

## FLOAT NOTES

### CONTACTING US

Reservations: 800-457-2082  
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## KAYAK CLASSES: WHITE WATER

Sierra South Mountain Sports Store at 11300 Kernville Rd. - Kernville, CA 93238

We suggest you arrive at the store 30-45 minutes prior to the trip. This will allow sufficient time to check-in, sign release forms and change into wetsuits, if needed. Our trips must leave on schedule. Don't miss the boat!

### WE PROVIDE:

- ✓ Professional Instructors
- ✓ Kayak, Sprayskirt, Paddle, Helmet & Life Jacket
- ✓ Wetsuits & Booties
- ✓ Paddling Jacket and Fleece Top
- ✓ Transportation from our meeting place (Sierra South Store) to the put-in
- ✓ Lunch on full day classes

### YOU PROVIDE:

- ✓ Clothes that can get wet
  - Shorts or Bathing Suits
  - River Shoes or River Sandals with a Heel Strap (wetsuit booties are provided)
- ✓ Water Bottle 25 fl oz (fits in boat best)
- ✓ Sunglasses and keeper
- ✓ Noseplugs
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Hat or Visor



### NOTE:

For your safety, flip-flop sandals or bare feet  
**ARE NOT PERMITTED!**

### PHYSICAL FITNESS

Whitewater river running is a physically demanding sport and we suggest that you be in good health before you go on the river. We recommend that you eat a good breakfast.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

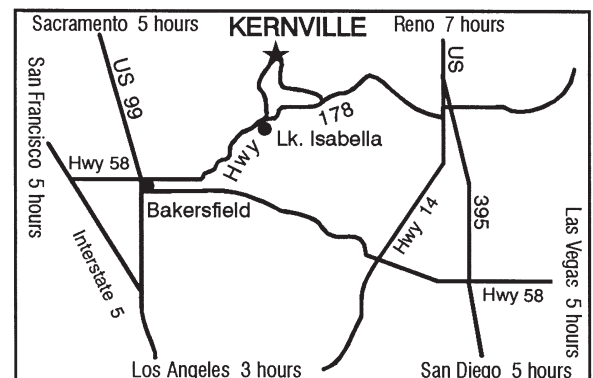
For information on motels, B&B's or camping facilities, visit our website [sierrasouth.com](http://sierrasouth.com) and link to "Around the Kern." Additional info is available from the Kernville Chamber at 760-376-2629 or the Forest Service at 760-376-3781.

### FINDING US

**From Los Angeles:** Take Interstate 5 North to Highway 99N to Bakersfield. In Bakersfield, take the 178 East exit to Lake Isabella (approx. 50 miles). Part of 178 is *curvy*, please drive safely. From Lake Isabella, take the Highway 155/Kernville exit towards Kernville (approx. 10 miles). Once in Kernville, go over the bridge and Sierra South will be on the right side with a yellow kayak on top of the store.

**From the San Diego/Inland Empire:** Take Interstate 15 N and Hwy 395 N to Inyokern, where you will turn onto Hwy 178 W. You will connect with Hwy 14 South for a short distance before continuing on 178 toward Lake Isabella. After traveling for approx. 30 miles on 178 W, you will come to a big Kernville sign. Normally, you would turn right here onto Sierra Way (west of Weldon) around the northeast side of Lake Isabella. However, this shortcut is **temporarily closed** for major road repair. Instead, continue on 178 W to Lake Isabella and around the west side of the lake on Hwy 155 through Wofford Heights to Kernville. Once in Kernville, cross over the bridge, and Sierra South will be on the right with a yellow kayak on top of the store.

**Parking:** Frandy Park next to Sierra South provides public parking for a fee. Some additional space may be available in front of our store or on side streets. Please do not park at someone else's business.



## SIERRA SOUTH MOUNTAIN SPORTS STORE

The knowledgeable staff is always ready to provide expert advice on a broad range of paddling activities and trip needs. Please see the Sierra South On-line river store for most of these items, [www.sierrasouth.com](http://www.sierrasouth.com).

Our store has a large selection of paddling equipment and clothing.

- Board Shorts & Swimsuits
- Sunglasses & Keepers
- Rash Guards
- Hats & Visors
- River Sandals & Shoes
- Rental Wetsuits & Booties
- Sunscreen
- Souvenir T-Shirts & Hats
- Waterproof Cameras
- Nose Plugs

## BUYING A KAYAK

After completing a Sierra South Mountain Sports Class, many of our students are interested in buying a boat of their own. Our knowledgeable staff can assist you with a complete line of kayaks and paddle sports equipment. Most of these items are found on our web site at [www.sierrasouth.com](http://www.sierrasouth.com).

## RENTAL INFORMATION

We have whitewater kayaks, inflatable kayaks and recreational kayaks available to rent for students who have taken a class. We recommend making reservations prior. White water rentals are restricted to the Power House Run only. Please call the store for more information.

## RENTAL CREDITS

Sierra South has an extensive fleet of rental kayaks. You can rent several different boats before deciding which one to buy. Two days of rental credits can be applied towards the purchase of a new kayak within 90 days of your last rental.

## WETSUIT RESERVATIONS

Wetsuits and Paddle Jackets are provided on all whitewater classes and Paddle Jackets only are provided as needed for the lake classes. You must make a separate reservation for these as we will run out on busy weekends. See the wetsuit rental form for more information.

## GRATUITIES (TIPS)

Guests often ask if tipping is appropriate for our staff. Yes, if you feel that your guide did an outstanding job, a tip is a great way to show your appreciation. They will be thrilled!

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Cancellation initiated by you may result in substantial loss of fees paid. Vacation insurance protection protects against the loss of deposits in the event you must cancel because of unforeseen circumstances. Optional Travel insurance is available at [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com).

## CANCELLATIONS

You may cancel 45 or more days before your Sierra South trip date and receive a full refund less a \$25 processing fee per person. Cancellations made 44 days or fewer before trip date are non-refundable. If you must cancel, try to find a friend to take your space. All trips go rain or shine.



However, we reserve the right to alter or cancel a trip/class due to high- or low-water conditions, other such uncontrollable situations, or insufficient reservations. Only in the case of cancelled trips are trip fees refundable. Upon approval by our main office, refunds will be sent via mail. Refunds cannot be granted by guides, nor can refunds be given if you leave a trip or class early for any reason. Sierra South is not liable for other costs incurred in association with a cancelled trip. We suggest trip insurance such as [Travelguard.com](http://Travelguard.com) to cover unexpected situations.

## RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY

All of Sierra South's trips and classes involve physical activity and include certain elements of risk. We make every effort to run our trips in the most professional and in the safest manner possible. However, we can not guarantee your safety. Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. We do not assume liability for personal injury or deaths. It is YOUR responsibility to evaluate your level of fitness and to select a trip or class which is appropriate for you. Seek medical advice before your trip if you question your physical condition.

Sierra South assumes no responsibility for vehicles and/or contents of vehicles parked during the trip. Everyone will be required to sign a release of liability and assumption of risk form before departure. Minors under 18 not accompanied by their parents must bring a release form signed by their parent or legal guardian. Because of the risks associated with river trips, we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with travel insurance.

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