

Camping on Kern River

Two years ago last August I spent three weeks of that month camping out on Kern River in the Sierra Nevada Mountains - From my home it takes two days to get to the "Fishing Grounds" as the place is called - for people go there both to fish and camp out. When I went there was quite a crowd of jolly young people and that made the rough trip seem a great deal more pleasant than it would otherwise have been. We had to go on horseback and in some places there was just barely enough room for our horses to pass by, single file - One place was called the "Devil's Ladder" and I think it is rightly named for the path was nothing but rock and very crooked and at first sight it seemed as though it would be impossible to pass over it - One curious thing we passed over was a stone bridge called Natural "Bridge" - The water is supposed to have worn through it. The "Fishing Grounds" are in a small valley enclosed on the east and west sides by immense mountains - In the morning the sun is never seen from this valley until 9 o'clock - Along the east side flows the Kern River in which are caught trout some of which weigh over twenty pounds - A great many people go to these grounds to have the benefit of drinking water from springs that are highly mineral.

in character and are called "Soda Springs".
Berries are found in abundance - and quarts
often deer are killed - - Taking in every thing
There is not a more delightful place
^{in any} to camp out, than on Kern River.

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