**DISPERSED CAMPING AND PERMITS**

Dispersed camping is allowed on public land in the Mono Basin—the Jeffrey pine forest off of Highway 120 east is a recommended dispersed camping area. If you plan on having a campfire, propane stove, lantern, or any open flame, **you must obtain a permit**.

Camping is allowed on the exposed lakebed surrounding Mono Lake **by permit only**. Camping on the islands in Mono Lake is allowed **by permit only**, except during April through August when the islands are closed to all boaters. Dispersed camping is prohibited in developed recreation areas such as South Tufa, Navy Beach, Old Marina, and County Park.

Permits are available free-of-charge at the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area Visitor Center.

Following the “Leave No Trace” ethic while you camp is highly encouraged:

- plan ahead and prepare
- stay on established roads and pull-outs—parking on vegetation is prohibited
- travel and camp on durable surfaces
- minimize campfire impacts—do not remove dead plants still rooted in the ground
- respect wildlife
- be considerate of other visitors
- dispose of waste properly
- leave what you find—collecting obsidian, tufa, or any other rock or mineral is prohibited