



Fishing Regulations Made Easy

Sequoia National Forest

Kern River Ranger District



Everyone 16 years old or older must have a California fishing license. Those under 16 years old must still obey all limits and size restrictions.

Lake Isabella:

Fishing on Lake Isabella is open all year.

Limits are as follows:

Black Bass- 2 fish with a 15 inch minimum total length

(Large mouth Bass)

(Small mouth Bass)

Trout and Salmon-5 fish limit - combined.

Crappie- 25 fish Limit - 25 fish in possession

Catfish- No Limit

Bluegill and other Sunfish- No Limit

Carp- No Limit

Pike minnow- No Limit

(Fishing regulations for the Valley District apply)

North Fork of the Kern River:

From Lake Isabella to the Johnsondale Bridge:

Fishing on this section of river is open all year. Lures, bait, flies etc. may be used. The regular California Fish and Game regulations for the Sierra District apply (5 trout limit and 5 trout in possession).

From the Johnsondale Bridge upstream to the Sequoia National Park boundary:

Open all year. Only artificial lures may be used. 2 trout

Tributaries of the Kern River– North and South Forks:

Open all year. Only artificial lures may be used. 2 trout.

South Fork of the Kern River:

Open all year. Only artificial lures may be used. 2 trout

Golden Trout Wilderness: (Excluding the main stream of the Kern River.)

Open all year. Only artificial lures may be used. 2 trout.

Regulation information taken from the California Sport Fishing Regulations California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

For more information please contact CA Fish and Wildlife at [\(559\) 243-4005](tel:5592434005)

