

UPPER KERN TRIPS

In late spring and early summer, the Upper Kern River near the historic town of Kernville has some of the best paddle-rafting whitewater you will find anywhere. During your all day class 4 rafting adventure we'll boat on as many different runs and as many miles of river as the water level allows. The trip starts with a safety briefing by the trip leader and then we are off to our first run; usually a class 3-4run in order to warm up and hone our skills as a paddle crew. Then we will continue running more sections of class 4 white water where the rapids are continuous and exhilarating. If you are on a full day trip, the guides will prepare a delicious and hearty deli-style lunch at a scenic and relaxing location. Departure times vary depending on which trip you select.

MEETING PLACE:

Mountain & River Adventures Campground Check-In Center
15775 Sierra Way
Kernville CA, 93238
(800)861-6553

DEPARTURE TIMES WILL VARY. PLEASE SEE CONFIRMATION EMAIL FOR YOUR DEPARTURE TIME. OUR TRIPS RUN ON A SCHEDULE, SO PLEASE CHECK-IN 15 MINUTES EARLY, LATE ARRIVALS WILL RESULT IN A FORFEITURE OF YOUR TRIP

WHAT TO BRING

- Tennis shoes, wetsuit booties, or sandals with a heel strap
- Sunglasses with a retaining strap
- Lip Balm
- Water bottle
- Personal medications
- Windbreaker, wool or fleece sweater, polyester shirt, or wetsuit in early Spring or Fall or if you get cold easily.
- Visor or sunhat
- Suntan lotion or sun block
- Swimsuit or shorts
- Water-proof camera

Please do not bring electronics, firearms, pets or valuables. Sun-sensitive persons should bring a hat and lightweight long-sleeve shirt. During Spring raft trips, we require all participants to wear wetsuits to mitigate cold water exposure. We rent wetsuits.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age on our Upper Kern trips is twelve years old. This age limit is in place for the safety of your child, the safety of our other guests and our guides & can be changed to an older age restriction during high water levels.

ALCOHOL

Please do not bring alcohol on your trip. If we believe a guest is under the influence of alcohol or drugs they will not be allowed on the trip and will not be given a refund.

TIPPING

Guests sometimes ask whether gratuities are appropriate. If you enjoyed your trip, please feel free to leave a tip with your guide, the trip leader, or office/store personnel. Thanks!

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. Guides can also provide information on organizations that work to preserve and protect rivers and river canyons.

EQUIPMENT

We furnish rugged inflatable rafts, 12 to 16 feet in length. We provide accessory river equipment, life vests, first aid and safety supplies. Do not bring your own life vest. Ours are approved for rafting and we require that they be worn by all guests. On most trips, the majority of passengers ride in paddleboats. A paddleboat is piloted by a guide, assisted by four to six passengers.

HELMETS

Safety helmets are available at no additional charge to guests joining us on any stretch of river that we run. Helmets are REQUIRED for our Class V trips and are strongly recommended on all stretches of the Kern, when rafting on water flows below 1,000 cubic feet per second. Clients expressly assume all risks associated with their refusal to use or properly use helmets or other safety equipment.

PERMITS

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

RESPONSIBILITY

Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. Mountain & River Adventures assumes no responsibility for injuries, death or loss-damage to client's property while on the river. All clients must sign a Participation Agreement, Release and Assumption of Risk expressly acknowledging these points. Mountain & River Adventures 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/travel insurance such as TravelGuard.com.

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 or out of rafts and assisting in your rescue, if that becomes necessary. Please let us know when you return your Participant Agreement, if you have any health or dietary restrictions. We will gladly accommodate reasonable dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

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 Mountain & River Adventures. Determination of refunds (if any) will be made after reviewing trip details. Guides and other personnel employed by Mountain & River Adventures are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or trip credits. Such determinations can only be made by company officers.

CANCELLATIONS

If you cancel, for any reason, less than 30 days prior to your trip date, you are not eligible for a refund or store credit. Written cancellation notice received by our office more than 30 days prior to the trip date will result in a refund of your deposit paid less a \$25 per person processing fee. If you must cancel at the last minute, try to find a friend to take your place. Please read our Cancellation Policy that you received with your reservation confirmation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend investing in this affordable coverage, which provides accident, illness, baggage, and trip cancellation protection such as TravelGuard.com. Contact your insurance agent for more information.