













Directory for Pinecrest & Vicinity

LODGING

BREZINA AND GOOD REALTY.

Cabins of various size and location for rent in Strawberry and Pinecrest. 31900 Hwy 108, Strawberry, CA. 209 965-3578, 209 965-4080.

CABINS AT STRAWBERRY.

Ten cabins. Each cabin has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sleeps 8. Full kitchen, TV and VCR, BBQs in summer. Pets welcome. Cost: \$129 to \$229. 31888 Hwy 108, P O Box 109, Strawberry, CA 95375. 209 965-0885, 888 965-0885.

FRASER FLAT CAMPGROUND.

US Forest Service campground. 38 campsites, most with tables and grills. No reservations--first come, first served. Open May-October. Near fishing on the south fork of the Stanislaus River. Fees: \$15/site/day, \$5/day for extra vehicle. et address?.

PINECREST RESORT RENTAL OFFICE.

Lodging includes motel rooms (queen sized beds, bathroom, daily maid service), 2 or 3 bedroom cabins (kitchen, linens & towels provided), and 2 or 3 bedroom townhouses (kitchen, propane fireplace, linens & towels provided). All have cable TV. Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest, CA 95364. 209 965-3411.

MEADOWVIEW CAMPGROUND.

US Forest Service group campground. Closed in winter. Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest.

PINECREST CAMPGROUND.

US Forest Service campground. Closed in winter.

PINECREST CHALET.

Rentals vary from cottages without kitchens to "Mini Chalets" that are one room with a kitchen to 2-4 bedroom cabins and townhomes. Swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoes, and children's playground. 500 Dodge Ridge Rd, , P O Box 1157, Pinecrest 95364. 209 965-3276, 209 965-3849.

PIONEER TRAIL GROUP CAMPGROUND.

US Forest Service group campground in summer, general campground in winter. This is the only campground open in winter in the Pinecrest area. No water in winter and vault toilets. No cost for less than 20 people in winter. Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest. 209 965-3474.

THE RIVERS.

Ten 3 and 4 bedroom cabins. Furnished, beds made, towels provided. Heated pool is open in summer (Memorial day through Labor Day).

Pets welcome. Cost: \$120 to \$289. 28635 Herring Creek Ln, P O Box 81, Strawberry, CA 95375. 209 965-3278, 800 514-6777.

STRAWBERRY INN.

Lodging with restaurant and bar. 15 guest rooms. High-speed Wi-Fi Internet access. Restaurant has breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Fresh pastries, burgers, sandwiches, salads, soup, wide variety of appetizers, Pizza, BBQ ribs. Dinner entrees, German & Czech plates. Espresso drinks, coffee, tea, soda, juices, wine, cocktails. Children's menu. P O Box 61, Strawberry, CA. 209 965-3662, 800 965-3662.

EAT & DRINK

MIA'S RESTAURANT.

Lunch and dinner. Italian. Lunch is (hot & cold) panini sandwiches and pizza, also salads, soups (minestrone, onion). Dinner is entrees and pizza. Entrees include salmon, halibut, steak, veal, ribs, chicken, pork, various pasta dishes. Bar with beer (tap, bottle) and wine. Kid's menu. Parking in rear. 30040 Hwy 108, Cold Springs, CA 95335. 209 965-4591. Mon 10am-8pm and :am-:am, Tues-Sun midnightam-midnightam and :am-:am.

THE SERENE BEAN.

Espresso bar, outside. Espresso, mochas, lates, coffee, tea, smoothies, iced drinks, pastries, bagels, breakfast burritos. Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest.

PINECREST SNACK BAR.

Burgers, hot dogs, chicken, fries, onion rings, ice cream, soda and other cold drinks. Open only in summer. Pinecrest Loop Rd, Pinecrest. 209 963-3766.

STEAM DONKEY RESTAURANT & BAR.

Lunch and dinner. Lunch is sandwiches, burgers, soup, chili, salads. Dinner is steak, lamb, seafood, chicken, ribs, burgers. Children's menu. Desserts (cake, pie, ice cream). Bar is full with beer, wine, cocktails. Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest. 209 965-3117.

GAS, GROCERY & DRUG

COLD SPRINGS MARKET AND GAS.

Gas station has no diesel. Snacks, groceries, soda, beer, wiine. Sandwiches, pastries, hot coffe & cappacino from machines. Bait & tackle, camping supplies, firewood, propane. Some clothing (T-shirts, hats). Sno-Park permits. Phone. Newspapers: Sonora Union Democrat, SF Chronicle. (Nearest gas to the east is Dardanelle, 35 miles, not reliable source. Nearest gas to the west is Sierra Village, 12 miles). 29822 Hwy 108, Pinecrest, CA . 209 965-4242.

PINECREST GENERAL STORE.

Snacks, groceries, frozen food, fresh produce, beer, wine, hard liquor. Magazines, DVD rentals, firewood. Newspapers: Sonora Union Democrat, SF Chronicle, Modesto Bee. Open every day of the year. Phone just outside. Summit Ave, Pinecrest. 209 965-3661.

STRAWBERRY STORE.

Snacks, groceries, meat, soda, sundries, beer, wine, hard liquor, propane, ice. Phone. ATM inside. Newspapers: Sonora Union Democrat, Modesto Bee. 28620 Herring Creek Ln, Strawberry. 209 965-3597.

INFORMATION & HISTORY

BEARDSLEY DAM.

Beardsley Dam is 3 miles downstream from Donnell Reservoir on the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River. Elevation is 3,392 feet, way down from Highway 108. Storage capacity is 34,290, slightly more than Donnell. Outflow of dam is 143 cubic feet/second. See the video "Building Beardsley Dam", click for video

RANGER STATION--SUMMIT.

Information from rangers, information sheets on hiking trails, fishing, hunting, activities, history. Maps, books, gifts, T-shirts, rest rooms. Hwy 108, Pinecrest. 209 965-3434, 209 965-0488 TDD only.

STRAWBERRY DAM.

Strawberry Dam was built in 1916, at a time when the lake was known as "Strawberry Lake". The name was changed to "Pinecrest Lake" a few years later. The dam is on the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. Elevation is 5600 feet. The lake is 300 acres in the summer when full. During the winter the lake recedes to a very small size.

SHADOW OF THE MIWOK (TRAIL).

Interpretative trail includes examples of MiWok Indian tepee-like structures, as shown in photo, built of cedar bark. Trail not maintained in winter.

WINTER CLOSURE POINT.

This is the final winter closure point on the western side of Sonora Pass. Around November and December, and again around April and May, the highway may be closed at different points above this point depending upon weather. When winter fully sets in, the highway is closed here until spring.

SHOPPING

PINECREST FINE ARTS GALLERY.

Prints from paintings and photos and original paintings. Scenes are mostly landscapes,

historic buildings, wildlife of Sierra. Pottery, glassware, birdhouses, jewelry, greeting cards, postcards, gifts, crafts. 421 Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest. 209 965-3800. Mon 2am-3am, Tues-Sun midnightam-midnightam.

RICH & SAL'S SPORTS SHOP.

Fishing tackle, T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, camping equipment, trail guides, books, and maps. Swimming suits. Inflatable toys and rafts.x Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest. Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.

RECREATION

ASPEN MEADOWS PACK STATION.

Pack station

PINECREST HUB--BICYCLE RENTALS ETC.

Rents bicycles, small wagons, child's backpacks. Wide variety of child, adult, and tandem bicycles and trailers. Helmets included. Closed in winter. 209 965-0137.

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP--BEARDSLEY RESERVOIR.

Photo shows entrance to launching ramp, a little hidden. Fishing, water skiing.

DODGE RIDGE SKI AREA.

Downhill skiing and snowboarding in an 832 acre area, with 59 runs and 8 lifts. Snowplay area for young children. Restaurants and bar. Ski/snowboard rentals and lessons for adults and children. Sports shop with equipment, clothing, and equipment repairs. Dodge Ridge Rd, Pinecrest. 209 965-3474.

FISHING DOCK.

Dock for fishing from shore.

HEIDI'S SKI AND PADDLE SHOP.

Ski, snowboard, and snowshoe rentals. Services: Hot wax, Iron on wax, overnight tune ups. Also has paddle board rentals in summer. 29870 Hwy 109, Cold Springs, CA. 209 965-3450.

LELAND HIGH SIERRA SNOWPLAY.

Area for playing in the snow with sleds, saucers, toboggans and the like. Elevation is 6300 feet. Tows up the hill. Open from "first snow fall" to mid-April. Snack bar. 209 965-4719.

PINECREST LAKE MARINA.

Rents motor boats for fishing, paddle boats, kayaks, sailboats, and party boats. Next to marina is boat launching ramp (no jet skis or water skiing allowed). Marina open only in summer, typically May to first week in October. 31 Lakeshore Dr, Pinecrest. 209 965-3333.

MOVIE AMPHITHEATRE.

Outdoor amphitheatre has movies in summer. Low-cost tickets, children 3 and under free. Shows typically start at 8:30 pm. Movies are not new releases but typically older

favorites, with many appealing to kids. Also has ranger programs.

PINECREST LOOP TRAIL.

Fairly easy trail that goes all the way around the lake. Formally known as the "Pinecrest Lake National Recreation Trail". No bicycles, dogs must be on leash. No restrooms available. Pack out any garbage.

SNO PARK ACCESS POINT.

The Sno Park access point includes two parking lots and rest rooms. When finally closed for the winter, Highway 108 above the closure point becomes a trail groomed for snowmobiles. Primary use is snowmobiles, also cross-country skiing and "limited snow play". A permit is required from November 1 to May 30. Permit allows parking at the access point. Fee: \$5/day or \$25/yr. Limit of 3 nights for parking. Permits available at Cold Springs Market, Strawberry Store, Sonny's in Sierra Village. Hwy 108, above Strawberry. 209 965-3434 USFS.

SOUTH TRAILHEAD OF SUGAR PINE TRAIL-STRAWBERRY BR..

This is the southern end of the Strawberry Branch of the Sugar Pine Trail. The northern end is south of Strawberry (we haven't added that to our Strawberry map yet). This trail was once the route of the Sugar Pine Railway, built to transport logs from the forest to the sawmill in Standard.

SERVICES

LIBRARY.

Library with small collection of mostly recreational books. 421 Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest.

US POST OFFICE--PINECREST.

Post office with typical services, including Express Mail. The zip code is 95364. There is also a mailbox next to the Cold Springs Market.

SHOWERS.

Shower that runs on tokens. Buy tokens at Pinecrest General Store, next to showers. Available only in summer, May to first week in October. Pinecrest Lake Rd, Pinecrest.

WI-FI INTERNET ACCESS

WI-FI AT DODGE RIDGE.

Wi-Fi at the ski resort. The upper levels of the Creekside Lodge and the Family Lodge buildings (where the restaurants are) seem to be the best places to receive the signal. ID is "Public-Wifi". No password required.

WI-FI AT STRAWBERRY INN.

Wi-Fi at restaurant associated with lodge. ID is "STRAWBERRY INN". Password required.