



Greenhorn Mountains Recreation Area

Sequoia National Forest

Kern River Ranger District

Welcome to the Kern River Ranger District. If you are looking for a high elevation campground, a quiet camping area or just to get out of the heat, here is a guide to what you will find in the Greenhorn Mountains. Campgrounds in the Greenhorn Mountains operate on a first-come, first-served basis. They may offer limited services, but no fees are charged.

Developed Campgrounds:

EVANS FLAT - 45 miles northeast of Bakersfield via Highway 155 and Rancheria Road (Road 25S15); Paved and dirt road; 21 family units (5 designated for equestrian use); toilets; no water; wooded sites next to a large meadow; elevation 6,000'; self-service; suitable for trailers up to 20 feet. Stock troughs and fenced pasture adjacent to campground. Supplies in Bakersfield or Wofford Heights. Open May to October based on snow conditions.

ALDER CREEK - 11 miles east of Glennville via State Highway 155 and Alder Creek Road (Road 25S04). Paved and dirt road; 12 family units; toilets; no water; creekside, oak woodland sites; elevation 3,900'; self-service; suitable for trailers and recreational vehicles 20 feet long; fishing in season. Supplies in Glennville or Wofford Heights. Open May to October.

CEDAR CREEK - 10 miles east of Glennville via State Highway 155 and 20 miles west of Wofford Heights. Paved road; 10 family units; toilets; no water; available May thru October; creekside, wooded sites; elevation 4,800'; self-service; unsuitable for trailers; fishing in season. Supplies in Glennville or Wofford Heights. Open yearlong.

OAK FLAT LOOKOUT - Located 25 miles east of Bakersfield via Rancheria Road. Where can you experience camping with a view? Historical Oak Flat Lookout, overlooking scenic Kern River, is available for daily rental through the National Recreation Reservation Service ([877-444-6777](tel:877-444-6777)). At an elevation of 4,900 feet, it provides clear skies and solitude for recreational visitors. **CLOSED****

LENGTH OF STAY - Camping in the National Forest is limited to a total of 14 days in a 30 day period. In non fee areas the limit is 28 days per calendar year. Each site allows for six people or immediate family members.

SANITATION - Please, no cleaning of fish or washing of dishes, clothes, or hair at fountains or in the river or streams. Besides attracting insects, clogged drains may result. Detergents can also contaminate creeks and streams that can kill fish and other wildlife.

FIREARMS/FIREWORKS - Discharging firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of a campground, trail, road, recreation area or across a body of water. Fireworks are not allowed on the Sequoia National Forest.

Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.

When you leave your campsite,
Take all garbage, large and small.

PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!



FISHING - Fishing is open year round in Kern County with a 5-trout limit; 2-bass, 15" size limit; and catfish, no limit. "2-pole" stamp does not apply to the Kern River.

FAMILY CAMPGROUND COURTESY AND PETS-

Respect the rights and privacy of other campers. Place trash in receptacles or pack it out with you. Treat signs, tables, and facilities as if they were your own. Keep noise to a minimum and leave your campsite the way you would like to find it. Pets are welcome. In developed recreation areas, pets must be under your control and on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please be courteous and dispose properly of your pet's waste.

OHV's AND MOUNTIAN BIKES

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's) that are licensed or registered under the Green Sticker program are allowed on dirt roads signed for their use with a brown and white Forest Service Road Sign. These roads also appear on the Sequoia National Forest Map. All trails outside wilderness areas are open for bicycles unless signed closed.

Trip Tips:

The Kern River is swift, cold and can be dangerous. Hazardous rapids and powerful currents can result in tragedy. Swimming and floating on water toys is **NOT** recommended. Children should always be closely supervised near the river.

To protect the Kern River, overnight camping is not allowed between Live Oak Day Use area traveling northeast along Highway 178 to Milepost 24. Minimize impact by always camping at least 100 feet from streams and trails. Pack out what you pack in.

CAMPFIRE PERMITS

You may want a campfire for cooking, enjoying its warmth, and roasting marshmallows.



For campfires, stoves, lanterns or barbeques used outside a campground or recreational vehicle and some developed campgrounds, you need a campfire permit.

The permit is free, valid for a full year from January 1 to December 31, and may be obtained in person from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, CAL FIRE offices, or online at permit.preventwildfiresca.org. Your responsibilities for building and putting out your fire safely are explained on the campfire permit. 36 CFR 261.52(k) PRC 4433.

Be aware that as fire danger becomes greater, campfires may be prohibited. Please check to find out if there are fire restrictions in the area where you intend to camp.

You are welcome to gather dead and down wood to use for your campfire, but not to take home unless you obtain a fuelwood permit.

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

Forest Supervisor's Office
220 East Morton Ave
Porterville, CA 93257
559-784-1500

