Hiking Trails
Sequoia National Forest
Upper Kern Canyon

Many trails are available to explore on the Kern River Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. The chart below lists several trails within the Upper Kern Canyon Recreation Area. Following the chart is a brief description of each trail.

Advice:
Pick a trail that matches your ability. Strenuous hikes should be undertaken only if you are in good physical shape and an experienced hiker. When hiking we suggest...

- Having the proper clothing - weather can change rapidly.
- Wear good hiking boots, not sandals, and break in your boots before a long hike.
- Always carry plenty of water.
- Also carry a first-aid kit, map & food to suit your needs.
- REMEMBER TO PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN!
- During the spring and summer months, when hiking on trails from 3000 to 6000 feet in elevation watch out for snakes.
- Pets are permitted on trails. They must be under the control of the owner so as not to disturb the wildlife and other hikers.

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Fire Safety:
Wildfire is always a danger in the mountains of Southern California. Campfire permits are required in trail camps. Permits may be obtained from the Ranger Stations or online at .

Please don't smoke while hiking. Take the time to sit down and clear a fire safe area of all flammable material 3 feet in diameter before smoking!

Drinking Water:
Visitors should not drink from creeks, springs or the river without properly treating the water. Recommended treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes or use a filter/purifying system.

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Whiskey Flat Trail (32E35) - starts at the north end of Burlando Road in Kernville, paralleling the Kern River, and ending at the Fairview footbridge. Along the trail are gradual elevation changes (still paralleling the river) with numerous short steep stretches in and out of side drainages to the Kern River. The area abounds with mixed chaparral brush species, with occasional gray pine and oak trees. There are lots of good fishing spots along this trail. Short day hikes are recommended during summer starting from either trailhead. Trail provides little shade and is considered easy to moderate in difficulty. Please respect private property.

Cannell Trail (33E32) - begins at the horse corrals, 2 miles north of Kernville on Mtn. 99. The trail starts out at a gradual climb, becoming steeper as you reach Pine Flat. The trail affords magnificent views of the Kern River Valley during the trip. As the trail climbs into higher elevations, it gets into a mixed pine and fir forest. At Pine Flat the trail parallels the south side of Forest Road #24S12, and crosses Cannell Creek two different times before reaching the Cannell Cabin, built between 1904 and 1909. The trail is considered moderate to strenuous in difficulty. It is very open and exposed and provides little shade.

Rincon Trail (33E23) - starts approximately 10 miles north of Kernville on Mtn. 99 across from Ant Canyon, and proceeds north following the Rincon fault to the Forks of the Kern River. The trail ascends and descends in elevation, in and out of drainages, passing through flats of Jeffrey and gray pine, cedar and chaparral. Salmon, Brush and Durwood Creeks are crossed offering good fishing and some nice undeveloped camping spots. This trail intersects with the trail to Packsaddle Cave and further north a tie-in section of trail connects this trail to the River Trail. It is considered moderate to strenuous in difficulty.

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Kern River Ranger District
P.O. Box 9
Kernville, CA 93238
760-376-3781

Forest Supervisor’s Office
1839 S. Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257
559-784-1500

Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.
When you leave your campsite, Take all garbage, large and small.

PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!