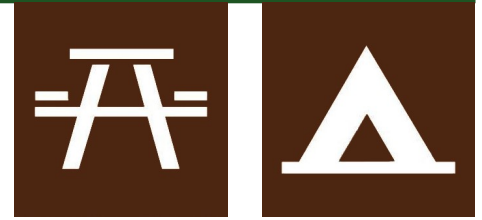




Recreation Areas

Sequoia National Forest

Upper Kern Canyon



Welcome to the Kern River Ranger District. Whether you are looking for a campground, a quiet camping area or a picnic facility, here is a guide to the recreation sites located in the Upper Kern Canyon, north of Kernville.

Reservations and Fees:

The campgrounds sites are operated under a concessionaire program with Rocky Mountain Recreation (RMR). Reservations can be made for the developed fee campsites by calling Recreation.gov at [1-877-444-6777](tel:1-877-444-6777) (TDD [877-833-6777](tel:877-833-6777)), or online at <http://recreation.gov/> at least 5 days prior to your arrival. A certain percentage of campsites also operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

Senior and Access Passes are accepted at these U.S. Forest Service campgrounds, and entitle the card holder to a 50% discount on federal use fees (Not including Day Use).

Picnic Sites:

Riverkern Beach - 3 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Beach area, DAY USE ONLY. Paved road and parking area; Tables; Toilets; No drinking water; Elevation 2,650 feet. Open year round; Supplies at Kernville and Riverkern. **Campfires or barbecues are not allowed on the beach.**

Corral Creek Beach - 8 miles north of Kernville via Mtn. 99. Beach area, DAY USE ONLY. Paved road and parking area; Tables; Toilets; No drinking water; Elevation 3,000 feet. Open year round; Supplies at Riverkern, Fairview and McNally's. **Campfires or barbecues are not allowed on the beach**

Roads End - 16 ¼ miles north of Kernville via Mtn. 99. Beach area, DAY USE ONLY. Paved road and parking area; Tables; Toilets; No drinking water, Elevation 3,500 feet. Open year round; Supplies at Riverkern and McNally's. **Campfires or barbecues are not allowed on the beach.**

Fishing:

Fishing is open year round in Kern County on Lake Isabella and streams north of the lake leading to the Kern River with a bag and possession limit of 5 trout. In Tulare County fishing season for streams leading to the Kern River is the last Saturday in April through November 15, bag limit 5 trout per day, 10 in possession. From Lake Isabella north to Johnsondale Bridge along the Kern River fishing is open year round with a bag limit of 5 trout per day, 10 in possession. The SPECIAL REGULATION FOUR MILE SECTION from the Johnsondale Bridge upstream to the point where the River Trail 33E30 heads east to join the Rincon Trail, fishing from the last Saturday in April through November 15 is a 2 trout limit, minimum size of 14 inches, using ONLY artificial lures with barb less hooks. In this same SPECIAL REGULATION FOUR MILE SECTION, fishing from November 16 to the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April is CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY using artificial lures with barb less hooks. Special fishing regulations apply in the Golden Trout Wilderness. It is the responsibility of the angler to be aware of all fishing regulations that apply to these waters.

Dispersed Camping Areas:

Along the Upper Kern Canyon, there are dispersed camping areas, free of charge, which are great for campers with self-contained units or large groups of people. **Campfire permits are required** when camping in these areas and reservations are not accepted. **However, camping and the use of campfires are not permitted within 25 feet of the river's edge, streams or trails.** Chemical toilets and trash receptacles are provided in most of these areas for your convenience during high use months. We ask that you please use them. In areas that do not provide these services, **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.

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 use is limited to 28 days per calendar year. A limit of 6 persons or members of an immediate family per camp site in developed campgrounds.

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 bodies of water that can kill fish and other wildlife.

Developed Campgrounds:

Headquarters- 4 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 44 family units; including 1 accessible family site; Trailers up to 27'; Toilets; Water; Elevation 2,800 feet. Open year round; Supplies at Kernville and Riverkern. Standard \$34 per night, \$8 for each additional vehicle. Yurts \$106 per night.

Camp 3 - 5 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 52 family units; 2 accessible group sites for 30 people-\$147; Trailers up to 30'; Toilets; Water; Elevation 2,800 feet. Open May to Sept; Supplies at Kernville and Riverkern. Standard \$34 per night, \$8 for each additional vehicle. 1 accessible group site for 30 people - \$147.

Hospital Flat - 6.5 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 40 family units; including 1 accessible family site with ramp; Trailers up to 30'; Toilets; Water; Elevation 3,000 feet. Open Jan to Sept; Supplies at Kernville and Riverkern. Standard \$34 per night, Group#1 - 30 people maximum; \$145.00 per night; Open May to Sept. \$8 for each additional vehicle.

Goldledge- 10 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 37 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Toilets; Water; Elevation 3,200 feet. Open May to Sept; Supplies at McNally's. Standard \$34 per night, \$8 for each additional vehicle.

Fairview - 16 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 55 family units including 1 accessible family site; Trailers up to 45'; Toilets; Water; Elevation 3,500 feet. Open March. to Nov.; Supplies at McNally's. \$34 per night, \$8 for each additional vehicle.

Limestone - 19 miles north of Kernville along the Kern River via Mtn. 99. Paved road; 20 family units; Trailers up to 30'; Toilets; No drinking water; Elevation 3,800 feet. Open March. to Oct.; Supplies at McNally's. \$34 per night, \$8 for each additional vehicle.

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
220 East Morton Ave
Porterville, CA 93257
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)

