

## FLOAT NOTES

### FORKS OF THE KERN RIVER TRIPS

**Where to Meet:** 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 Experienced Guides
- ✓ Rafts, Paddles, Life Jackets, Helmets
- ✓ Wetsuits, Paddle Jackets & Booties  
(required on all Class V whitewater)
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Waterproof Duffel (to hold 30lbs max. of your own personal gear including sleeping bag)
- ✓ First Aid and Safety Supplies
- ✓ Transportation To and From The River

#### **YOU PROVIDE:**

- ✓ Swimsuit and Shorts  
(to be worn along with wetsuit & paddle jacket)
- ✓ Fleece or Synthetic Long-John Top  
(for underneath paddle jacket)
- ✓ Sturdy Footwear for the 2.5 mile hike down to the put-in
- ✓ Sleeping Bag (lightweight, synthetic style that is compactable for waterproof duffel)
- ✓ Air Mattress or Sleeping Pad
- ✓ Waterproof Backpacking Tent
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Toiletries including towel
- ✓ Light Rain Jacket
- ✓ Warm Camp Clothing:  
Pants, Shirt, Socks, Hat and Gloves  
(preferably fleece or wool and non-cotton)
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Eating Gear (cup, plate, knife, fork, spoon)
- ✓ Sunglasses & Sunglasses Strap
- ✓ Sunscreen & Insect Repellent
- ✓ Waterproof Camera
- ✓ Fishing Gear  
(optional light, compact fly or spinning gear & license)

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

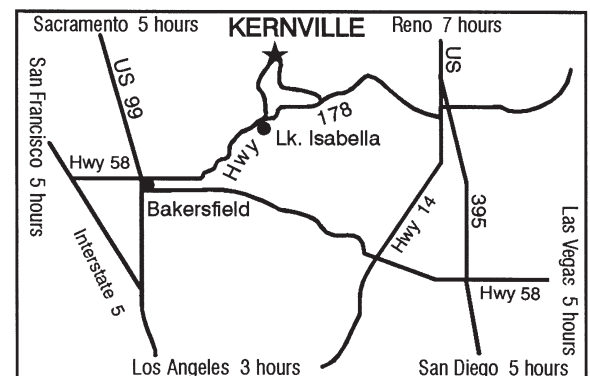
For information on motels, B&B's or camping facilities, visit our website [sierrasouth.com](http://sierrasouth.com) and link to "Around the Kern." Additional info is available from the Kernville Chamber at 760-376-2629 or the Forest Service at 760-376-3781.

#### **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

Our store has a large selection of paddling equipment and clothing. The knowledgeable staff is always ready to provide expert advice on a broad range of paddling activities and trip needs. Most of the product in our store is available for purchase on our on-line store at [sierrasouth.com](http://sierrasouth.com).

A few of the many items we carry in the store are...

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

## RENTAL INFORMATION

The Sierra South Mountain Sports Store offers a complete line of paddle sports equipment for rent, including wetsuits and booties. See the Wetsuit Rental form for more information. On certain early season trips when water and weather conditions dictate, we may require or recommend all passengers wear wetsuits. Advanced rental reservations are recommended and on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Book as soon as possible. Many early season weekends will "sell out." A wetsuit package includes Farmer John wetsuit, paddle jacket & booties.

## 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.

## INFORMATION

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