

# Town Profile

The community of Big Creek is located approximately 60 miles northeast of Fresno, California. Our population is about 350. We sit at an elevation of about 5000 feet, and are surrounded by the Sierra National Forest. There are two smaller towns located between Fresno and Big Creek. Shaver Lake and Prather both offer groceries, hardware supplies, dining and other necessities. It takes approximately an hour and a half to drive into Fresno where most grocery and household items are obtained. The nearest medical and dental facilities are approximately an hour away.

Southern California Edison's Hydro Electric Project established the town of Big Creek in the early 1900's. The company has approximately 80-90 employees. Some of the employees live in Big Creek. We have a school in town that serves our community. It is a K-8 elementary with combination classes. Big Creek School has several unique attributes, including a full sized swimming pool, a three lane bowling alley, and a four week ski program in the winter. We also have a preschool on our elementary campus. Our current enrollment (including preschool) is 55. The school has about 20 employees. Big Creek has a full service post office, a general store, a volunteer fire department, and a Forest Service Station.

Most of the housing in Big Creek is Southern California Edison employee housing. The rest of the homes are owned by local residents or serve as vacation homes. Opportunities to rent or to buy are few.

The summers are warm and dry with average temperatures ranging from the upper eighties to the mid nineties. Our annual precipitation is around forty two inches. Winters are on the cooler side with temperatures ranging from the thirties to fifties during the day and can drop to the teens at night. On average, snowfall for the year is around five feet. Roads during the winter are maintained and passable.

Huntington Lake and Shaver Lake are very close to us. Each offers an array of activities such as camping, fishing, boating, hiking and horseback riding. Sierra Summit Ski Resort is close to Big Creek as well.