



1/2 DAY LOWER KERN

This 1/2 day Lower Kern River trip is a mellow, easy going trip, through a variety of terrain ranging from granite boulder slabs to sections thick with trees overhanging the river. This is the perfect choice for those seeking a lot of fun with a reduced "fear" factor.

TRIP TIME AND PLACE: (PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TRIP TIME) 12:30 PM AT OUR RAFTING CENTER IN LAKE ISABELLA. OUR PHONE NUMBER AT THE INFORMATION AND RESERVATION OFFICE IS (800) 844-7238 OR (800) 573-7238.

DIRECTIONS

From Southern California, leave the Los Angeles Basin by Interstate 5 North. Descend the Grapevine Grade and take Highway 99 North to Bakersfield. Take the Lake Isabella/Highway 178 East exit and follow 178 up to the town of Lake Isabella. Take the Lake Isabella/Bodfish exit. Turn right at the stop sign off the exit ramp towards Lake Isabella/Bodfish. Turn left at the stop sign onto Lake Isabella Blvd. Turn left onto Crestview. Go 1/2 block to Mayfair and turn right into the cul-de-sac. The address is 2712 Mayfair. Park your car in the fenced yard and register inside at the front desk. Make sure your vehicle is securely locked. There will be a place in the rafting center for car keys, etc. No overnight camping is allowed at our parking area.

From 395, exit at town of Inyokern and turn left at off-ramp stop sign. Continue west until you intersect with Hwy 14. Turn left and backtrack 3-4 miles to Lake Isabella turn-off (Hwy 178). Continue straight ahead to town of Lake Isabella. Exit at Lake Isabella/Bodfish exit. Continue left off the ramp to stop sign at Lake Isabella Blvd., and turn left onto Lake Isabella Blvd. Turn left onto Crestview. Go 1/2 block to Mayfair and turn right into the cul-de-sac. The address is 2712 Mayfair. Park your car in the fenced yard and register inside at the front desk. Make sure your vehicle is securely locked. There will be a place in the rafting center for car keys, etc. No overnight camping is allowed at our parking area.

TRIP DETAILS

From our meeting place, we'll take you by bus to the river. During the day, you may want to carry sunscreen or a light jacket, and a hat. Before getting on the rafts, our Trip Manager will discuss the trip and answer last minute questions. Guides will be introduced and passengers instructed on paddling technique, safety and general procedures.

WHAT TO BRING

The Kern Valley is hot and dry in the summer months. **While on river, sneakers or river sandals are necessary to protect your feet.** It is often colder early in the season (April, May & early June) and you'll want to bring warmer jacket for those trips. We also rent wetsuits for anyone that may want to stay warmer.

- Sunscreen, lipbalm
- Sneakers to wear in boat
- Baseball cap or visor
- Water proof camera
- Swimsuit or shorts
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Personal sized water bottle

Please do not bring firearms, pets, or personal lifevests. Our lifevests are approved for rafting and we require that they be worn.

PADDLING THE RIVER

On our Lower Kern trips, we run virtually all paddle rafts. These are exciting, participatory boats in which four to seven guests and a guide work as a team to maneuver the raft through the rapids. Paddling requires physical effort and is sometimes strenuous.

HELMETS

Safety helmets are required to be worn on all Kern River Tours Class II - V river rafting trips. Helmets are available at no charge.

GUIDES

Our guides are experienced, skilled whitewater boaters. They are knowledgeable about canyon ecology and natural history. Should the need arise they are trained to administer First Aid.

GRATUITIES

If you enjoyed your trip, gratuities will be shared among all the guides on the trip. This is at your discretion.

ALCOHOL

Consumption of alcohol is prohibited while rafting or prior to rafting for your safety and for the safety of your fellow guests and our guides. Please do not bring any glass containers.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age on our Lower Kern trips is eight years old. This age limit is in place for the safety of your child, the safety of our other guests and our guides.

CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

To protect the river, we carry out all trash and use no soap in the river. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of our group on the canyon.

YOUR HEALTH

Our Kern River trips are fun, fast and challenging. To participate, you should be in good health. You may also need to perform certain physical activities. These include basic swimming, hiking in rugged or uneven terrain, climbing in and out of rafts and assisting in your rescue, if that becomes necessary. Please let us know if you have any health or dietary restrictions. We will gladly accommodate reasonable dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

RESPONSIBILITY

Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. Kern River Tours assumes no responsibility for injuries, death or loss/damage to client's property while on the river or on Kern River Tours property. ALL clients must sign a Participant Agreement, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form before the trip. Kern River Tours assumes no responsibility for vehicles and/or the contents of vehicles parked during the trip. Because of the risks associated with river trips, including personal injury, death, property loss or damage or financial loss in the event of trip cancellation, we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with vacation insurance.

Please read and provide the personal information requested on our Participant Agreement, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form and bring it to our office when checking in the day of the trip. The more we know about you in advance (height, weight, age, experience, and special needs) the better the trip we can provide.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE AREA

If you plan to stay in the area before or after your trip, we suggest looking into the local accommodations section on our website.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Policies which include accident, cancellation, and baggage protection are available online at www.travelguard.com, as well as most travel agents. Cancellation initiated by you may result in substantial loss of fees paid. Available insurance protects against the loss of deposits in the event you must cancel because of unforeseen circumstances.

RESERVATIONS

For trips booked more than 30 days before the trip date the reservation is held 10 days pending receipt of deposit. If no deposit is received within 10 days, the reservation is automatically cancelled. Please call immediately for space available to re-instate. The amount of deposit is due as follows:

Lickety Split/Double Split/Lickety Fun Run.....	Full payment
Upper/Lower Kern.....	\$50 per person
Forks of the Kern.....	\$100 per person

All payments, once received, are non-refundable. The balance (full payment) is due 30 days before the trip date.

For trips booked within 30 days of trip date, payment in full is due immediately. Final payment is non-refundable. Once a credit card has been ran we are unable to transfer or refund on any trip.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

Our cancellation policy is firm. We operate under stringent federal regulations which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. We incur substantial expenses before each trip departs. In the event of late cancellations, Kern River Tours cannot recover costs, nor can we make refunds. Cancellations made at any time are subject to complete loss of trip cost. You are responsible to find a replacement person, that replacement person is responsible to refund you.

To change a reservation date you will incur a \$30 flat rate charge per change. If trip is within 10 days of departure, there is no refund or moving to another date.

We do not refund in case of inclement weather (you get wet one way or the other!). Nor do we refund if you are not satisfied with the type of trip you have chosen. We do our best to explain the differences in the trips available, please read the literature and choose wisely.

If your reservation happens to be cancelled due to nonpayment and you would like to reinstate it call our office for availability. Payment must be made in full at the time of your reinstatement.

PERFORMANCE

It is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip because of unusual circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, we cannot be responsible for paying expenses other than refunding all or part of the fees paid to Kern River Tours. Determination of refunds (if any) will be made after reviewing trip details. Guides and other personnel employed by Kern River Tours are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or trip credits. Such determinations can only be made by company officers.

PERMITS

Our trips are conducted under permit issued by the U.S. National Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest. Our permit is your assurance that Kern River Tours is legally operating on the river. Our operations and facilities are operated on a nondiscriminatory basis.

HOW TO FIND US

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From Interstate 5

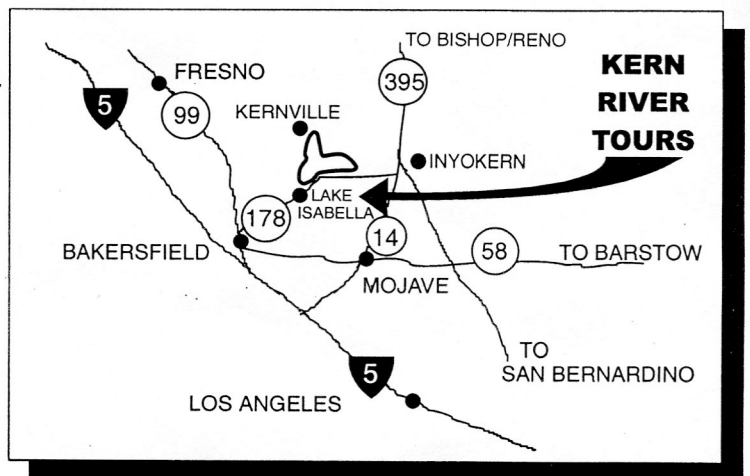
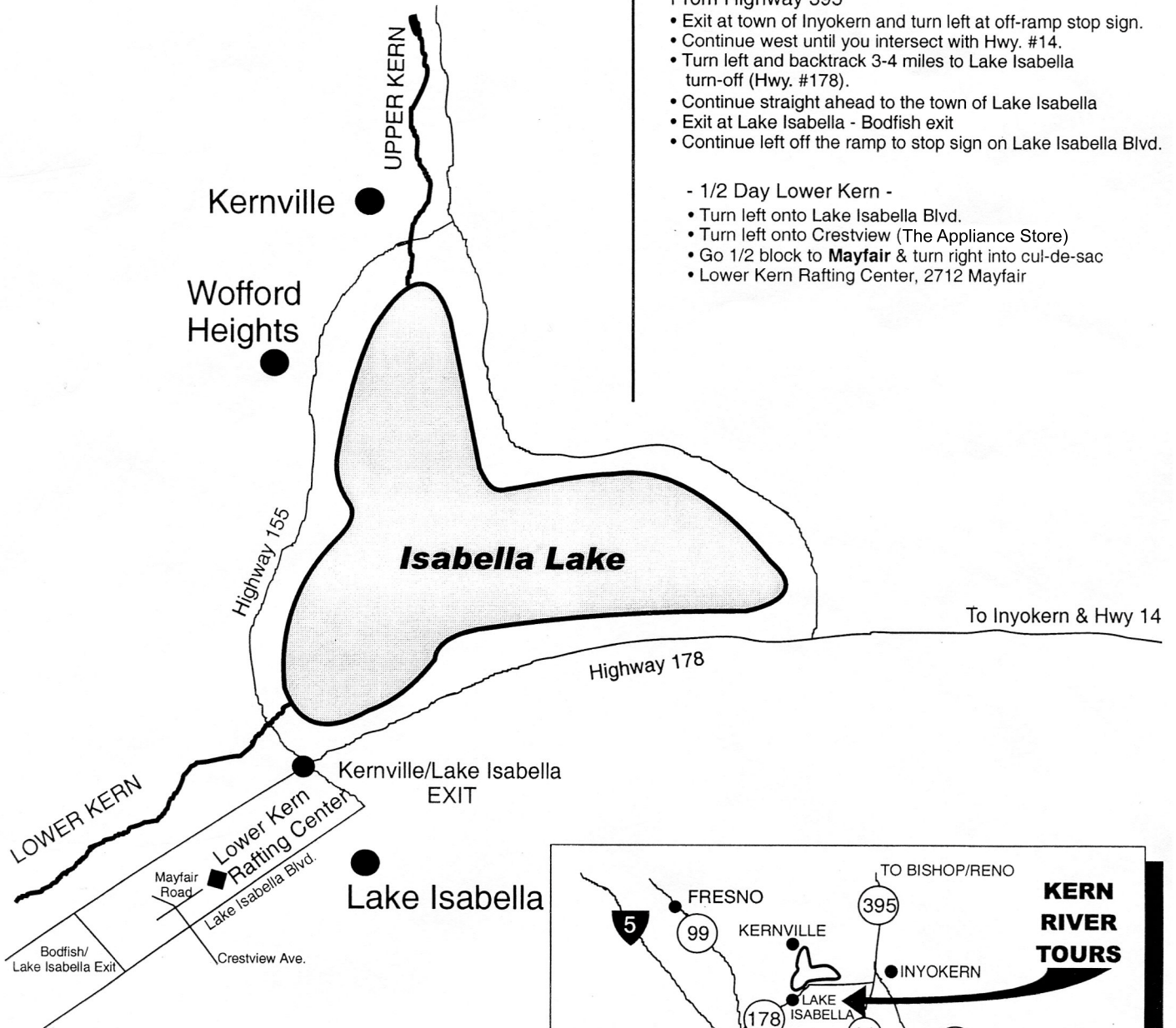
- North to Fwy #99 into Bakersfield
- East on Hwy #178 to Lake Isabella through Kern River Canyon
- Take Lake Isabella - Bodfish exit.
- Turn right from the off ramp stop sign
- Continue to stop sign on Lake Isabella Blvd.

From Highway 395

- Exit at town of Inyokern and turn left at off-ramp stop sign.
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- Turn left onto Lake Isabella Blvd.
- Turn left onto Crestview (The Appliance Store)
- Go 1/2 block to **Mayfair** & turn right into cul-de-sac
- Lower Kern Rafting Center, 2712 Mayfair



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**PLEASE BRING THIS FORM,
(SIGNED) TO THE TRIP CHECK-IN**



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P.O. Box 3444, Lake Isabella, California 93240

Telephone (800) 844-7238

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Kern River Tours, Inc., their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "KRT"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge KRT, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that going on a guided river trip entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks include, among other things: whitewater rapids will be encountered. I can be jolted, jarred, bounced, thrown to and fro and shaken about during rides through some of these rapids. It is possible that I could be injured if I come in contact with food boxes, other storage containers, or other fixed equipment necessary to the operation of the expedition and the outfitting of the raft. Rafts could turn over or I could be "washed" overboard. I can slip or fall during a hike, resulting in damage to equipment or personal injury. Accidents can occur getting on and off the raft. Rafts are slippery when wet. Exposure to the natural elements can be uncomfortable and/or harmful. I am aware that this exposure could cause sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps. Also prolonged exposure to cold water can result in hypothermia and in extreme cases death and accidental drowning is also a possibility.

Furthermore, KRT employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in the activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. Additionally, I agree to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while participating in this activity.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless KRT from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of KRT's equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of KRT.

4. Should KRT or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against KRT, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of California shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against KRT on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms. Present this form at the river. Please print clearly.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Age _____ Weight _____ Height _____

Print Address _____

MAILING ADDRESS (APT.) CITY STATE ZIP

Phone _____ Name reservation is booked under & trip date _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by KRT to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless KRT from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____