



Kern Plateau Oversnow Vehicle Trails

Sequoia National Forest

Kern River Ranger District



Welcome to the Sequoia National Forest! Here is a guide to OVERSNOW VEHICLE (OSV) trails on the Kern Plateau. Enjoy your stay and please help protect the resources of the area by observing the Winter Recreation Code of Ethics listed in this guide.

Trail **suitability** ratings can change with the changing snow conditions.

Sherman Pass Trail (101) Trail begins 7 miles up the Sherman Pass Road at the snow line. It offers a variety of scenic vistas and is the main trail that connects you with the other trails. Best suited for beginners. (25 miles)

Mosquito Trail (102) This trail is off the Sherman Pass Trail and is above 9,000' elevation. It takes you to Mosquito Meadow where it dead-ends. Best suited for beginners. (3 miles)

Corral Meadow/Bonita Meadow Trail (103) Trail starts from the (101) Trail and will connect you to several other trails. It will take you by several meadows and vistas then loop back to the (101) Trail. Suited for all riders. (5.5 miles)

Corral Loop Trail (104) This trail starts at the (103) Trail and takes you by several meadows, ending at the (101) Trail. Suitable for all riders. (2 miles)

Trout Creek / Schaeffer Trail (105) Trail starts from (103) Trail. It will take you by Corral meadow and loops back to the (103) Trail. Best suited for advanced riders. (3 miles)

Poloma Trail (106) Trail starts from the (101) Trail, you will have a view of the Dome Land Wilderness and then loop back on the (101) Trail. Suited for intermediate riders. (3 miles)

Bald Mountain Trail (107) Trail starts from the (101) Trail and will take you to Bald Mountain with an elevation of 9382' and views overlooking the Kern Plateau. Best suited for beginners. (2 miles)

Mahogany Trail (108) Trail starts from the (101) Trail and will take you to Troy Meadow and back to the (101) Trail. Best suited for intermediate to advanced riders. (2.4 miles)

Troy Trail (109) Trail starts from the (101) Trail and will take you to Troy Meadow and back to the (101) Trail. You can use this trail with the (101) and (108) to make a good intermediate to advanced ride. (2 miles)

Beach Trail (110) Trail starts from the (101) Trail and will take you to (111) Trail. Best suited for all riders. (2.1 miles)

Cannell / Osa Trail (111) Trail starts from the (101) Trail by the Blackrock Information Station. You can access the (112) and the (113) Trails from this trail. Best suited for all riders. (13.5 miles)

Little Horse Trail (112) Trail starts from the (111) Trail and will take you by Little Horse Meadow and loop back to the (111) Trail. Best suited for all riders. (6.2 miles)

Smith Trail (113) Trail starts from the (111) Trail, which will take you to the (114) Trail then back to the (101) Trail. This trail will take you by several meadows and Aspen groves. Best suited for all riders. Be sure you have enough gas. (12 miles)



Smith Trail (113) Trail starts from the (111) Trail, which will take you to the (114) Trail then back to the (101) Trail. This trail will take you by several meadows and Aspen groves. Best suited for all riders. Be sure you have enough gas. (12 miles)

Monache Trail (114) Trail starts from the (113) Trail and takes you into Monache Meadows on the Inyo National Forest. Best suited for intermediate to advanced riders. Make sure you have enough gas. (10 plus miles)

Dead Doe (115) Trail starts from the (111) Trail and takes you back to the (111) Best suited for all riders. (2.7 miles)

Bonita Vista (116) Trail takes off from the (103) Trail and winds up on an open hilltop with an elevation of 9461'. Best suited for all riders. (1.5 miles)

Sherman Peak (117) Trail starts from the (103) trail. This trail provides access to the Sherman Pass 4x4 Trail. It will take you up to Sherman Peak where you will have a 360 degree view of the surrounding mountains. Best suited for advanced riders. (6 miles)

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
Porterville, CA 93257
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING **WINTER RECREATION CODE OF ETHICS:**

1. I will respect the rights of all winter recreationists to enjoy the beauty of the winter wonderland. I will respect public and private property.
2. I will park considerately, taking no more space than needed, without blocking other vehicles or impeding access to trails, or, **without impeding access for emergency vehicles.**
3. I will keep to the right when meeting another winter recreationist. I will yield the right-of-way to traffic moving downhill.
4. I will slow down and use caution when approaching or overtaking another.
5. I will respect designated areas, trail use signs and established ski tracts.
6. When stopping, I will not block the trail.
7. I will not disturb wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.
8. I will pack out everything I packed in and will not litter.
9. I realize that my destination objective and travel speed should be determined by my equipment, ability, the terrain, the weather, and the traffic on the trail. In case of emergency, I will volunteer assistance.
10. I will not interfere with or harass others. I recognize that people judge all skiers or snowmobilers by my actions.

NEW LAW ON GREEN STICKER PLACEMENT
SNOWMOBILES: On the left tunnel on the back.

CAUTION: A phone line exists on the Kern Plateau that is in the same vicinity as some of the OSV trails. PLEASE READ THE MAP AND BE AWARE OF ITS LOCATION. The Phone line begins at the Blackrock Information Station crossing the Blackrock Road. It then parallels the Sherman Pass Road on the west side for about 2 1/2 miles, where it crosses, again paralleling, the east side of the Sherman Pass Road for about 1 1/2 miles. The phone line then crosses the Sherman Pass Road on the west side for about 1/2 mile, and then back to the east side of the Sherman Pass Road for about 1/2 mile. It crosses the Mahogany Trail where it dead-ends at the Bald Mountain Lookout.