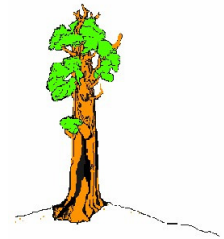




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**JULY, 2008**

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**CAUTION:** Exercise extreme caution when hiking next to streams and rivers or when crossing them is necessary. The Kern River and Little Kern should be crossed at bridges only. When in the forest be wary of dead trees or snags as they may fall at anytime. When heading for the mountains bring extra clothing, food, and water and let someone know your destination.



**CAMPFIRE PERMITS:** **Fire Restrictions have been implemented.** Campfire permits are required and may be obtained free of charge from any Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or California Department of Forestry offices. [Now also available online!](#)

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Please call the ranger district offices for current road conditions, or the Highway Patrol (559) 445-6702 or the CALTRANS Road Conditions recorded message number (800) 427-7623 for current road conditions in California. **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED!!!**

**RIVER PERMITS:** Whitewater boating permits are required for the Kern River. Permits are free of charge and can be obtained from district offices in Springville, Kernville, and Lake Isabella.

**PERSONAL USE WOODCUTTING:** **Fuelwood cutting is OPEN for the season.** Wood permits are available at the District Offices: Hume Lake, Springville, Kernville, Lake Isabella and Supervisor's Office in Porterville. Price is \$10.00 per cord with a minimum purchase of 2 cords.

**OHV:** For the purpose of protecting the objects included in the Monument, motorized vehicle use will be permitted only on designated roads; motorized vehicles are not permitted on trails or cross country; and non-motorized mechanized vehicle (bicycles) use will be permitted only on designated roads and trails.

**HUNTING AND FISHING:** Public land in the Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia National Forest is open to hunting and fishing with a valid California hunting or fishing license. Check your California fishing or hunting regulations booklets for information. **NO SHOOTING FROM VEHICLES, ACROSS ROADS, OVER STREAMS/BODIES OF WATER, WITHIN 150 YARDS OF A CAMPGROUND OR OTHER STRUCTURES, OR ENDANGERING ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY.** Fishing season is open year-round in Kern County and on the Tule River drainage. It is the responsibility of those fishing to know the rules and regulations. Check your California Fishing Regulations booklet for information.

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The **National Recreation Reservation Service** is accepting reservations for the **2008** Recreation Season. Campsite and some Cabin reservations can now be made a year in advance. Daily operating hours are 8 a.m. to 12 midnight EST. The toll free number to call: **1-877-444-NRRS (6777)**. The reservation fee is \$9.00. Reservations can be made on the internet 24 hours a day at this web site: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Be prepared to provide some information when making a reservation such as: which campground you prefer, what type of site you want, camp by what means (tent or trailer), what days you plan to travel, and method of payment.

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## HUME LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

HUME LAKE RANGER DISTRICT  
35860 East Kings Canyon Road  
Dunlap, CA 93621

559-338-2251 (voice and TDD)

Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. , Monday – Friday

NOTE: The District Office will be open on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

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### CAMPGROUNDS:

The following campgrounds are **OPEN** for the summer season:

Princess (water, vault toilet)	\$17/night (Available by reservation)
Stony Creek (water, flush toilet)	\$19/night (Available by reservation)
Upper Stony Creek (water, vault toilet)	\$15/night
Landslide (water, vault toilet)	\$15/night
Hume Lake (water, flush toilet)	\$19/night (Available by reservation)
Eshom (water, vault toilet)	\$17/night
Ten Mile (no water, vault toilet)	\$15/night
Convict Flat, King’s Canyon (no water, vault toilet)	no fee
Big Meadow, Horse Camp and Buck Rock (no water, vault toilet)	no fee

#### **All Group campgrounds are OPEN**

Aspen Hollow	\$181.50/night
Logger Flat	\$93.50/night
Cove	\$93.50/night
Fir	\$181.50/night

To make reservations: 1-877-444-6777 or [www.Reservation.com](http://www.Reservation.com)

#### **The following campgrounds are open year-round:**

Mill Flat, Camp 4, Camp 4½ and Green Cabin Flat, Lower Kings River (no water, vault toilet) no fee.

### KING’S CANYON AND SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK:

In the Grant Grove area, Azalea Campground is **open**, Crystal Springs and Sunset are **open**. Big Stump Day Use is **open**. In Sequoia National Park, Lodgepole, Potwisha and South Fork Campgrounds are **open**. Dorst and Buckeye Campgrounds are **open**.

### WILDERNESS:

Deer Cove Trailhead for access into Monarch Wilderness is **Open** for the summer season. Trailheads into Jennie Lakes Wilderness are **Open** for the summer season.

### CAVERN:

Boyden Cavern is **Open** for the winter season. Call 866-762-8237 for further information.

### LODGING:

#### **Camp 4 1/2 Cabin: Located along the scenic Kings River**

This renovated and fully furnished "Ranger's Cabin" is available for rental year round and can accommodate individuals, families and groups up to 12 people. It's the perfect location for fishing, swimming, and kayaking. In the spring and summer, several rafting companies offer white water rafting. It is equipped with a generator to provide electricity, and has a propane stove and refrigerator, and a heater and swamp cooler.

Reservations can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 877-444-6777 or [www.Recreation.com](http://www.Recreation.com). Please call the District Office for more details, 559-338-2251.

#### **Rental Cabin: Big Meadow Guard Station is Open for summer season:**

The historical Big Meadows Guard Station and its facilities is available for rental from June 15 to October 15. Depending on weather, reservations may be extended.

Individuals, families and groups up to 12 persons will enjoy the cabin which is equipped with electric hot water heater, cook stove, refrigerator, base board type heater, and a wood stove. Reservations can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 877-444-6777 or [www.Reservation.com](http://www.Reservation.com). Please call the District Office for more details, 559-338-2251.

**Montecito-Sequoia Lodge: Open Year-Round!** Under Special Use Authorization with the Sequoia National Forest, Montecito-Sequoia offers lodging and recreation opportunities for families, groups and individuals. It is open year-round and is located on The General's Highway at an elevation of 7,600'. For reservations and more information call 1-800-227-9900.

**Stony Creek Lodge is open for summer season :** Under Special Use Authorization with the Sequoia National Forest, Stony Creek Lodge offers lodging, dining, market, gas, diesel and showers. The Lodge is located on General's Highway between Big Meadows Road and Stony Creek Campground. For reservations or additional information call 1-866-522-6966 or [www.kcanyon.com](http://www.kcanyon.com). Lodging rates include television, internet and telephones in the guest rooms.

**PACK STATION:**

**Horse Corral Pack Station is open for summer season:** Under Special Use Authorization with the Sequoia National Forest, Horse Corral Pack Station offers a variety of horseback riding opportunities. Day, half-day, one hour, extended trips, spot trips and all-expense trips are available. For more information please call 559-564-6429 (winter number). The Pack Station is located on Big Meadows Road.

**ROADS:**

Hwy 180 into Kings Canyon is **open** at Hume Lake Road. Most forest roads are **open** for the summer season. Please call District Office for up-to-date information on road conditions. Always check road and weather conditions before departure 1-800-427-7612.

**WOODCUTTING:**

Personal use fuelwood season is **open**. Wood permits are available at the District Office. Price is \$10.00 per cord with a minimum purchase of 2 cords.

**OTHER:**

For up-to-date road and weather information for Sequoia National Park, please call 559-565-3341 and select #4. For information on the Grant Grove area, please call 559-335-2856. Gas and diesel is available at Hume Lake Christian Conference, 24 hours with a credit card. The store is open 7 days/week from 8 am to 5 pm, except Holidays.

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## WESTERN DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT

SPRINGVILLE RANGER STATION  
32588 Hwy 190  
Springville, CA 93265

(559) 539-2607  
Denise Alonzo - contact  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

For specific and up-to-date information on trails, roads, & campgrounds, please call the Springville Ranger Station.

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### CABIN RENTALS:

The Poso Station Cabin and Wishon Cabins are available for overnight stays year-round. The Mountain Home Cabin **OPEN**, Frog Meadow Cabin (**CLOSED**), and Quaking Aspen Cabin is **OPEN** so far. For general questions about the cabins, call the Springville Ranger Station at (559) 539-2607. **For reservations, please call NRRS toll free at (877) 444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)**

### CAMPGROUNDS:

Campgrounds that are **OPEN** at this time, are listed below. The others will open May 15, 2008, weather depending. There are limited spots for first-come, first-served or you can make reservations. **For reservations, please call NRRS toll free at (877) 444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)**

Leavis Flat	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, open year-round
Wishon	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, open year-round
Belknap	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, 15 sites, no trailers
Coy Flat	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, 19 sites
Quaking Aspen	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, 12 sites
Redwood Meadow	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, 15 sites
Lower Peppermint	<b>OPEN</b>	\$14/night, 17 sites, no reservations
White River	<b>OPEN</b>	\$17/night, 12 sites
Holey Meadow Group	<b>OPEN</b>	\$82.50, max 60 people
Long Meadow Group	<b>OPEN</b>	\$55, max 25 people
Quaking Aspen Group	<b>OPEN</b>	\$24.75/\$49.50/\$104.50, max 12/25/50 people

### PICNIC/DAY USE:

Lower and Upper Coffee Camp are **OPEN**. DAY USE HOURS -weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m and weekends 6 a.m to 6 p.m. A \$5 parking fee is charged at Day Use Areas. The Trail of 100 Giants is **open** for the season.

### TRAIL OF 100 GIANTS:

This trail is one of the most popular hiking trails in the Giant Sequoia National Monument. It's accessible by road during the summer months (**May 15 – Nov. 15**, weather depending). It provides an easy walk on a fully accessible trail of short travel duration. The trail is a self-guided interpretive trail about 1.3 miles long. The Grove contains 125 giant sequoias over 10 feet in diameter and 143 sequoias fewer than 10 feet in diameter. The largest tree in the grove has a diameter of 20 feet and is 220 feet in height. The age of the trees are estimated to be between 500 and 1,500 years old.

### TRAILS & WILDERNESS:

The Jerkey Meadow and Forks of the Kern Trailheads off of Road 22S82 (Lloyd Meadow Road) is **open**. The Lewis Camp, Click's Creek, and Summit Trailheads Road 21S50 (North Road) are currently **open**. Trailheads are closed with the first significant winter snowfall. Recent snows have been as low as 3,000' so most of the trails in the Golden Trout Wilderness will have snow covering them.

Permits are required for overnight stays in the Golden Trout Wilderness. They can be obtained free of charge by stopping in or calling our offices. Changing weather conditions this time of year could bring snow even at the lower elevations. Always check the weather forecast before you go and tell someone you trust of your plans. Please exercise extreme caution when crossing streams and rivers. **Check with the ranger station for current information and weather conditions prior to travel.**

Remember that on trails, firearms and dogs are NOT allowed in Sequoia National Park. Dogs and firearms ARE allowed in the Sequoia National Forest.

**ROADS:**

Most Forest Service Roads are **open** with warmer weather. Check weather reports and call the ranger station about the status of particular roads before heading out. Changing weather conditions this time of year could bring snow even at the lower elevations. Always check the weather forecast before you go and tell someone you trust of your plans. Carry tire chains in your vehicle as well as extra food, water, and warm clothing.

**PACK STATIONS:**

**Golden Trout Wilderness Pack Station:** Under Special Use Authorization with the Sequoia National Forest, the Golden Trout Wilderness Pack Station offers a variety of horseback riding opportunities. The Pack Station is located off the North Road, Forest Road 21S50, north of Quaking Aspen Campground. For more information please call (559) 535-5304 or visit [www.goldentroutpacktrains.com](http://www.goldentroutpacktrains.com)

**Balch Park Pack Station:** Located near Balch County Park and Mountain Home State Forest, the Balch Park Pack Station offers a variety of horseback riding opportunities. For more information please call (559) 539-2227 or visit [www.balchpark.com](http://www.balchpark.com)

**FISHING AND HUNTING:**

Fishing season is open in some areas year around, such as the Tule River Drainage. Other areas open the last Saturday in April through November 15. Be sure and check the Fish and Game regulation book (available at district offices) for specifics and current rules and regulations. You must have a valid fishing license in possession. This information is also available on the California Department of Fish and Game website: [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov).

**OTHER CAMPGROUNDS:**

**Balch Park Campground** is **OPEN:** Phone (559) 539-3896.

**Mountain Home State Forest Campgrounds** are **OPEN:** Phone (559) 539-2321.

**Cholollo Campground on the Tule River Indian Reservation:** Phone (559) 781-4271

**GLASS BOTTLES NOT  
ALLOWED ON THE  
TULE RIVER**

In response to large amounts of broken glass found along the Tule River the Forest Service has closed a portion of the River to alcoholic beverages in glass containers. This needed to be done in order to protect public health and safety for visitors in the "area," said District Ranger Priscilla Summers. Possessing or storing alcoholic beverages in glass containers is prohibited along the Tule River from Wishon Campground to its intersection with Highway 190 and from the Forest Service boundary along Highway 190 to the Moorehouse Fish Hatchery located just below Camp Nelson.

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## KERN RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

**KERNVILLE OFFICE**  
105 Whitney Road, Kernville, CA  
PO Box 9, Kernville, CA 93238  
Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week  
Contact - Sherry Montgomery 760-376-3781

**LAKE ISABELLA OFFICE**  
4875 Ponderosa Dr.  
P.O. Box 3810, Lake Isabella, CA 93240  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week  
Contact - Geri Adams 760-379-5646

**For specific and up-to-date information on trails and roads please call the District Office.**

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### UPPER KERN RIVER CAMPGROUNDS:

The following campgrounds are **open** and available by reservation NRRS (877) 444-6777 or first come, first served: Contact the District Office for more information.

Headquarters	\$17.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.
Fairview	\$17.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.
Limestone	\$15.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.
Camp 3	\$17.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.
Hospital Flat	\$17.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.
Goldledge	\$17.00 per night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night.

### LOWER KERN RIVER:

The following campgrounds are **open** and available by reservation NRRS (877) 444-6777 or first-come, first-served:

Hobo	\$17/night	<b>OPEN</b>
Sandy Flat	\$17/night	<b>OPEN</b>

### DISPERSED CAMPING:

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. On the Lower Section, to protect the Kern River, no camping is allowed from Live Oak Day Use Area up-canyon 6 miles (mile mark 24), within 100 feet of the water's edge.

### PLATEAU CAMPING:

Horse Meadow, Troy Meadow, Kennedy Meadow and Fish Creek are **OPEN with a fee of \$17.00** per night.

### GREENHORN MOUNTAINS:

The Cedar Creek, Evans Flat and Alder Creek campgrounds are **OPEN**. NO RESERVATIONS/NO FEES, it has limited or NO services. Pack It In, Pack It Out!

### LAKE ISABELLA:

The following campgrounds are **open** and available by reservation NRRS (877) 444-6777 or first come, first served: Contact the District Office for more information.

Pioneer Point	\$19/night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night
Tillie Creek	\$19/night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$/night
Paradise Cove	\$19/night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night
Boulder Gulch	\$19/night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night
Hungry Gulch	\$19/night	<b>OPEN</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night
Main Dam	\$19/night	<b>CLOSED</b>	additional vehicles \$5/night

Camp 9 is on a first-come, first-served basis at a cost of \$17/night for a single family unit. Additional vehicles are \$5/night.

The following group campgrounds are available by reservation only through NRRS (877) 444-6777: Tillie Creek, French Gulch, Live Oak South & Camp 9. Fees vary from \$75, \$90, and \$160 per night depending on site.

Lakeshore camping is permitted at Auxiliary Dam, Old Isabella Road and South Fork Recreation Area. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle per day from May 1 through September 30, or visitors can purchase a season pass for \$35 at the Lake Isabella Office. There are no fees at Hanning Flat and Stine Cove.

**PICNIC/DAY USE:**

Along the upper River, Roads End Day Use is **open**. Upper Richbar, Delonegha and Democrat Day Use areas are **open**. Lower Richbar and Live Oak picnic areas are **OPEN**.

**TRAILS:**

All of the OHV trails on the Kern Plateau are open. OHV trails on Greenhorn, Breckenridge and the Piutes are open. Green or Red Sticker, Spark Arrester and meet the OHV noise requirement. For more information please visit, [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov).

**OHV TRACK:**

Cyrus Canyon OHV Track is located on the east side of Lake Isabella. The motor cross track is great for family outings, race practice or even organized motorcycle events. All OHV's are required to have a green or red sticker, spark arrester, and meet the OHV noise requirement. For more information please visit, [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov).

**GOLF COURSE:**

Kern Valley Golf Course is open daily to the public and is under a Special Use Permit with the Forest Service.

**MARINAS:**

French Gulch Marina 760-379-8774 and North Fork Marina 760-376-1812.

**OAK FLAT LOOKOUT:**

The lookout tower is **OPEN** and available by reservation NRRS (877) 444-6777 or online at ReserveUSA.com.

**TARGET RANGE:**

Target Range, located on the northeast end of Lake Isabella near Cyrus Canyon, is operated by the Kern River Valley Gun Assn. under a Special-Use Permit. It is open to the public on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. year-round, weather permitting, except for holiday weekends.

**ROADS:**

**Please call the District Office for specific road information.** Sherman Pass road is closed. The Cherry Hill Road is **OPEN**. Always check road and weather conditions before departing. 1-800-427-7612 for county roads, and 760-376-3781 for Forest Service roads on our district.

**WILDERNESS:**

Wilderness permits are required for the Golden Trout Wilderness if you plan to stay overnight. These may be obtained at any Forest Service Office on the Sequoia National Forest or by mail. You will also need a **Fire Permit**.

**PUBLIC PASTURES**

**Public pastures are CLOSED.**

**FISHING:**

Fishing season is **open** year-round in Kern County. In Tulare County fishing season is open year-round along the Kern River from the Kern/Tulare County line north to the Johnsondale Bridge and along the Tule River drainage. Special fishing regulations are in effect from the Johnsondale Bridge north to Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks (barbless hooks and artificial lures). Check with California Department of Fish and Game for current regulations.

**WOODCUTTING:**

**Fuelwood cutting is OPEN for the season.**

**WHITEWATER FUN:**

Permits for whitewater boating on the Upper and Lower Kern River runs are required year-round. Permits must be obtained in person and a picture I.D. is required. Permits for whitewater boating on the Forks of the Kern River run are required May 15 to September 15 each year. For a list of approved outfitting commercial companies that operate day and overnight-guided tours on the Kern River contact the District Office.

**BLACK ROCK:**

**The Blackrock Visitor Center is OPEN.**

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