



Whitewater Voyages - 2017

LOWER KERN RIVER

TRIP MEETING TIME:

Southern Sierra Escape, 2-Day Trip

9:30 a.m.

Big Water Run Trip, 1-Day Trip

8:00 a.m.

Jungle Run Trip, 1-Day Trip

9:30 a.m.

Lower Kern, 1/2 Day Trip

11:00 a.m.

MEETING SITE:

Whitewater Voyages' (inside Frandy Park)

11252 Kernville Road

Kernville, CA 93238

Whitewater Voyages' Kern Office: (760) 376-3300

Please Note...

Frandy Park charges a fee of \$8.00 per car/per day for parking (fees for RV's and buses are higher). Whitewater Voyages does not own or operate Frandy Park and has no control over parking fees. For further parking information you may contact Frandy Park at (760) 376-6483.

LOCAL WEATHER AT RIVER:

www.weather.com

Zip Code 93238

WATER FLOWS:

www.dreamflows.com

RESERVATIONS OFFICE: (not a meeting site for trips)

P.O. Box 375

Kernville, CA 93238

Phone:

(800) 400-7238

Email:

fun@whitewatervoyages.com

Website:

www.whitewatervoyages.com

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING SITE**A. Bakersfield, on Hwy 99, is where you'll connect onto Hwy 178 East toward Lake Isabella****From South of Bakersfield:**

From Interstate 5 connect onto Hwy 99

Exit eastbound onto Hwy 178 / Rosedale Hwy

From North of Bakersfield:

From Hwy 99 exit onto Golden State Avenue

Golden State Avenue becomes a surface street for a few blocks through downtown—stay in your right-hand lanes and watch for the Hwy 178 onramp on the right hand side

B. After connecting onto Hwy 178 East follow directions below...

1. On Hwy 178 East go approximately 50 miles (a significant portion of 178 is a curvy, two-lane canyon road—drive carefully!)
2. Exit Hwy 155 / Kernville
3. Turn left off exit and go approximately 10 miles—you will pass through Wofford Heights about halfway to Kernville
4. In Wofford Heights Hwy 155 cuts off to the left—do not follow 155 at that point—instead stay right towards Kernville.
5. You are near Kernville when you pass the golf course on the right.
6. Shortly after the golf course the road will curve right—you will start to see small businesses and cross over the river
7. Immediately at the end of the “bridge” that crosses the river turn right into Frandy Park
8. When entering Frandy Park, after paying parking fees, follow signs directing you to Whitewater Voyages

Note: In the event that Highway 178 from Bakersfield to Lake Isabella is closed, you may take Highway 58 to Highway 14 to Highway 178 at Lake Isabella



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TRIP AGENDA

1-Day Trips

- Arrive and check in at meeting site/time specified above.
- Turn in your signed, completed *Release Form* at trip check-in.
- Rafting gear provided (life vest, helmet, wet suit if needed).
- Safety talk administered by Whitewater Voyages' lead guide.
- Transported to river put-in.
- Rafts launch onto river; each raft has own professional guide.
- Enjoy midday lunch along river's edge.
- Raft to take-out.
- Cold beverage provided & transported back to meeting site.
- View photos.

2-Day Trips

Same as 1-day, with the addition of the following:

- Approximately 6:00 pm enjoy happy hour snacks followed by a hearty BBQ dinner 7:00/7:30 pm.
- After dinner visit, tell stories, play campfire games or music...enjoy the stars and night air...and perhaps a river sauna!
- Retire to your campsite.
- Wake up...enjoy coffee and a big cookout breakfast.
- Hit the water for 2nd day of rafting with lunch midday.
- Transported back to meeting site.
- View photos

CAMPING & PERSONAL GEAR

At trip check-in your 2-day trip gear is transferred to Whitewater Voyages' staff for transport to the trip campsite.

In addition to tent, sleeping bag, and personal effects, you are welcome to bring camp chairs and small coolers for any personal beverages you wish to bring.

Sleeping bags and tents are available for rent. Please see separate chart for rental information.

Rentals should be arranged in advance through the reservations office at 800-400-7238.

MEALS

A granola-type snack is provided on the raft. Please bring a personal water bottle with you...a gallon water jug is provided on each raft.

Half-Day Trips: No meal provided.

One-Day Trips: Lunch along the river. Lunch consists of variety breads, deli-meats, cheeses, vegetables, fruit, cookies and punch.

Two-Day Trips: **1st day:** Lunch as described above, happy hour snacks and sodas, BBQ dinner with beef and chicken or fish, salad, potato or pasta, vegetables, French bread and dessert.

2nd day: Hearty cookout breakfast and deli-style sandwich buffet.

Vegetarians usually find sufficient accommodation however special needs requests are accepted through our main reservations office.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Clients are welcome to bring alcoholic beverages of their choosing for personal consumption in camp (after rafting.)

Reasonably sized coolers can be included with your camping gear. We recommend alcohol in moderation in consideration of others on the trip.

Please understand that alcohol is strictly prohibited while rafting.

PLEASE...DO NOT PLAN ON WEARING FLIP-FLOPS OR THONGS FOR RAFTING.

You must wear shoes that securely stay on your feet—such as tennis shoes, sturdy water shoes, water sandals that strap on completely, etc. (Reasonably priced slip-on water shoes are available for sale at our meeting-site store. Also, for your convenience sunscreen, water cameras, sunglass straps, sunglasses, hats, t-shirts and cold drinks are available for purchase at trip check-in site.)



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WET SUITS

Wet suits are provided for use as needed on a complimentary basis.

Wet suits are typically required through May. Occasionally, cool weather occurs after May in which case a wet suit may be needed.

Wet suit size requirements are determined at trip check-in.

- Wet suits provided are 3mm neoprene “Farmer John” style
- Nylon paddle jackets provided with wet suits—however booties are not—please wear sturdy, secure-fitting shoes and wool socks
- Wet suits should be worn over bathing suit, lightweight non-cotton shorts or polypropylene long underwear
- We recommend wearing shorts over your wet suit to help prevent slipping on the raft

LOCAL CAMPING

Advance Reservations:
National Recreation Reservation Service (877) 444-6777
www.reserveUSA.com

Forest Service Campground Details:
Kernville Ranger District (760) 376-3781

Note: Some campgrounds do not require reservations and campgrounds usually have toilets and water; some have trailer pads and hot showers...we like “Camp 3.”

Frandy Park: (888) 372-6399
www.frandy.net (760) 376-6483

IMPORTANT NOTE

Camping is available in Frandy Park. Frandy Park requires reservations and charges for camping. Frandy Park has a restroom, showers, and RV parking but NO hookups.

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Additional camping information and links are available on our website at www.whitewatervoyages.com

Kernville Chamber of Commerce (760) 376-2629

LOCAL MOTELS

Falling Waters River Resort	(888) 376-2242
River View Lodge	(877) 885-6333
McCambridge Lodge	(760) 376-2288
Kernville Inn	(760) 376-2206
Kern Lodge Motel	(760) 376-2224
Sequoia Motor Lodge	(760) 376-2535
Pine Cone Inn	(760) 376-6669

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Kern River Inn	(800) 986-4382
Whispering Pines Lodge	(760) 376-3733

Note: On weekends many of the above facilities require a two-night minimum stay and have strict cancellation policies... if this is a problem you might consider a Bakersfield motel. If planning a motel stay, early booking is recommended! You might want to consider a motel/hotel in Bakersfield where weekend two-night minimum policies are not common and prices are slightly more competitive.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE CAR KEYS OR VALUABLES WITH YOU ON THE RIVER!

You may leave your car keys in our Kern office at check-in.
Whitewater Voyages cannot be responsible for items left in your car.

Thank you for rafting with Whitewater Voyages...we hope you have a great time!