

California / Lake Isabella

## Kern Canyon

DISTANCE: 9.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 1500 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

Our family hiked a portion of the trail yesterday and it was quite enjoyable. although some of the wildflowers have died, at least the snakes are not out yet so that's a plus. The trail was challenging to get to, because although there is a sign at the trailhead, you need to run across 178 and go through a fence to get to it. the temperatures were starting to get warm even late morning, and I think that we will wait until fall to return again to this Trail to avoid the heat.

Of the hundreds of hikes I have done, this one is one of my all time favorites. Happened to time it perfectly to catch the super bloom of wildflowers. There are some in the first 2 miles, but the bulk of the wildflowers are between 2 and 4 miles. It's not a hard hike at all. I mapped it to 10.6 miles. Trail is well established and clearly marked. Love this hike. Go soon to catch the wildflowers before it gets hot

