

INTERAGENCY VISITOR CENTER



FUN FACTS MT. WHITNEY

Visitors to the area are welcome to stop in at the Interagency Visitor Center for more information on Lone Pine and the surrounding area. The center is located 1 1/2 miles south of Lone Pine at the Junction of Hwy. 395 and 136. The center holds a collection of photographs showing the points of interest in the Owens Valley, Eastern Sierra and Death Valley, as well as mineral displays and drawings. A large selection of books, posters and other items are available for sale. Weather, trail and road conditions are posted inside the center. *Open daily 8 A.M. - 4:50 P.M.*

The first ascent took place on August 18, 1873, by fishermen, Charles D. Begote, Albert Johnson and John Lucas. Dr. Whitney tried first but did not make it.

The first overnight stay on top of the mountain took place Sept. 2-3, 1881, by Professor Langley UC.

Completion of the Mt. Whitney Trail was accomplished by George Marsh in 1904.

The Whitney Hut was built in 1909.

The first airplane flight over the Whitney Summit 1914.

Construction of the road was 1934-1935 with portal campground, summer homes, pond and water system.

The store was built in 1935.

The "Wedding Of The Waters" 1937-organized event.

Additional cabins 1935-1950.

Passage of the Wilderness Act- 1964.

1998 Mt. Whitney permits were issued in 2000.

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