

# KERN PLATEAU RECREATION AREA Sequoia National Forest Kern River Ranger District

Welcome to the Kern Plateau. The diversity of this unique area provides a wide range of camping facilities for the Forest visitor. If you are looking for a developed campground, an area to relax and get away from it all, or a place to hitch up your horses, here is a guide to what you will find in the high country. Enjoy your stay and come visit again.

## DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

**HORSE MEADOW:** 38 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99, Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05) and Cherry Hill Rd. (22S12). Paved and dirt roads; 41 units including 15 suitable for RV's up to 22'; restrooms; piped water; and no trash collection. Elev.7,600 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

**TROY MEADOW:** 53 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99 and Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05), or 34 miles west of Hwy. 395 via Nine Mile Canyon Rd. (J41). Paved roads; 73 units including 10 suitable for RV's up to 24'; restrooms; piped well water. There is no trash collection. Elev.7,800 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

**FISH CREEK:** 54 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99 and Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05), or 32 miles west of Hwy. 395 via Nine Mile Canyon Rd. (J41). Paved roads; 40 units including 12 suitable for RV's up to 24'; restrooms; piped well water. There is no trash collection. Elev. 7,400 feet. Open Jun. to Nov. Fee - \$17 per night.

**KENNEDY MEADOWS:** 60 miles northeast of Kernville via Mtn. 99 and Sherman Pass Rd. (22S05), or 26 miles west of Hwy. 395 via Nine Mile Canyon Rd. (J41). Paved roads; 38 units including 15 suitable for RV's up to 30'; restrooms; piped well water; There is no trash collection. Elevation 5,800 feet. Open all year. Fee - \$17 per night.

**DISPERSED CAMPING AREAS** - On the Kern Plateau you will find many dispersed camping areas free of charge, which are great for visitors with self-contained units and large groups. These areas may not have facilities and require a campfire permit. Some of the more popular areas include Troy Meadow Overflow, Fish Creek Overflow, Bonita Meadow, South Fork of the Kern River around Kennedy Meadows and Big Meadow.

**PUBLIC PASTURES** - Public pastures are available on the Kern Plateau for use by horses and stock animals. These include the following meadows: Big North and West, Cannell, Manter, Beach and Paloma. These areas are free of charge and are on a first-come, first serve basis. Camping is allowed adjacent to these pastures.



**TRAILHEAD FACILITY** - Additional stock facilities and overnight accommodations for hikers and horseback riders are provided at the Blackrock Trailhead located seven miles north of Blackrock Visitor Information Station. This site allows a one-night stay for visitors who plan to travel into the Golden Trout Wilderness. It is first-come, first-serve and is free of charge. No water.

**HOW LONG CAN I STAY?** - The length of stay at any campground or dispersed camping area is limited to a total of 14 days in one 30 day period.

**PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN!** leaving your trash laying around will encourage the bears to come into camp.

**VEHICLES**-All vehicles must be parked on the designated spur adjacent to the campsite. Troy Meadow and Fish Creek Campgrounds are the only campgrounds that permit Off-highway vehicles. They are not to be operated within the campground except to enter or leave. Joy riding in the campground is not permitted.

**QUIET HOURS**-Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 6 am.

**DOGS**-Dogs are welcome in the campground as long as they are kept on a leash at all times.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Blackrock Visitor Information Station is located 50 miles northeast of Kernville or 38 miles west of Hwy. 395. Forest information and permits for fires, wilderness and woodcutting are available from June to November. The Visitor Information Station is open Thur. thru Mon. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further information please call Blackrock at (559) 539-2607 ex. 276 or contact:

Kernville Ranger Station  
P.O. Box 9, 105 Whitney Road  
Kernville, CA 93238  
760-376-3781

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