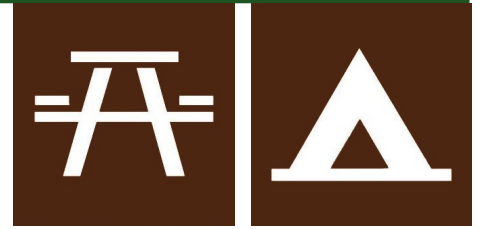




# Recreation Area

## Kern Plateau

### Sequoia National Forest



Welcome to the Kern Plateau. The diversity of this unique area provides a wide range of camping facilities for the Forest visitor. If you are looking for a developed campground, an area to relax and get away from it all, or a place to hitch up your horses, here is a guide to what you will find in the high country. Enjoy your stay and come visit again.

#### DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS:

**HORSE MEADOW:** 38 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99, Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05) and Cherry Hill Rd. (22S12). Paved and dirt roads; 41 units including 15 suitable for RV's up to 22'; restrooms; piped water; and no trash collection. Elev. 7,600 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

**TROY MEADOW:** 53 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99 and Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05), or 34 miles west of Hwy. 395 via Nine Mile Canyon Rd. (J41). Paved roads; 73 units including 10 suitable for RV's up to 24'; restrooms; piped well water. There is no trash collection. Elev. 7,800 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

**FISH CREEK:** 54 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99 and Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05), or 32 miles west of Hwy. 395 via Nine Mile Canyon Rd. (J41). Paved roads; 40 units including 12 suitable for RV's up to 24'; restrooms; piped well water. There is no trash collection. Elev. 7,400 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

#### DISPERSED CAMPING AREAS:

On the Kern Plateau you will find many dispersed camping areas free of charge, which are great for visitors with self-contained units and large groups. These areas may not have facilities and require a campfire permit. Some of the more popular areas include Troy Meadow Overflow, Fish Creek Overflow, Bonita Meadow, South Fork of the Kern River around Kennedy Meadows and Big Meadow.

#### PUBLIC PASTURES:

Public pastures are available on the Kern Plateau for use by horses and stock animals. These include the following meadows: Big North and West, Cannell, Manter, Beach and Paloma. These areas are free of charge and are on a first-come, first serve basis. Camping is allowed adjacent to these pastures.

#### HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

The length of stay at any campground or dispersed camping area is limited to a total of 14 days in one 30 day period. Camping is only permitted for 28 days per calendar year in dispersed area.

#### Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.

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

**PACK IT IN!**

**PACK IT OUT!**

#### TRAILHEAD FACILITY

Additional stock facilities and overnight accommodations for hikers and horse-back riders are provided at the Blackrock Trailhead located seven miles north of Blackrock Visitor Information Station. This site allows a one-night stay for visitors who plan to travel into the Golden Trout Wilderness. It is first-come, first serve and is free of charge. No water.



## 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.preventwildfires.ca.org](http://permit.preventwildfires.ca.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](tel:760-376-3781)

**Blackrock Information Station**  
**CLOSED**

**Forest Supervisor's Office**  
220 East Morton Ave  
Porterville, CA 93257  
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



## Vehicles:

All vehicles must be parked on the designated spur adjacent to the campsite. Troy Meadow and Fish Creek Campgrounds are the only campgrounds that permit Off-highway vehicles. They are not to be operated within the campground except to enter or leave. Joy riding in the campground is not permitted. 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.



## Pets:

Pets are welcome in developed recreational 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.

## Campground Courtesy:

Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 6 am.

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 there were your own. Keep noise to a minimum.

Leave your campsite the way you would like to find it.

## Bears & Other Wild Things:

Black bears and other scavengers such as raccoons, squirrels, and jays live in Sequoia National Forest and they are naturally attracted to food and other scented items such as sunscreen and citronella candles.



Please protect your food and your personal safety by storing coolers and all other food and scented items inside the provided bear box or inside your vehicle whenever you are not using them.

**Keep a clean campsite and never feed wild animals!**