#### RMS Pacific Chapter Kern River weekend August 11-13

## Join us for a thrilling and unforgettable weekend of river adventures, good food, and forging new connections with fellow river enthusiasts. Sign up now for an experience you won't want to miss!

#### Event: River Adventures & Friends Weekend - Fun on the Kern!

**Dates:** August 11-13 (Telecommuting guests are welcome to extend their stay on either end if this helps travel worth it. Contact Leigh for details.)

#### Location: 200 Old State Rd Wofford Heights -Leigh's Cabin

Camping: Some camping is available in Leigh's yard or car camping at any of the pay/free BLM/FS Campgrounds in the area that can be found at Rec.gov including Tillie Creek campground 0.3 miles down the road from our cabin.

**Cost:** Please bring your personal watercraft if feasible. Otherwise, folks wanting to hop in a raft will have to split the cost of raft rentals (about \$75 per person). This will depend on the total number of folks who choose this option. Please let us know if you would like this option during registration as I have to pick up the rentals ahead of time.

#### Friday:

- 3:00 PM: Guests arrive and set up camp at Leigh's Lawn or neighboring USFS campground.
- 6:30 PM: Optional potluck dinner at 200 Old State, there is a gas grill outside and folks could use Leigh's kitchen, but it will get crowed quickly so you might just want to use your own camping stove if you need to heat things up. Leigh has a picnic table, but if you could bring any camping tables and chairs that would help.
- 8:00 9:30 PM: After dinner hangout. Gather around for non-campfire river stories at Leigh's.
- 9:30 PM: Quite hours for keeping the neighbors happy.

#### Saturday:

- 8:30: Breakfast on your own or join folks at one of the local diners, like The Cracked Egg in Kernville.
- 10:00 AM: Meet at the downtown Kernville Riverside Park. Introductions, river safety overview, river logistics.
- 10:45 AM: Depart for the Kern River put-in point, Lickity, Powerhouse, or Park to graveyard, depending on water level and people's experience.
- Boating Time: Powerhouse is a 2-mile section of Class II-III, Lickity is the same run, but removes the top rapid which is not really any harder but is a bit longer. Park to graveyard is usually just class 1, but at current water levels things, change a bit and Lake Isabella's level has changed the second half of this run into flatwater.

- 2:00 PM: Wrap up the river adventure, run another lap, enjoy some quiet downtime, or join for an optional afternoon hike.
- 6:00 PM: Please join everyone for dinner at Kern River Brewery in Kernville.

#### Sunday:

- 8:30: Breakfast on your own or join together at one of our local diners, like Cheryl's in Kernville.
- 10:00 AM: Gather at Bolder Gulch on the lake for a fun float and possibly support local youth getting a chance to get to try boating and learn about river safety.
- 11:00 AM: Possibly another run.
- 1:00 PM: Return to Leigh's and bid farewell to new friends.
- Afterward: Depart with cherished memories and newfound friendships!

#### Packing List:

- Rafting attire (or get wet clothes) and sun protection (sunscreen, lip balm, hat)
- Mosquito repellent (just in case)
- Camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, etc.)
- Ice chest filled with food, drinks, and snacks
- Personal watercraft (optional) or rental contribution for raft usage (please indicate in registration)

#### **Important Notes:**

The weather is expected to be sunny with temperatures in the 90s during the day and 60s at night. River water temperatures may be around the 50s.

Please RSVP and let us know about raft reservations.

#### For further information or to reserve your spot, contact Leigh Karp, 703-732-3040.

OR make your own reservation at Tillie Creek Campground <u>https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232796</u>

### Maps

# THE 2 CAMPGROUNDS – Tillies and Boulder Gulch – AS WELL AS LEIGH'S PLACE ON OLD STATE ROAD



