



Sequoia National Forest – Kern River Ranger District



We are available to provide information and guidance to additional resources during normal business hours:

Monday-Sunday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

(Daily Memorial through Labor Day **only**)

Please **call 760-376-3781** for assistance, or **email** us at:

SM.FS.SequoiaNF@usda.gov

You can also find information on our **website**:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia>

Or via the following social media applications:

Facebook – [@SequoiaNF](https://www.facebook.com/SequoiaNF)

Twitter – [@sequoiaforest](https://twitter.com/sequoiaforest)

OnCell – sequoia.ocell.com

When visiting the Sequoia National Forest, please be aware of the following:

- **Know before you GO!**
- **Pack in, Pack Out** – please pack out all trash and waste
- **Toilet facilities may be unavailable** – please plan accordingly
- **Be prepared for winter travel, roads and passes can close in a moments notice.**
- **Water** may be only seasonal, unpotable, or unavailable. Please check water availability and other amenity information at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sequoia/recreation/camping-cabins>
- **NO glass food or beverage containers are allowed** on the Kern River or shores of Lake Isabella
- To review **detailed information on current closures and restrictions, including any related to campfires**, please review **Sequoia National Forest Alerts & Notices** here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sequoia/alerts-notices>
- Please visit <https://permit.preventwildfiresca.org/> to obtain a campfire/stove use permit. **Always check with the ranger district or visit the Alerts & Notices link above to check for campfire restrictions. Obey all posted signs.**
- **Avoid high-risk activities** – law enforcement and search and rescue operations may be limited
- If an area is crowded, please search for a less occupied location and **practice social distancing**
- There is **no cell phone coverage** throughout most of the Forest
- **Hiking trails** are generally open so long as access is not affected by a Forest Order, seasonal, or other closure (see link for Alerts & Notices above for current closures)
- Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/sequoia/recreation> or contact us via phone or email for current information on **recreational opportunities**
- Per Forest Order #0513-21-16, **camping in the Sequoia National Forest is limited to 14 days per every 30-day period.**
- For OHV use please have **red/green** sticker registration, approved spark arrestors. OHV sound testing will take place this year. 96 DBAs is the noise limit after January of 1986. Stay on Designated trails.

CAMPGROUNDS – The following camping areas are currently: **OPEN**

Most (see below) sites reservable via [recreation.gov](https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation) or by calling 877-444-6777 at least 5 days and up to 240 days in advance of the camping date. Some sites may be available on a first come, first served basis outside of the reservation window.

*Campgrounds with a single asterisk denote first come, first serve

**a double asterisk indicates sites that accept America the Beautiful Pass

| Lake Isabella: | | |
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| Auxiliary Dam** | \$12 | Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$8/second vehicle |
| Camp 9* | \$34-\$212 | Group sites; Boat launch ramp; RV dumpsite with automated fee collection \$20; Boat Launch |
| Hungry Gulch | \$34 | Reserve on Recreation.gov |
| Hanning Flat* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Old Isabella** | \$12 | \$12/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp; RV dumpsite with automated fee collection |
| Paradise Cove | \$34 | RV dumpsite (fee applies) |
| South Fork Recreation Area** | \$12 | Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$12/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp |
| Stine Cove* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Tillie Creek | \$34- \$280 | Group sites available; Boat launch ramp |
| Boulder Gulch | \$34 | Reserve on Recreation.gov |
| French Gulch Group | \$405 | Reserve on Recreation.gov |

| Upper Kern River: | | |
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| Ant Canyon* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Brush Creek* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Calkins Flat* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Chamise Flat* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Chico Flat* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Corral Creek* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Springhill* | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable |
| Halfway | \$57-\$232 | Group site(s) ONLY |
| Old Goldledge*** | Free | Dispersed camping – not reservable *for this summer only |
| Limestone | \$34 | Maximum trailer length 30' No Water |
| Fairview | \$34 | Maximum trailer length 45' |
| Goldledge | \$34 | Maximum trailer length 30' |
| Hospital Flat | \$34 | Maximum trailer length 30' |
| Camp 3 | \$34 | Maximum trailer length 30' |
| Headquarters | \$34-\$145 | Yurt rental available; Maximum vehicle length 27' |

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| ThunderBird Group | \$57-127 | Maximum trailer length 45' |
| Day Use Areas: | | |
| Corral Creek | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily |
| River Kern Beach | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily |
| Roads End Use | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch |
| Johnsondale Bridge | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch |

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| Lower Kern River/Greenhorn Mountains: Be prepared for winter travel know before you go, passes will close with snow. | | |
| Breckenridge* | Free | OPEN No water. NOT suitable for trailers; Not reservable (developed campsites) |
| Sandy Flat | \$34 | OPEN; Boat put-in/take-out, Reserve on Recreation.gov |
| Evans Flat | Free | OPEN; Not reservable (developed campsites) No Water |
| Hobo | \$34 | OPEN; Reserve on Recreation.gov |
| Alder Creek | Free | <i>Dispersed;</i> No water |
| Cedar Creek | Free | CLOSED; Dispersed; No water |

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| Kern Plateau: Be prepared for winter travel know before you go, passes will close with snow. | | |
| Horse Meadow | \$17* | <i>First come first serve. \$17 a night.</i> Non-potable water |
| Troy Meadow | \$17* | <i>First come first serve. \$17 a night.</i> Non-potable water |
| Fish Creek | \$17* | <i>First come first serve. \$17 a night.</i> Non-potable water |

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| Piute Mountain Dispersed Camping: Be prepared for winter travel know before you go, passes will close with snow. | | |
| Landers Camp | Free* | <i>First come first serve.</i> No water |
| French Meadow | Free* | <i>First come first serve.</i> No water |
| Browns Meadow | Free* | <i>First come first serve.</i> No water |

DAY USE – The following DAY USE AREAS

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| Day Use Areas: | | |
| Note: Per FOREST ORDER NO. 0513-21-06 , effective from July 11, 2023, to June 30, 2025, Day Use areas are open from sunrise to sunset as determined according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Solar Calculator specifications for the city of Los Angeles: https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/ | | |
| | <i>Use Fee</i> | <i>Notes</i> |
| Delonegha | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch |
| Democrat | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch |
| Kissack Cove | Free | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch |
| Upper Richbar | \$12 | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily |
| Lower Richbar | \$12 | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; |
| Live Oak North | \$12 | No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; |

| Road Statuses | |
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| Mountain 99 | OPEN |
| Walker Pass (SR 178 East) | OPEN |
| SR 178 West (Bakersfield) | OPEN |
| SR 155 (Greenhorn Mountains) | OPEN |
| Rancheria Road (25S15) | OPEN |
| Sherman Pass (22S05) to snow line | OPEN |
| Sawmill Road (26S03) | OPEN |
| Old State Road | OPEN |
| Breckenridge (through Havilah) | OPEN |
| Piute Mountain Road | OPEN |
| Sierra Way Closed S. of Stine Cove | CLOSED |

| OHV Trail Statuses | |
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| Cyrus Canyon OHV Park | OPEN |
| Greenhorn Mountains | OPEN |
| Breckenridge Mountain | OPEN |
| Piute Mountains | OPEN |
| Kern Plateau | Closed at Cherry Hill |
| Scodie Mountains | OPEN |

| Boat Launches | |
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| French Gulch | OPEN |
| Launch 19 | OPEN |
| Old Isabella Highwater | OPEN – FEE area \$12 |
| Old Isabella Low Water | OPEN – FEE area \$12 |
| South Fork Rec | OPEN - FEE area \$12 |
| Camp 9 | OPEN – FEE area \$12 |