

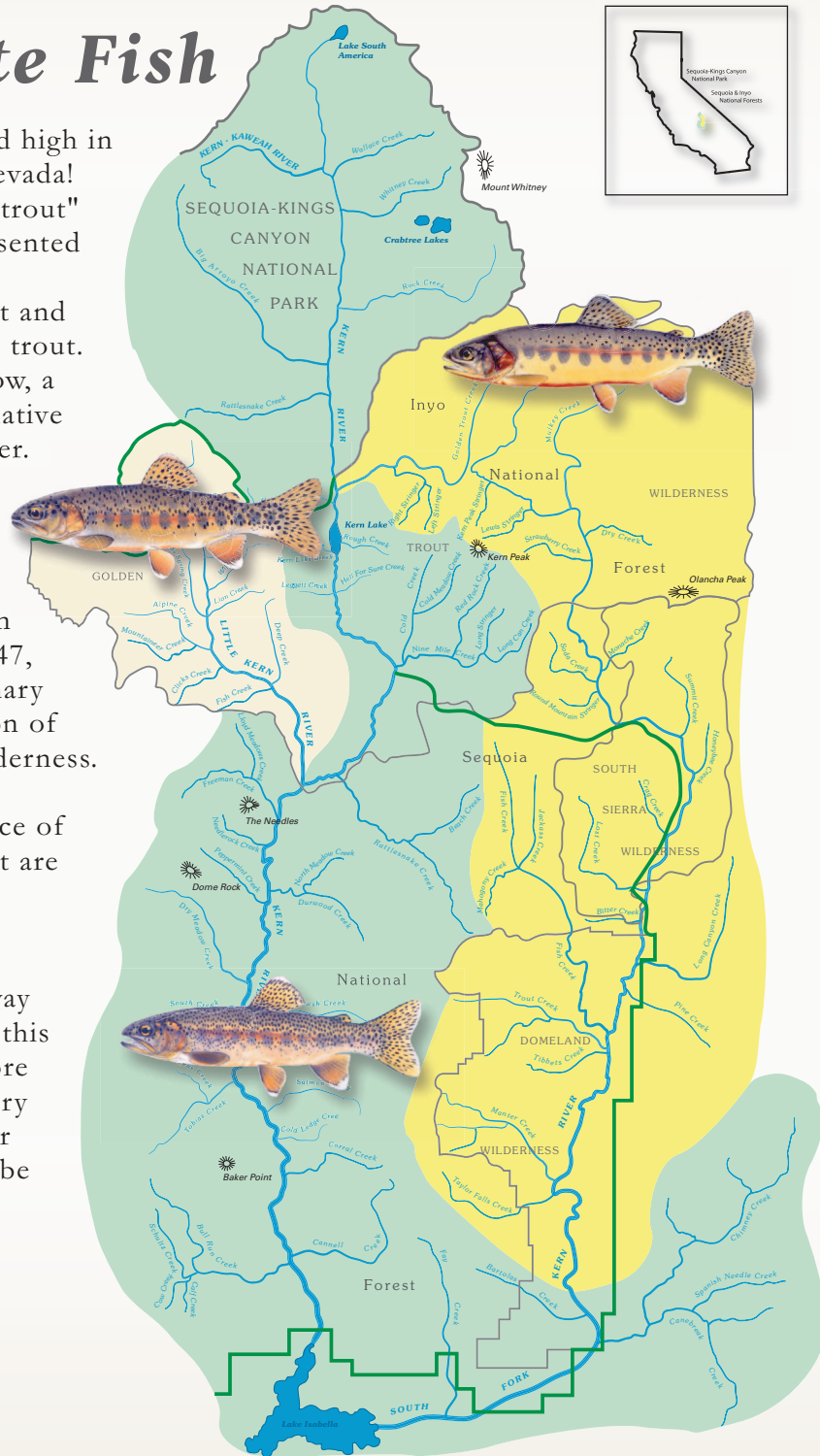
California's Golden Treasure...

Our State Fish

Gold can still be found high in the southern Sierra Nevada! The fabulous "golden trout" of this region is represented by two subspecies: the California golden trout and the Little Kern golden trout. The Kern River rainbow, a close relative, is also native to the upper Kern River.

The exceptional beauty and brilliant color of golden trout led to their designation as our State fish in 1947, and is one of the primary reasons for the creation of the Golden Trout Wilderness.

The continued existence of California golden trout are threatened by interbreeding with introduced trout. A major effort is underway to prevent the loss of this valuable resource. More information on recovery efforts to conserve our "golden treasure" can be found at www.californiagoldentrout.org.



- Little Kern River Golden Trout
- Kern River Rainbow Trout
- California Golden Trout



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