



# 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](mailto: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.oncell.com](http://sequoia.oncell.com)

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

- **Pack in, Pack Out** – please pack out all trash and waste
- **Toilet facilities may be unavailable** – please plan accordingly
- **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-notice>
- 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.**

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

Most (see below) sites reservable via [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) 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 requiring the Southern Sierra or America the Beautiful Pass

Lake Isabella:		
	\$ Per Night	Notes
Auxiliary Dam**	\$12	<b>OPEN</b> Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$8/second vehicle
Camp 9*	\$25-\$200	Group sites <b>CLOSED Due to Flooding</b> indefinitely; Boat launch ramp; <b>RV dumpsite</b> with automated fee collection; Boat Launch

Hungry Gulch	\$32	<b>OPEN</b> Reserve on Recreation.gov
Hanning Flat*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Old Isabella**	\$12	<b>OPEN</b> \$8/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp; <b>RV dumpsite</b> with automated fee collection
Paradise Cove	\$32	<b>OPEN RV dumpsite</b> (fee applies)
South Fork Recreation Area**	\$12	<b>OPEN</b> Daily passes sold at onsite kiosk; \$12/second vehicle; Boat launch ramp
Stine Cove*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Tillie Creek	\$32-\$608	<b>OPEN</b> Group sites available; Boat launch ramp
Boulder Gulch	\$32	<b>OPEN</b> Reserve on Recreation.gov

<b>Upper Kern River:</b>		
	<i>\$ Per Night</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Ant Canyon*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Brush Creek*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Calkins Flat*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Chamise Flat*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Chico Flat*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Corral Creek*	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Fairview	\$32	<b>OPEN</b> Maximum vehicle length 45'
Halfway	\$48-\$200	<b>OPEN</b> Group site(s) ONLY
Headquarters	\$32-\$100	<b>Closed.</b> Yurt rental available; Maximum vehicle length 27'
Old Goldledge***	Free	<b>CLOSED Due to Flooding</b> ***Permits are required during high use holiday weekends – Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Permits are FREE and awarded through a lottery system. Request forms and more information may be obtained online at <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sequoia/recarea/?recid=82648">https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sequoia/recarea/?recid=82648</a>
River Kern Beach	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
Springhill North	Free	<b>OPEN</b> Dispersed camping – No Reservation Needed
Roads End Use	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Johnsondale Bridge	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch

<b>Lower Kern River/Greenhorn Mountains:</b>		
	<i>\$ Per Night</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Breckenridge*	Free	<b>No water.</b> NOT suitable for trailers; Not reservable (developed campsites)
Sandy Flat	\$32	<b>OPEN</b> Boat put-in/take-out. Reserve on Recreation.gov
Evans Flat	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No Reservation Needed (developed campsites) No Water
Hobo	\$32	<b>CLOSED Due to Flooding</b>

<b>Kern Plateau:</b>		
	<i>\$ Per Night</i>	<i>First come first serve. \$17 a night.</i>
Horse Meadow	\$17	<b>OPEN No Water</b>
Troy Meadow	\$17	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fish Creek	\$17	<b>OPEN No Water</b>

Current as of 6/1/2023

**DAY USE** – The following DAY USE AREAS

<b>Day Use Areas:</b>		
<b>Note:</b> Per <b>FOREST ORDER NO. 0513-21-06</b> , effective from January 30, 2021, to January 29, 2023, 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: <a href="https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/">https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/</a>		
	<i>Use Fee</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Delonegha	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Democrat	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Kissack Cove	Free	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily; Boat launch
Upper Richbar	\$12	<b>OPEN</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily
Live Oak	\$12	<b>CLOSED</b> No camping; Day use between sunrise and sunset daily

<b>Road Statuses</b>	
Mountain 99	<b>OPEN</b>
Walker Pass (SR 178 East)	<b>OPEN</b>
SR 178 West (Bakersfield)	<b>CLOSED</b>
SR 155 (Greenhorn Mountains)	<b>CLOSED</b>
Rancheria Road (25S15) from 178	<b>OPEN</b>
Sherman Pass (22S05) Eastside	<b>OPEN</b>
Sawmill Road (26S03) – open 5/26	<b>CLOSED</b>
Breckenridge (through Havilah)	<b>OPEN</b>
Piute Mountain Road	<b>OPEN</b>
Saddle Springs Road	<b>OPEN</b>

<b>OHV Trail Statuses</b>	
Cyrus Canyon OHV Park	<b>OPEN</b>
Greenhorn Mountains	<b>OPEN</b>
Breckenridge Mountain	<b>OPEN</b>
Piute Mountains	<b>OPEN</b>
Kern Plateau	<b>CLOSED</b>
Scodie Mountains	<b>OPEN</b>