



Hiking Trails

Sequoia National Forest

Kern River Ranger District

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Trail Name	Number	Miles	Low Elevation	High Elevation
Badger Gap	31E76	10.2	2,200	4,300
Bright Star	34E34	4.0	4,200	7,600
Bull Run	32E39	3.5	4,800	6,100
Clear Creek	33E45	9.4	3,000	7,400
East Kern Canyon	31E75	8.5	2,200	2,400
Dry Meadow	34E31	5.2	6,000	7,400
Hobo Fishing	31E74	0.5	2,280	2,400
Kern River	32E49	5.3	2,000	2,200
Mill Creek	31E78	6.6	2,400	6,700
Pacific Crest	2000	10.4	6,200	6,800
Patch Corner	31E82	2.0	2,200	2,271
Portuguese	31E59	2.1	6,800	7,300
Remington Ridge	32E51	7.4	2,500	6,400
Sunday Peak	31E66	1.7	7,200	8,300
Unal	31E58	3.0	6,350	7,050

Badger Gap Trail begins 1 mile north of Oak Flat Lookout Road on Rancheria Road. The trail descends Greenhorn Mountain crossing several seasonal drainages on moderate grades before a steep descent into Delonegha Creek. Just above Hwy. 178, the trail connects with Kern River Trail. The trail traverses oak woodlands and mixed brush, and provides some fine views of the Lower Kern Canyon.

Bright Star Trail starts in the Piute Mountains on Road 28S27 near Inspiration Point. This is an historic route is not maintained for horses or motorcycles due to loose talus slopes. The route may be difficult to follow in places and a topographic map is recommended. The lower 1/2 mile is on private land terminating at the end of Erskine Creek Road. Historic evidence of mining can be seen along this route.

Bull Run Trail starts at the end of the Cow Creek Road, 1-1/4 mile north of Greenhorn Summit on Forest Hwy. 90. 4WD is required for the last 1/2 mile of the road. The trail descends Cow Creek and to Bull Run Creek, turns upstream and climbs gently 1-1/2 mile into Bull Run Basin. A moderate climb up a ridge ends at road 24S35. Pine and oak line the creek with brushy slopes above. There is trout fishing in the creek, but it is not stocked.

Clear Creek Trail begins 1 mile north of Brown Meadow on Piute Mountain. The last 2 miles are on private land and inaccessible to the public; please stay off this section of trail. The trail begins by climbing Piute Mountain through grass, oaks and brush to Clear Creek, then making numerous fords of the creek on a moderate climb through oak woodland and pine forest. Spring wildflowers are abundant in the lower and middle elevations.

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Dry Meadow Trail starts at the end of the Steve Spring Road (28S27B) in the Piute Mountains. The trail descends in mixed conifer forest to open pine stands at Woolstalf Meadow, turns north and climbs through pine/oak woodland before descending along a small stream to Dry Meadows.

East Kern Canyon Trail begins at Hwy. 178 and Delonegha Road. There are gradual elevation changes as the trail parallels the river through open hillsides of grass and oak. The trail ends at Keyesville. There can be excellent wildflower displays along this trail from mid- March to late April.

Hobo Fishing Trail begins at Hobo Campground and follows the Kern River to Sandy Flat Campground. Gentle slopes and good fishing are accessible along the trail.

Kern River Trail begins at Hwy. 178 and Delonegha Road. There are gradual elevation changes as the trail parallels the river through open hillsides of grass and oak. The trail ends beyond China Garden. There can be excellent wildflower displays along this trail from mid-March to late April.

Mill Creek Trail starts 1-1/2 mile east of Hwy. 178 on Old Kern Canyon Road. The trail climbs gradually along Mill Creek for 2 miles, crossing the creek several times. Open oak/grass and riparian woodlands are found here, with fine spring wildflowers. Leaving the creek, one climbs moderate to steep grades through brush fields to mixed conifer forest. The trail ends at a small spur road just north of Squirrel Meadow on Breckenridge Mountain.

Pacific Crest Trail crosses Piute Mountain Road 1-1/2 mile east of Landers Meadow as well as at the west end of meadow. This segment has moderate grades as it traverses the southeast corner of the Piute Mountains in Pinyon/Juniper, Ponderosa Pine and mixed conifer forest. Mountain Bikes are not allowed on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Patch Corner starts .4 mile east of Democrat Station on Highway 178 and parallels the Kern River, coming in at China Gardens. Provides access to beach areas along the river, as well as good springtime wildflower displays.

Portuguese begins on Forest Hwy. 90 just south of the Girl Scout Camp and follows a series of small meadows to a ridge and then back to Forest Hwy. 90 on Greenhorn Mountain. Views of the Kern River Valley and Sierras are possible.

Remington Ridge Trail starts 1-3/4 mile west of Hobo Campground on Old Kern Canyon Road. The climb is moderate to steep and passes from open oak/grass woodland with spring wildflowers, through brush fields, to pine/oak forest at the O'Brien Spring Road. Views of Isabella Lake, Kern Canyon and Kern Plateau can be seen in the higher portion of the trail.

Sunday Peak Trail begins at the Girl Scout Camp parking area on Forest Hwy. 90 and climbs through mixed conifer forest on a moderate grade to the summit of Sunday Peak. Excellent views of the Kern Valley, the Plateau and high Sierra peaks may be seen on clear days. This trail is a good day hike for families, with a nice lunch spot at the summit.

Unal Trail loops along Greenhorn Summit beginning at the Summit Station. Interpretive brochure with stops highlights early Native Americans use of the area. Moderate climbing and good views.

Trip Tips:

Be Prepared! Have proper clothing as weather can change rapidly. Carry adequate water, first-aid kit, map and food to meet your needs. Pick a trail that matches your ability. Strenuous hikes should be undertaken only if you are in good physical shape and an experienced hiker. Wear good hiking boots and break them in before a long hike.

Boil all water from rivers and streams for 5 minutes before drinking. Preserve water quality by avoiding pollution of surface waters. Set up camp 100 feet from any stream, rivers, or lakes. **Bury all body wastes 6 inches deep and 100 feet away from water sources. Remember to pack out what you pack in!**

Pets are permitted on trails, but must be **under control** so as not to disturb wildlife or other hikers. A **six foot leash** is required. Please don't smoke while hiking and be careful with fire at all times.

Tread Lightly - Please stay on the trails and do not short cut switchbacks. Lower elevations are usually snow free but may be too muddy for winter travel. Wet conditions may also leave trails subject to erosion. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Pacific Crest Trail and the Unal Trail. No trails listed are suitable for ATVs.

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
11380 Kernville Rd.
Kernville, CA 93238
[760-376-3781](tel:760-376-3781)

Forest Supervisor's Office
1839 S. Newcomb Street
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