids: Cup Noodles

Breakfast: Croissants, Bananas, Milk, Tea, Coffee, For kids: Hot Chocolate and Brownies

MMLA recommends campers get some of their own food

- If you have any allergies or if you or your kids do not like the above menu.
- To eat during evening snack time
- If you plan to party through the night, then for night time if you feel hungry.
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Noise Vs Peace: There are 2 campgrounds side by side, but all at one place.

For people who do not mind some noise throughout the night choose **7 Acre LOT**.

For people who want to sleep early and well throughout the night, choose **3 Acre LOT**

Carpool: We have limited number of parking spaces at the campsite, and hence carpool is highly recommended. Please see the attached list of all attendees and carpool recommendations

What you should bring (THE CHECKLIST)

Please Note: Remember we are going into wilderness, things are not readily available. Your foresight is invaluable. Thank you for your cooperation.

In-Camp

1. Tent (with the hammer and hooks, to secure your tent)
 - Note: Please bring a bigger tent than the no of person the tent suggests, example get a 3-4 person tent for 2 people. Also each tent has a different mechanism to setup. When you buy your tent, do a trial run in the store of how to setup your tent. Same if you already have a tent, do a trial run at home to revise your knowledge)
2. Floor Mats/ Floor Pads
 - Note: To sleep on the floor with just the sleeping bags is painful, please do get your floor pads/ mats or extra sleeping bags to put on the floor
3. Sleeping Bags
4. Extra Comforters (in case it gets chilly during dawn)
5. Pillows (headrest)
6. Air beds / air mattress (with air pump – make sure it is working, also do a trial run at home so that you know what are the steps to inflate and deflate it.)
7. Folding Chairs
8. Electric Lantern Lamp Big, Flashlights, torches, head light(s) and/or Cap lights.
 - Note: Please make sure they are working, get extra pair of batteries

Clothing

1. Sun shielding hats / caps
2. Trekking shoes, extra pair of socks, sandals
3. Sunshades (eyewear)
4. Sun block (sunscreen lotion)
5. Sleepwear

6. Jacket to protect from wind, late night chill and rain
7. Umbrellas
8. Towels
9. Extra clothes for next day

Water/Kitchen/other items

1. There are flush toilets and water fountains at the campsite, still please bring backup water.
2. Paper napkin / hand towels for personal use Trash Bags (Please make a **serious** note of this – We request everyone to clean their surrounding area themselves after we are done camping. This is standard hygiene etiquette and respect to the environment)
3. Small poly bags (grocery bags): To pack up and secure leftovers.
4. MMLA will provide ample food. Food menu is listed above. Still, if something isn't your kids like, then please bring something for them. Same applies to adults.
5. MMLA will provide Gas grill - Please bring your own food to grill – like marinated chicken, fish, grill vegetables, corn. Marshmallows and chocolate syrup – with the long sticks to heat them during group bon-fire setting.
6. Extra (backup) energy bars, pack of chips, some fruit – Just in case MMLA provided food is over or if you feel hungry at night.

Personal Items

1. Toothbrush, toothpaste, cosmetics, comb/brush
2. Sunscreen, lip balm, insect repellent cream / spray
3. Toilet paper
4. Prescription medication, allergy medication, EpiPen, Asthma Inhaler
5. Back up EpiPen and Asthma Inhaler.
6. Washing Soap
7. Hand Sanitizer
8. Mirror
9. Ear plugs

Other Items (Optional)

1. Camera, 2 way radio (walkie-talkie)
2. Music player personal or boombox, musical instruments

Fun Stuff

1. Swim/Wet clothes for kids as water games are allowed.
2. RC Planes / Helicopters, Playing Cards, Poker Set, Board games, glow sticks
3. Frisbee, boomerang, cricket-bat-ball, soccer, other games (Kite Flying is allowed)
4. Telescope - for Stargazing

What MMLA will provide

1. All paper cutlery, plates, cups for water etc
2. Drinking Water
3. Firewood

4. Charcoal
5. Lighter Fluid
6. Gas Grill
7. Gas Stove
8. Sun Shade – Tarp
9. Lighter
10. Cooler and Ice
11. Tables
12. Bottle Opener
13. Afternoon Tea and light refreshment
14. Dinner
15. Breakfast (following Day)
16. Fire-extinguisher, bag of sand.
17. Dish washing Soap and sponge.

Special note: MMLA Campsite is an alcohol free zone, no alcohol will be permitted on MMLA campground

General Safety Instructions

- Be sure to check the site thoroughly for glass, sharp objects, branches that could fall or are hung low.
- Check the contour of the land and look for potential trouble due to rain. Check for areas that could flood or become extremely muddy and cause problems.
- Look for level with enough room to spread out all your camping gear.
- Look for a site that has trees or shrubs on the side of the prevailing winds. This will help block the wind if it should gust or get quite strong.
- Check for potential hazards at the campsite such as: poison ivy, bees, ants, sharp objects and other dangerous areas.
- Fire is of prime concern at the campsite. Be sure you have an area for a fire that cannot spread laterally or vertically. Whenever a fire is lit at the campsite be sure that someone is assigned to watch it at all times. Keep water nearby for emergencies. Be sure that when you put the fire out you use water and soil and be certain that the fire is completely out, cool to the touch. Embers buried within the pile of ashes have a tendency to reignite later.
- Keep your campsite fires to an absolute minimum at all times.
- Beware of poisonous plants. Familiarize yourself with any dangerous plants that are common to the area. If you come into contact with a poisonous plant, immediately rinse the affected area with water and apply a soothing lotion such as calamine to the affected area.
 - Practice good hygiene. Make sure you wash your hands, particularly after using the toilet and before handling food, to prevent everyone in your group becoming ill.
 - **Most importantly**, always keep an eye on your kids (MMLA representatives will always be vigilant but will not be held accountable for kid's safety)

Campsite Directions

Address: 32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA

Group Camping – Upper Lake - 7 Acre Lot and 3 Acre Lot

Tips for direction

- 1) Use following link for google maps
<https://maps.google.com>
Click on Directions
- 2) Please put "**32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA**" Address in your iphone or your GPS.
- 3) This will give you the direction to the Lake Castaic Recreational Areas Gate.
- 4) Ask for Upper Lake Group Camping Site
- 5) You may need to Pay Parking fees of \$10.
- 6) Follow the MMLA Camping directions posted on the sign boards along the road.

Directions from: Thousand Oaks

Driving directions to 32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA 91384



Thousand Oaks, CA

3. Turn right to merge onto **US-101 N (Get your own direction from your home to US -101-N)**
4. Take the exit onto **CA-23 N** toward **Fillmore**
5. Continue onto **CA-118 E**
6. Take the exit onto **I-405 N** toward **Sacramento**
7. Merge onto **I-5 N**
8. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**
9. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**
10. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

Note : At the Gate ask for 7 Acre LOT group camping

Directions from: Simi Valley

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Simi Valley, CA

4. merge onto **CA-118 E** (Get your own directions from your home to CA 118-E)
5. Take the exit onto **I-405 N** toward **Sacramento**
6. Merge onto **I-5 N**
7. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**
8. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**
9. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

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Directions from: Los Angeles

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Los Angeles, CA

5. Merge onto **US-101 N** (Get your own direction from your home to US 101 – N)
6. Keep left to continue on **CA-170 N/Hwy 170 N/Hollywood Fwy**, follow signs for **Sacramento**
7. Take exit **11B** on the left for **Interstate 5 N** toward **Sacramento**
8. Merge onto **I-5 N**
9. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**
10. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**
11. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

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Directions from: Pasadena

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Pasadena, CA

4. Merge on **I-210 W** (Get your own directions from your home to I 210 – W)

5. Merge onto **I-710 N**
6. Continue onto **I-210 W**
7. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for **I-5 N/Golden State Fwy/Sacramento**
8. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for **Autos** and merge onto **I-5 N/Golden State Fwy**
Continue to follow I-5 N
9. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**
10. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**
11. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

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Directions from: Irvine

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Irvine, CA

7. Merge onto **I-5 N** (get your own directions from your home to I -5 N)
8. Keep right to stay on **I-5 N**, follow signs for **I-10 W/Santa Monica/Interstate 5 N/Sacramento**
9. Merge onto **I-10 E/I-5 N**
10. Continue onto **I-5 N**
11. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**
12. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**
13. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

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Directions from: Anaheim

Driving directions to 32132 Castaic Lake Dr, Castaic, CA 91384



Anaheim, CA

4. Merge onto **I-5 N** toward **Los Angeles** (Get your own directions from your home to I-5 N)
5. Keep right to stay on **I-5 N**, follow signs for **I-10 W/Santa Monica/Interstate 5 N/Sacramento**
6. Merge onto **I-10 E/I-5 N**
7. Continue onto **I-5 N**
8. Take the **Parker Rd** exit toward **Castaic**

9. Turn right onto **Ridge Rte Rd**

10. Turn right onto **Castaic Lake Dr**

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In case of issues you can contact:

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General Rules for use of Federal Recreation Lands

Camping

- If you are staying at a campground, you must camp only in those places specifically provided or marked.
- All vehicles, RVs, and trailers must be parked on your campsite or driveway. Driving or parking off road is not permitted.
- Quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Please be considerate of others.
- Camping longer than 14 consecutive days is generally not allowed. At Corps of Engineers campsites only, camping at one or more campsites at any one water resource project (lake) for a period longer than 14 days during any 30-consecutive day period is prohibited.
- The number of camping units per campsite varies and is set locally.

Sanitation

- Help prevent pollution by keeping garbage, litter, and foreign substances out of lakes, streams, and other waters.
- All garbage and litter must either be deposited in containers provided, or taken with you when you leave.

Campfires

- Obey any restrictions on fires. Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times.
- Within campgrounds and other recreation areas, fires may only be built in fire rings, stoves, grills and fireplaces provided for that purpose.
- Be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving. Do not leave your fire unattended. You are responsible for keeping fires under control.

Vehicle Operation

- Drivers must obey all traffic signs and operate their vehicles in accordance with posted regulations, and applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- Use of vehicles within campgrounds and other recreation areas is limited to entering or leaving those areas.

Pets and Animals

- Pets must be restrained or on a leash at all times while in developed recreation areas.
- Pets (except guide dogs) are not allowed in swimming areas or sanitary facilities.
- Saddle or pack animals are only allowed where authorized by posted instructions.

Fireworks

- Use of fireworks or other explosives within campgrounds and other recreation areas is prohibited.

Public Property

- Preserve and protect your National Forests, National Parks, and Corps of Engineers Lake areas. Leave natural areas the way you find them.

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Do not carve, chop, cut and damage any live trees