

# RMS Pacific Chapter Kern River weekend

August 9-11

Register by August 2

*Join us for our second annual RMS KERN RIVER WEEKEND. You're in 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!*

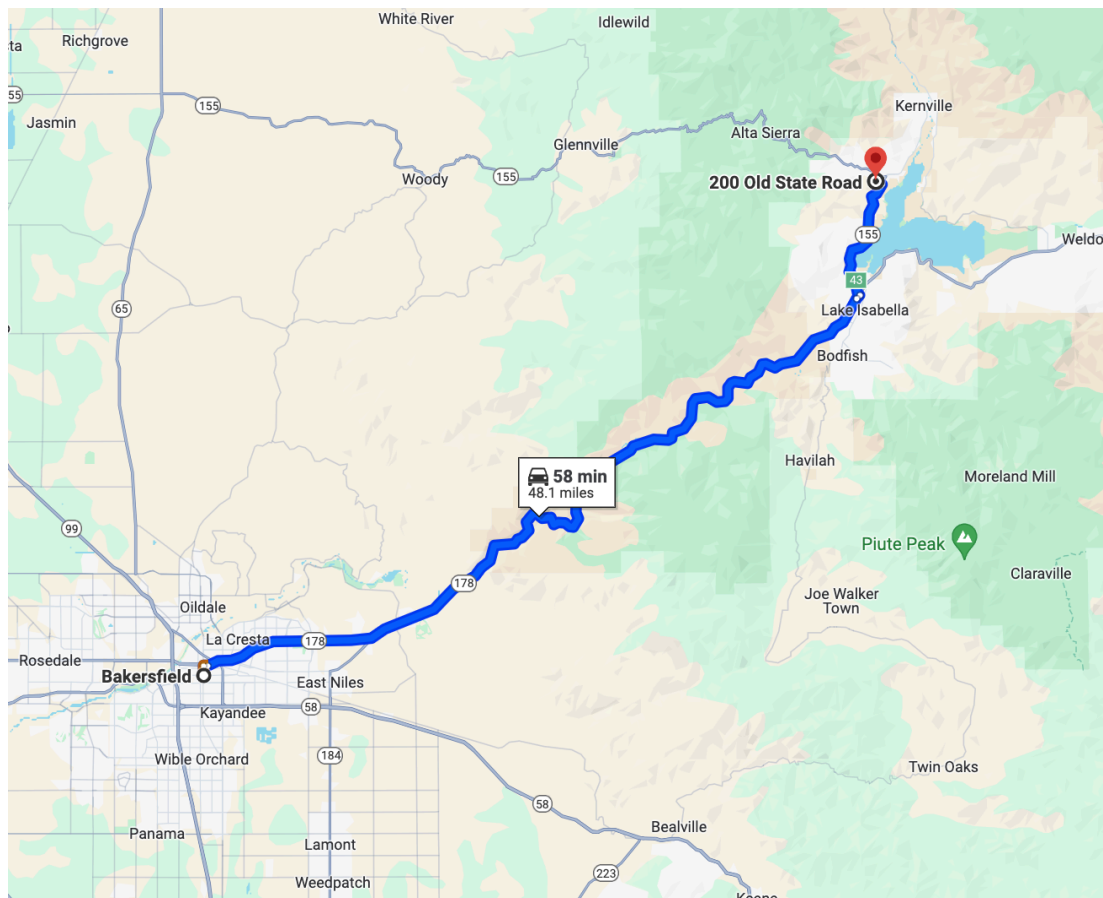
**Event:** River Adventures & Friends Weekend - Fun on the Kern!

**Dates:** August 9-11 (Guests who are traveling to attend are welcome to extend their stay on either end if this helps make travel worth it. Contact Leigh Karp for details.)

**Location:** [200 Old State Rd Wofford Heights](#) - RMS Pacific Chapter VP Leigh Karp's Cabin

- [3 hours from Los Angeles](#)
- [2 ½ hours from Fresno](#)
- [5 ½ hours from Sacramento](#)

Tent 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 Recreation.gov including Tillie Creek campground 0.3 miles down the road from the cabin. In the interest of full disclosure, Leigh's neighbor has barking dogs, so if you are camping in the yard, bring ear plugs.



**Cost:**

FREE FOR RMS MEMBERS. To join RMS visit our [website!](#)

**FOR NON MEMBERS**

- \$20/person BRING YOUR OWN BOAT: Bring your personal watercraft if feasible.
- \$40/person SPACE IN A RAFT. We'll be renting rafts and providing PFD, helmet, and paddle.

**ITINERARY****Friday: Welcome to the Kern!**

- 3:00 PM: Guests arrive and set up camp at Leigh's cabin yard or neighboring USFS campground.
- 6:30 PM: Optional potluck dinner at Leigh's cabin (200 Old State). There is a gas grill outside and folks can use Leigh's kitchen, but it will get crowded 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. Additional pop-up shade structures would help as Leigh had to remove the eucalyptus and dying pine trees for fire risk mitigation.
- 8:00 - 9:30 PM: After dinner hangout. RMS introduction. Gather around for non-campfire river stories at Leigh's.
- 9:30 PM: Quiet hours for keeping the neighbors happy. (Quiet doesn't apply to the neighbor's dogs, unfortunately...)

**Saturday: Kern River Boating Adventure**

- 8:30: Breakfast on your own or join folks at one of the local diners, like The Cracked Egg in Kernville.
- 10:00 AM: Gather at Leigh's cabin. Prep for the day. Introductions, river safety overview, river logistics. Talk about shuttle plan.
- 10:45 AM: Depart for the Kern River put-in point: Jungle Run, Lickity, Powerhouse, or Park to Graveyard based on water level and people's experience. Depending on our put-in overview of the run and safety considerations. We'll do one or more of the following:
  - 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

- Jungle Run is below the dam and is Class III in a beautiful gorge, with potential to see a rogue pet peacock!
- 2:00 PM: Wrap up the river adventure. Some options could include: run another lap, enjoy some quiet downtime, or join for an optional afternoon hike.
- 6:00 PM: We'll caravan for dinner at Kern River Brewery, 13415 Sierra Way in Kernville. Decide the options for Sunday. Answer any of your burning RMS questions.



**Sunday: Adventure for the day will depend on water levels and will focus on FUN! Could be another run down the river OR an innertube float OR a paddle and lakeside hang-out**

- 8:30: Breakfast on your own or join together at one of our local diners, like Cheryl's in Kernville.
- 10:00 AM: RMS membership plug, decide on our plan for the day
- 11:00 AM: Get out on the water
- 1:00 PM: Return to Leigh's and pack up your stuff
- 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)
- Shade structures (beach umbrellas, pop-up tents) encouraged.

**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 REGISTER and let us know whether you are in a raft or in your own craft.

**For further information or to reserve your tent spot in Leigh's yard, contact Leigh Karp, 703-732-3040.**

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