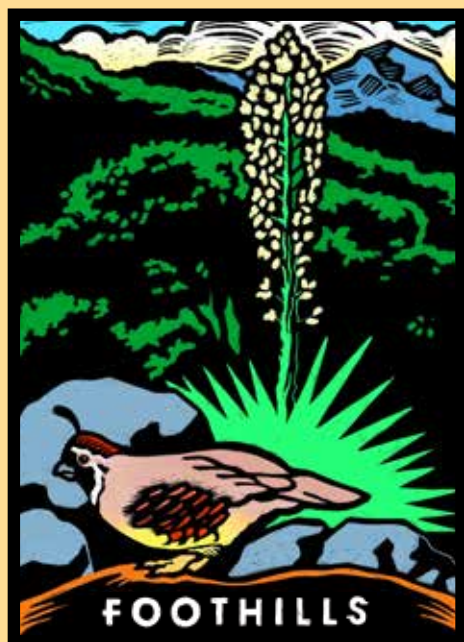




Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument 

Sequoia Parks Conservancy 



Become a Volunteer

I HAVE BEEN COMING TO Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks since 1976 when my parents drove our little family here to show us what nature meant. I have wandered the trails of these mountains ever since.

It is my second home, what I think of as my true home, the place I dream of when my semester of teaching becomes difficult. I have discovered the nature my parents wanted me to find.

When I began volunteering, I came to know this place in a new way. I had always seen the High Sierra through the lens of my ego, but by re-seeing it, it has become a part of me.

Volunteer, and it will become a part of you, too.

The meadows have more significance when you help to reseed them with native grasses, the trails an added dimension when you

maintain them, the forest more depth when you monitor and protect its health.

You gain so much from these scientists, historians, trail crews, naturalists, cave guides, and rangers when you give a little of your time.

- JOHN BRANTINGHAM

For more information about volunteering in Sequoia and Kings Canyon, email seki_volunteer@nps.gov, call 559-565-4287, or ask at any visitor center.



In Cedar Grove, you may notice tiny trees marked with yellow and green flags. Park volunteers planted these seedlings this spring to replace trees killed by drought, insects, and wildfire. Please avoid stepping on them! And if you can donate an hour or two of time to help with watering, look for information at Cedar Grove campground kiosks.

Moro Rock, Dawn

Your children crouch to follow the progress of the blue-black beetle working its way on granite.

Above, birds dive to catch moths, whose wings are left behind to come down like ash.

This morning view is yours alone. It stretches as far as it can toward the sea.

John Brantingham is the first poet laureate for these parks. Each summer, he and his wife Ann, lead creative workshops and restoration service projects.

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Telephone & Internet

911 EMERGENCY — DIAL 911
No coins needed in payphones.

To Report a Wildfire — 559-565-3195

Limited Cell Signals & Service

See pay phone locations by area, pages 8-9.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon (NPS)

1-559-565-3341 (24 hour): Press 1 for an information menu then press 1 for roads/weather/fire; press 2 for camping/lodging; 4 for wilderness; and more.

GPS, Web & Social Media

GPS programs often misdirect travellers here.

Use maps and signs, or ask for directions.

The *only* official park information sources online are:



The Official Park Website
www.nps.gov/seki



Facebook
Sequoia and Kings
Canyon National Parks



Instagram
[sequoiakingsnps](https://www.instagram.com/sequoiakingsnps)

Sequoia National Forest/Monument (FS)

1-559-338-2251, fs.usda.gov/sequoia

Yosemite National Park (NPS)

1-209-372-0200, nps.gov/yose

California Road Conditions (CalTrans)

1-800-427-7623, dot.ca.gov

WiFi Locations

Foothills Visitor Center (Sequoia National Park),
Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove)

Translations

Welcome - You may borrow a Braille copy of the park map & guide at visitor centers.

Bienvenidos - Hay un folleto en español disponible en los centros de visitante.

Bienvenue - Une guide officielle est disponible dans les centres d'information.

Willkommen - Eine Landkarte ist auch in deutscher sprache im Besucher-zentrum erhältlich.

Benvenuti - La traduzione in lingua Italiana della mappa e' disponibile in tutti i centri di informazioni.

Visitor Centers

Each offers different exhibits and films. They all sell a variety of fun and educational items including books, maps, shirts, and postcards. All purchases support the parks!

Cedar Grove Visitor Center

(NPS) Open daily from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Explore natural history and browse the park store. Pay phone and restrooms are available nearby.
1-559-565-3793.

Foothills Visitor Center

(NPS) Daily 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Exhibits on life in the low elevations. 1-559-565-4212. *Muchas veces hay rangers aquí quienes hablan Español.* Local wilderness permits are issued from 8:00 am-4:00 pm at the Wilderness Office on weekdays & Saturdays. When the office is closed, self-registration permits are available outside the visitor center.

Giant Forest Museum

(NPS) Open daily from 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Browse exhibits on sequoias and shop at the park store. 1-559-565-4480. There is no pay phone; the closest is outside at Lodgepole Market.

Kings Canyon Visitor Center

(NPS) In Grant Grove. Open daily from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Browse exhibits, watch a movie in English & Spanish, and visit the park store. 1-559-565-4307. Local wilderness permits are issued from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. The nearest pay phones are at the visitor center and market.

Lodgepole Visitor Center

(NPS) Open daily from 7:00 am-5:00 pm. Watch a movie about bears and browse the park store. The nearest pay phone is nearby at the market. Local wilderness permits are issued here. 1-559-565-4436.

Mineral King Ranger Station

(NPS) Open daily 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Wilderness permits are issued here until 3:45 pm. Pay phone is in Cold Springs Campground.

USFS Hume Lake District Office

(USFS) 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Highway 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles west of Kings Canyon park entrance. Open weekdays from 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Buy maps and books, and get trip planning information.



Partners in the Parks

The following work together to protect these lands, provide services, and publish this guide, which was first printed in 1974 as the *Sequoia Bark*.

- Publisher: SPC (see below).
- Printer: Willems Commercial Printing, Inc.

National Park Service (NPS) - federal agency in the Department of the Interior:
1-559-565-3341



Forest Service (FS) - federal agency in the Department of Agriculture:
1-559-338-2251



Geological Survey (USGS) - federal agency in the Department of the Interior: 1-559-565-3171, werc.usgs.gov

Delaware North Parks & Resorts at Sequoia & Kings Canyon (DNPR) - the concessioner providing lodging & food services: 1-888-252-5757, visitsequoia.com

Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC): The official non-profit park partner! Members get a discount on some activities. See below or call 1-559-565-4251.



**Connect to
your national park!**

The Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC) works with these parks to enrich your experience and awareness of public lands. It offers educational programs, publications, and financial support for preserving the natural and cultural history of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and nearby Lake Kaweah. Visit sequoiaparksconservancy.org and exploresequoiakingscanyon.com for activities and programs or to donate to a great cause. 1-559-561-4251.

Support the Conservancy as it:

- Seeks funding for park improvement projects, resource protection, and research;
- Provides activities & tour-guide services through their Field Institute;
- Supports park programs & activities;
- Increases accessibility of park trails;
- Conducts Crystal Cave tours;
- Expands park outreach;
- Accepts donations for search & rescue efforts;
- Manages the Pear Lake Winter Hut; and
- Funds park books, maps, and this guide!

Change: Natural & Unnatural

We often think of parks as outdoor museums. Caretaking a living ecosystem, however, is very different than protecting unchanging objects.

Both natural features and human facilities may be different each time you visit, as both are changing all the time. How we take care of those features and facilities may also affect your visit. You won't notice the ozone monitor that works 24 hours a day, but you will see other activities such as revegetation, road work, painting, or trail maintenance. Some activities may unavoidably affect you, such as smoke from a prescribed fire, campsite closures due to revegetation, or bear management.

The park staff uses such actions as tools to maintain the landscape and protect its inhabitants and visitors. Your visit gives you but a snapshot of this process; Nature decides the timing of many of these actions. They all share one goal: preservation of these parks for us all, now and in the future.



Prescribed fire in a sequoia grove

Fire: A Natural Change

Years ago, we tried to banish fire from the landscape, believing it was destructive. In sequoia groves, that meant putting out lightning-caused fires that naturally start as often as every 5 to 15 years.

As time passed, we saw unanticipated consequences from this practice. Fire suppression blocked important natural processes, which led to big problems:

First, sequoias were not reproducing. We learned that fires create the conditions that sequoias need to regenerate: Fires leave behind a seedbed fertilized with ash, open the cones, and open the forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the seedlings.

Second, the amount of dead wood and dense growth of small white-fir trees increased tremendously. In the past, frequent natural fires burned these away. Now, after fire's long absence, these serve as fuels, feeding bigger, hotter blazes that are

more dangerous for people, plants, and wildlife. For over 40 years at these parks, we have studied fire and its effects on the land. To protect human safety and benefit giant sequoia trees, we now work with fire to restore the benefits it brings.

We still put out fires that threaten life and property but, when and where it's appropriate, we ignite prescribed fires or allow lightning fires to spread naturally, reducing fuels and improving conditions. Strong evidence shows we are succeeding.

Why is this important? The national parks exist to conserve resources "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." We once thought that aggressive fire suppression met this goal. A more complete understanding of fire's effects tells us that excluding this natural agent of change only hurts what we are trying to protect.

Unnatural Change: Alien Invaders

Plants and animals evolve together in communities over time. Often, they keep each other in check.

When species get brought in from other places, the newcomers may multiply wildly. This is because the competitors, predators, and diseases that keep them in check in their home communities are not here. This imbalance breaks links in the local web of life, badly disrupting native species that depend on each other. Sometimes the non-native aliens completely replace local plants and animals.

Practice alien hygiene! Look for seeds and tiny animals attached to shoes, clothes, waders, equipment, tires, and pet fur. Wash mud from under cars and on tires before coming into the parks.

The natives will thank you!

Imminent Alien Threats!

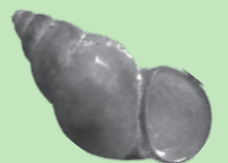
Star thistle is one of the most damaging non-natives in the state. Dense, thorny growth completely excludes native plants and limits wildlife movements. It is not yet established in these parks, but it is close!

If you recognize its yellow flower and thorny spines from your home or travels, make sure not to bring it in. If you see it here, tell a ranger.



New Zealand mud snails completely

take over and change any waterway that they invade. Due to their biology, just one snail can start a huge population! These tiny light-brown animals—less than 1/8-inch long—stick to your gear. Check boots, waders, and boats thoroughly for this little invader. Common just east of the parks, they could easily be carried into the High Sierra.



For more information on fire management, visit <http://go.nps.gov/sekifire>. To report a wildfire: 559-565-3195.

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Camping

Each standard campsite has a table and fire ring with a grill and accommodates up to 6 people and 1 vehicle. There are no RV hook-ups in the parks.

Showers are no longer available in Grant Grove. Public showers are available at Lodgepole and Cedar Grove villages.

You *must* store food correctly all year due to black bears. The park supplies bear boxes; most are 47" long x 33" deep x 28" high. See page 11.

Summer reservations: See * on chart for reservable campsites in the parks (NPS) and in Sequoia National Forest (USFS). Reservations are available from 6 months to 2 days before your stay: www.recreation.gov; 1-877-444-6777 (7am -9pm PST, 3/1-10/31). Customer service: 1-888-448-1474.

Group Sites & Maximum Group Sizes

- **Mid-size group sites (7 to 19 people):** Reservable at Crystal Springs and Canyon View.
- **Large-group sites: (15 - 40 people):** Reservable at Dorst Creek, Sunset, or Canyon View. Group sites are also available in the national forest.

Fire Restrictions, Campfires, & Firewood

- Gather only dead & down wood; do not cut limbs off trees. Please don’t transport firewood. It can carry insects/diseases that threaten living trees. Find/buy wood close to where you will use it. Please burn any wood you brought in.
- Fires must be out cold before you leave.
- On Forest Service (USFS) land, free fire permits are required. Ask about them at Hume Lake Office, Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove), a USFS ranger, or read about and download them at www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia.

Roadside Camping?

Not permitted in the park. Camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. In National Forest & Monument (USFS): Permitted unless posted otherwise; see fire-permit requirement info above.

Quiet & Generator Hours

Music and noise should be audible in your site only. Quiet hours 10pm-6am (no generators). At Lodgepole & Dorst, generator use 8-11am & 5-8pm only.

RV & Trailer Length Limits

Restrictions are in effect; check the back page.

Propane/Fuel Canisters

Recycle fuel canisters at home. Do not put them in park trash cans or leave them here.

Campgrounds: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (NPS)		
Foothills Area	Elevation 2100’ - 3600’	Low-elevation oaks and chaparral.
* Potwisha - 40 sites Open all year.	\$22. *Sites reservable until 9/26/18.	River nearby. Pay phone, flush toilets, dump station.
* Buckeye Flat - 28 sites Open until noon on 9/26/18.	\$22. *Sites reservable.	No RVs or trailers. River nearby. Flush toilets. Other facilities nearby at Potwisha.
South Fork - 10 sites Open all year.	\$12. No drinking water.	Vault toilets. River nearby. Food-storage boxes ~47" long, 17" deep, 16" high. Non-drinkable water is occasionally available at this site.
Mineral King Area	Elevation 6650’ - 7500’	No electricity or gas in the Mineral King area.
Atwell Mill - 21 sites Open until noon on 10/31/18.	\$12.	No RVs or trailers. River, sequoias. Vault toilets. Food, pay showers nearby at Silver City (summer only).
Cold Springs - 40 sites Open until noon on 10/31/18.	\$12.	No RVs or trailers. Pay phone. River. Vault toilets. Food-storage boxes in varied sizes.
Lodgepole Area	Elevation 6700’	*Reservations available in summer. Conifer forest.
* Lodgepole - 203 sites Open until noon on 11/28/18.	\$22. Sites reservable until 9/26/18.	Pay phone, flush toilets. River. Food services nearby. Generator use: 8-11am & 5-8pm only. Dump station. Starts to open 4/18/18.
* Dorst Creek - 212 sites Open 6/20/18 - 9/5/18.	\$22. Sites reservable when the campground is open.	Flush toilets, dump station, pay phone. Generator use 8-11am & 5-8pm only. Large group sites for 15-50 \$70, for 15-40 \$60, for 15-30 \$50.
Grant Grove Area	Elevation 6500’	Beginning in 2018, showers are no longer available here.
Azalea - 110 sites Open all year.	\$18. Self-register near site #29.	Flush toilets. Village nearby with food services (no showers).
Crystal Springs - 49 sites. Open until noon on 9/5/18.	\$18 for standard sites. *Mid-size group sites \$40.	Food nearby in summer. *14 reservable sites for mid-sized groups (7 to15 people). Flush toilets, no showers.
* Sunset - 156 sites Open until noon on 9/5/18.	\$22. *Large-group sites (15-30 people) \$50.	Flush toilets. Nearby food service. Regular sites reservable for 6/27 - 9/5/18; large sites for 5/23 - 9/5/18. No showers.
Cedar Grove Area	Elevation 4600’	Road opens at noon on April 27. No RV dump stations.
* Sentinel - 82 sites Open until noon on 11/13/18.	\$22. Reservations available 5/23 - 9/5/18.	Flush toilets. Food, pay showers & laundry nearby in summer.
Sheep Creek - 111 sites Open until noon on 9/19/2018.	\$18.	Flush toilets. Food, pay showers & laundry nearby in summer.
* Canyon View: 16 group sites No RVs or trailers.	\$40 mid-size groups (7-15); *\$50 large groups (15-30); *\$60 large groups (15-40).	Flush toilets. Food, pay showers & laundry nearby. *Large-group sites open and reservable until 9/26/18, and mid-size group sites until 9/5. Some sites will be closed for restoration in 2018. No standard sites.
Moraine - 121 sites Open until noon on 9/5/18.	\$18.	Flush toilets. Food, pay showers, laundry nearby.
Note: Opening and availability may change with weather and other conditions.		
Campgrounds: Sequoia National Forest (USFS)		
Hume Lake Area	Elevation 4000’ - 5900’	Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. *Reservable in summer.
* Princess - 88 sites	\$27 single, \$54 double Reservable in summer.	River, sequoias. Nature programs (summer). Vault toilets. RV dump station \$10. Extra car \$7.
* Hume Lake - 64 sites	\$27 single, \$54 double Reservable in summer.	Nature programs. Flush toilets. Lake, food, pay phone, laundry & gas nearby. Extra car \$7.
* Tenmile - 11 sites	\$21 single, \$42 double. Reservable in summer.	River & sequoias nearby. Vault toilets. No potable water. Reopens when snow melts.
Landslide - 9 sites	\$23 single, \$46 double. First-come, first-served.	River & sequoias nearby. Vault toilets. Extra car \$7. Ropens when snow melts.
Convict Flat - 5 sites	Free. No water.	Vault toilets. River nearby. Reopens with 2018 spring opening of Hwy 180 to Cedar Grove.
Big Meadows & Stony Creek	Elevation 6400 - 7500’	Between Grant Grove & Wuksachi Lodge. Open with snowmelt.
* Stony Creek - 48 sites	\$27 single, \$54 double. Reservable in summer.	Flush toilets. Pay phone, food, laundry, showers nearby at lodge (summer). Extra car \$7. Food-storage boxes ~47"long, 17"deep, 16"high
* Upper Stony - 24 sites	\$23 single. Reservable in summer.	Nature programs (summer). Vault toilets. Food, laundry, showers nearby. Extra car \$7. Food-storage boxes ~47"long, 17"deep, 16"high.
Horse Camp - 5, Buck Rock - 11.	Free. No water.	Vault toilets. Food-storage boxes ~47"long, 17"deep, 16"high.
Big Meadow - 43 sites	\$23 single site,\$46 double. Reservable in summer.	Vault toilets. Big Meadow food boxes ~47"long, 33"deep, 28"high.

Lodging

For hours & other details, see pages 8-9.

Three park areas offer lodging, as do several sites in the nearby national forest:

In these National Parks (NPS)

IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK:

Wuksachi Lodge

All year. Reservations 1-866-807-3598; www.visitsequoia.com. North of Lodgepole two miles; 7200'. Lodge, restaurant, lounge, gifts, ATM, Wifi.

IN KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK:

Reservations 1-866-807-3598; www.visitsequoia.com. Lodging is available in two areas:

Grant Grove Cabins & John Muir Lodge

All year. Hotel, cabins, restaurant, market, gifts, ATM. Register at the John Muir Lodge. 6500' elevation. 1-559-335-5500.

Cedar Grove Lodge in the Kings Canyon

Mid-May to mid-October. Motel, restaurant, market at 4600' elevation.

Sequoia National Forest (USFS)

Montecito Sequoia Lodge (FS permittee)

All year. Reservations 1-800-227-9900; 1-559-565-3388; www.mslodge.com. On the Generals Highway 9 miles south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel (wi-fi), seasonal & children's activities.

Stony Creek Resort (USFS permittee)

Mid-May to mid-October. Reservations 1-800-227-9900; www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com. On the Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Hotel, gasoline, market, showers, laundry.

Big Meadows Cabin (USFS)

July to mid-October. 1-877-444-6777; www.recreation.gov. Historic station south of Grant Grove.

On Private Land within Park

*** Note:** These lodges, on private land surrounded by national park, cannot be evaluated, regulated, or endorsed by these agencies. Details, pages 8-9.

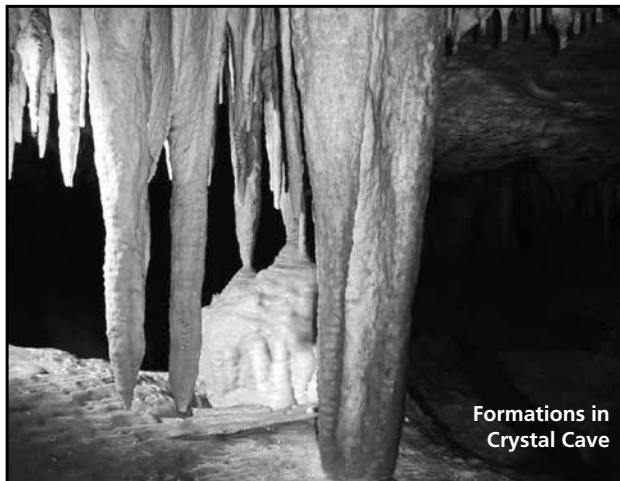
* Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Open from late May to late September. 1-559-561-3223, www.silvercityresort.com. Cabins, supplies, showers, store, restaurant/bakery. No gas.

Neighboring Towns

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging & camping. Ask at visitor centers or see www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit.

Programs & Tours



Crystal Cave Tours

Reserve tickets online at www.recreation.gov at least 48 hours in advance. Need a ticket today? Check first thing in the morning at Lodgepole or Foothills visitor centers (*not* at the cave). *Plan time for delays in getting through the park entrances, especially on weekends and holidays.*

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles from Sequoia Park's entrance at Hwy 198; 3 miles south of Sherman Tree. Maximum vehicle length on this narrow road is 22'. Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes for the steep 1/2-mile trail to the cave. Wear a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No strollers, tripods or bags/packs are permitted inside the cave (They can be used on the trail from the parking area but must be left outside unattended during the tour.). No flash/lighted photography/video. Not wheelchair accessible. Tour times are subject to change. For school tours & large groups, visit sequoiaparksconservancy.org/crystalcave.

Family Cave Tour Daily - 45 minutes

Extra tours on holiday weekends (Friday-Monday).

May 25 - June 15:

- Weekdays: Tours on the hour, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Weekends: Tours on the hour, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and on the half-hour 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

June 16 - August 26:

- Saturday: Every 1/2 hour 10:30 am-5:30 pm
- Sunday: Every 1/2 hour 10:30 am-4:30 pm
- Weekdays: Every 1/2 hour 10:30 am-4:00 pm

Ticket prices: Age 5-12 \$8; 13-61 \$16; 62 & up \$15. Ask about SPC member discounts! National Park and Interagency passes do not apply.

Special tours for special interests:

Junior Caver Tour 6/22-8/17, Fridays 1:00-3:30 pm. Ages 10 to 15. \$30.

Discovery Tour 6/17-8/19. Mon-Fri at 4:30 pm, Sundays at 5:00 pm (except holiday weekends). \$18.

Family Tour Age 13 & up. 6/18-8/26. Daily at 10 am, 12:30 pm, 3:30 pm (except holiday weekends). \$18.



Free Ranger Walks & Talks

Free programs are offered in the Foothills, Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, Mineral King, Cedar Grove, and other locations! Check bulletin boards for schedules of ranger-led activities.

Free Junior Ranger Program

Pick up a free booklet at any visitor center, complete the activities, & earn your badge!

Field Institute

Over 60,000 visitors annually explore the parks and Lake Kaweah with Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Field Institute. These experts guide you through the night sky, Crystal Cave, and park trails. They even bring park history to life! SPC members may get a discount on Field Institute activities. 559-565-4251; sequoiaparks.org.

Teachers & Parents, Take Note!

Expand your classroom: Invite a ranger to your class, visit the parks with your school group, download lesson plans, and participate in distance learning. All education programs are standards-based and free! Visit nps.gov/seki/learn/education.

Exploring on Horseback

Hourly rides, spot trips, or guided trips:

- **Grant Grove Stables:** Open daily for one-hour and two-hour rides from June 9 - September 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. 1-559-335-9292.
- **Cedar Grove Pack Station:** Pack trips and horseback rides. Open daily from 9:00 am-4:00 pm through September 30. 1-559-565-3464.
- **Horse Corral near Big Meadows (USFS):** Open until September; call 1-559-565-3404 or 559-338-2251

Review safety advice on page 10, including warnings about tree hazards. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry water and a map (sold at visitor centers). Orient yourself before going and tell someone your plans. Always store food properly before leaving your car or campsite.

The Foothills

The low elevations host more different plants and animals than the rest of these parks combined!

Foothills Visitor Center

Browse the park store and exhibits on the foothills.

Marble Falls Trail climbs 3.7 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a waterfall. Park across the highway from Potwisha (no non-camper parking in campground). Near site #14, follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a cascade. Please be careful; drownings occur here too often!

Paradise Creek

Park at Hospital Rock Picnic Area (not in campground). Walk 0.6 miles to Buckeye Flat Campground. Take the path across from site #28 to cross a footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek (not the Middle Fork) for 1 mile (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

Mineral King

The steep, winding road ends at 7800', the park's highest road. No gasoline or electricity. Use the machine at Lookout Point entrance to pay your fee. Protect your vehicle from marmot damage, especially in early summer. Check online for details at nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/marmots.htm.

Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum & Lodgepole Visitor Center

Free shuttles from Lodgepole and Dorst campgrounds stop at both visitor centers.

Big Trees Trail

A level, 2/3-mile (1km) paved loop with trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start your walk at Giant Forest Museum (parking at the trail is only for cars with disability placards). 1 hour round trip.

Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road


This 3-mile dead-end road begins at Giant Forest Museum. It's closed on weekends & holidays from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, until 9/9. It leads to:

- **Moro Rock** - Climb a steep stairway to the top of this granite dome for spectacular mountain views. See the lightning warning on page 10. Shuttle stop.
- **Tunnel Log** - A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. Bypass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles from the Museum.
- **Crescent Meadow** - Sequoias surround this fragile wetland. Stay on designated trails; use fallen logs to walk into meadows. Several trails start here, such as the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia; and the High Sierra Trail (60 miles/97 km) to Mt. Whitney, highest in the lower 48 states. Shuttle stop.

General Sherman Tree

Two trails lead to the world's largest tree:

- **Main Trail** - This 1/2-mile trail down to the tree has some stairs; the walk back is uphill. Drive 2 miles north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot on the Generals Highway only for those with disability placards). Turn right on Wolverton Road and follow signs. Shuttle stop.

 **Wheelchair-accessible trail** from the Generals Hwy to the Sherman Tree. Parking here is only for those with disability placards. If you have no placard but can't walk the hill on the main trail, ask at a visitor center for a temporary permit. Shuttle stop.

Congress Trail

This fairly level 2-mile (3.2 km) loop leads through the heart of the Giant Forest sequoia grove. Begin at the Sherman Tree.

Sequoia By Shuttle: May 24 - September 9

Check bulletin boards at shuttle stops for details.

Giant Forest: Green Route 1 - Free.

Giant Forest Museum to Lodgepole, stopping at the Sherman Tree in each direction. 1/2-hour ride one way. First pickups at 8:00 am and 8:30 am; then every 15 minutes 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow: Gray Route 2 - Free.

Giant Forest Museum, Moro Rock, Crescent Meadow, Giant Forest Museum (stops at Auto Log and Tunnel Log on weekends only). 1/2-hour round trip. Weekdays: 8:00 am, 8:45 am, then every 20 minutes 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Weekends 8:00 am, 8:45 am, then every 10 minutes 9:00 am-6:00 pm. Road closed to private vehicles on weekends & holidays (page 12).

Lodgepole / Wuksachi / Dorst: Purple Route 3 - Free.

Leaves each stop every 20 minutes from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. The Dorst portion starts when Dorst opens in June.

Wolverton / Sherman Tree: Orange Route 4 - Free.

Connects Wolverton picnic area & trailhead to both the main and the accessible trails to the Sherman Tree every 15 minutes 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Giant Forest /Foothills/ Visalia - \$15 round trip

Reservations required; make them at sequoiashuttle.com or 1-877-BUS-HIKE. 2-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest every hour from 6am-10am. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia every hour from 2:30-6:30pm. \$15 round trip (no additional park entrance fee).



In-park shuttle questions: 559-565-4436.

All buses are wheelchair-accessible. 

Review safety tips on page 10. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry a map or trail guide (sold at visitor centers). Be safe! Ask about free ranger-led programs.

Grant Grove

Kings Canyon Visitor Center (NPS)

Browse exhibits and watch a park film.

Grant Tree Trail

This 1/3-mile (.5 km) paved trail visits one of the world's five largest living trees. President Coolidge named it the Nation's Christmas Tree. The trailhead is one mile/1.6km from the visitor center; go north on Hwy 180 then follow signs left.

North Grove Loop

This lightly traveled, 1½-mile (2.4 km) trail offers a close look at Big Trees and a quiet forest walk. Start at the Grant Tree overflow-parking area.

Panoramic Point Road

A narrow road to a trail to a viewpoint with beautiful Sierran vistas. RVs and trailers are not permitted in the road. The road begins beyond the visitor center parking. Park Ridge Trail (4 miles/6.4 km round-trip) also begins here.

Big Stump Basin

Stumps in this meadow from late 19th-century logging include the Mark Twain Stump. You can climb steps to see the growth rings of this giant. Slabs of this tree are on display in museums in New York and London. 1.5 miles, easy.

Big Baldy Ridge

Great views over Redwood Canyon from the top (8209 feet); elevation gain 600 feet (183m). Round trip 4 miles (6.4km). From Grant Grove, go 8 miles (13km) south on Generals Highway to the trailhead.

Kings Canyon & Cedar Grove

Cedar Grove Visitor Center (NPS)

Explore natural history and browse the park store.

Canyon View

The "U" shape of this canyon, apparent from this viewpoint, reveals its glacial history. 1 mile (1.6 km) east of Cedar Grove Village Road on Highway 180.

Knapp's Cabin

During the Roaring '20s, a California businessman stored gear in this small cabin for lavish fishing trips. Look for signs on Highway 180 two miles east of Cedar Grove Village.

Roaring River Falls

A very short, shady walk to a powerful waterfall rushing through a granite chute. East of the Village 3 miles. Paved, accessible with assistance.

Zumwalt Meadow

This 1.5-mile (2.4 km) loop passes high granite walls, lush meadows, and the Kings River. Parking is 4½ miles (7.2 km) east of Cedar Grove Village road. Buy a trail guide at the visitor center. Allow 1 hour.

Mist Falls

One of the park's largest waterfalls. Allow 4 - 5 hours; 9 miles (14.4 km) round trip from Road's End. 600-foot elevation gain in the last 2 miles.

Hotel Creek Trail

Starts .2 mile north of the market at the intersection with the pack station road. Climbs through chaparral to views from Cedar Grove Overlook. 5 miles (8 km) round trip; 1200-foot/365 m elevation gain. Strenuous; allow 3 -4 hours. Return via Lewis Creek Trail for an 8-mile (12.9 km) loop.

National Forest (USFS)

Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest. Despite the similar name, the forest is managed separately from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Converse Basin

Virtually every mature sequoia in this huge grove was felled early in the 1900s. Walk the 2-mile (3.2 km) Boole Tree loop, 6 miles north of Grant Grove to a monarch they spared, or the ½-mile (.8 km) loop to the Chicago Stump, cut for exhibit at the 1893 World's Fair (2 miles north of Grant Grove).

Indian Basin

A one-mile accessible trail & one-mile unpaved trail. Take Highway 180 7 miles north of Grant Grove; turn into Princess Campground. Turn left past the dump station to trailhead parking area.

Hume Lake

Formed by a rare, historic dam, the lake supplied water to a flume that floated lumber 67 miles (108km) to Sanger. An easy 2½-mile (4 km) trail circles it. Page 9 lists facilities. Six miles (12.8 km) north of Grant Grove on Highway 180; then 3 miles (4.8 km) south on Hume Lake Road.

Buck Rock Lookout

A 1916 tower, still used for spotting fires, offers 360° views. Approximately 6 miles (9.6 km) off Big Meadows Road 14S11, then take Forest Road 13S04.



The Kings Canyon

The Generals Highway

Driving this 80-year-old roadway is part of the experience of these parks. It carries you up almost a mile in elevation, and connects the General Sherman Tree to the General Grant Tree, thereby earning its name.

An intense effort to upgrade the highway is underway. For decades, a skin of pavement barely improved the original wagon road. Today's work is building a route that can handle today's large numbers of modern vehicles, without losing the joys of a mountain road. See page 12 for road information.

Wayside exhibits at overlooks along this historic road offer insight into these parks. Stop, read, and enjoy the views at these and other overlooks:

Kings Canyon Overlook

View the High Sierra wilderness from this overlook about 6 miles (9.5km) south of Grant Grove.

Redwood Mountain Overlook

Six miles (9.6 km) south of Grant Grove on the southwest side of the Generals Highway. Views of one of the world's largest sequoia groves.

Eleven Range Overlook

South of the Giant Forest, this turnout offers views to the west over the foothills and the distant valley.



The Generals Highway in Giant Forest

Foothills Area

1300-3500' elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters. Fantastic wildflowers starting in January. Park headquarters is by the Foothills Visitor Center.

Foothills Visitor Center (NPS)

Open daily 8:00 am–4:30 pm. WiFi is available.

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

Exhibits about the Native California Indians who lived here. Store your food from bears.

Pay Telephones (cell phones rarely work)

Foothills Visitor Center; Potwisha Campground; Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Giant Forest Sequoia Grove

6400' elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees.

Giant Forest Museum (NPS)

Beautiful exhibits on the amazing giant sequoias.

Mobile Food Cart: Main General Sherman Parking Area. Open daily beginning 6/4, 11:00 am–5:00 pm.

Wolverton

7200' elevation. This picnic area and trailhead offer good open space for viewing night skies. The Wolverton Road junction is two miles (3.2 km) north of the Sherman Tree. Look for access to the main parking area for the General Sherman Tree Trail along Wolverton Road. The picnic area and trailhead are at the end of the road.

Lodgepole

6700' elevation. North of Giant Forest along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River.

Lodgepole Visitor Center (NPS)

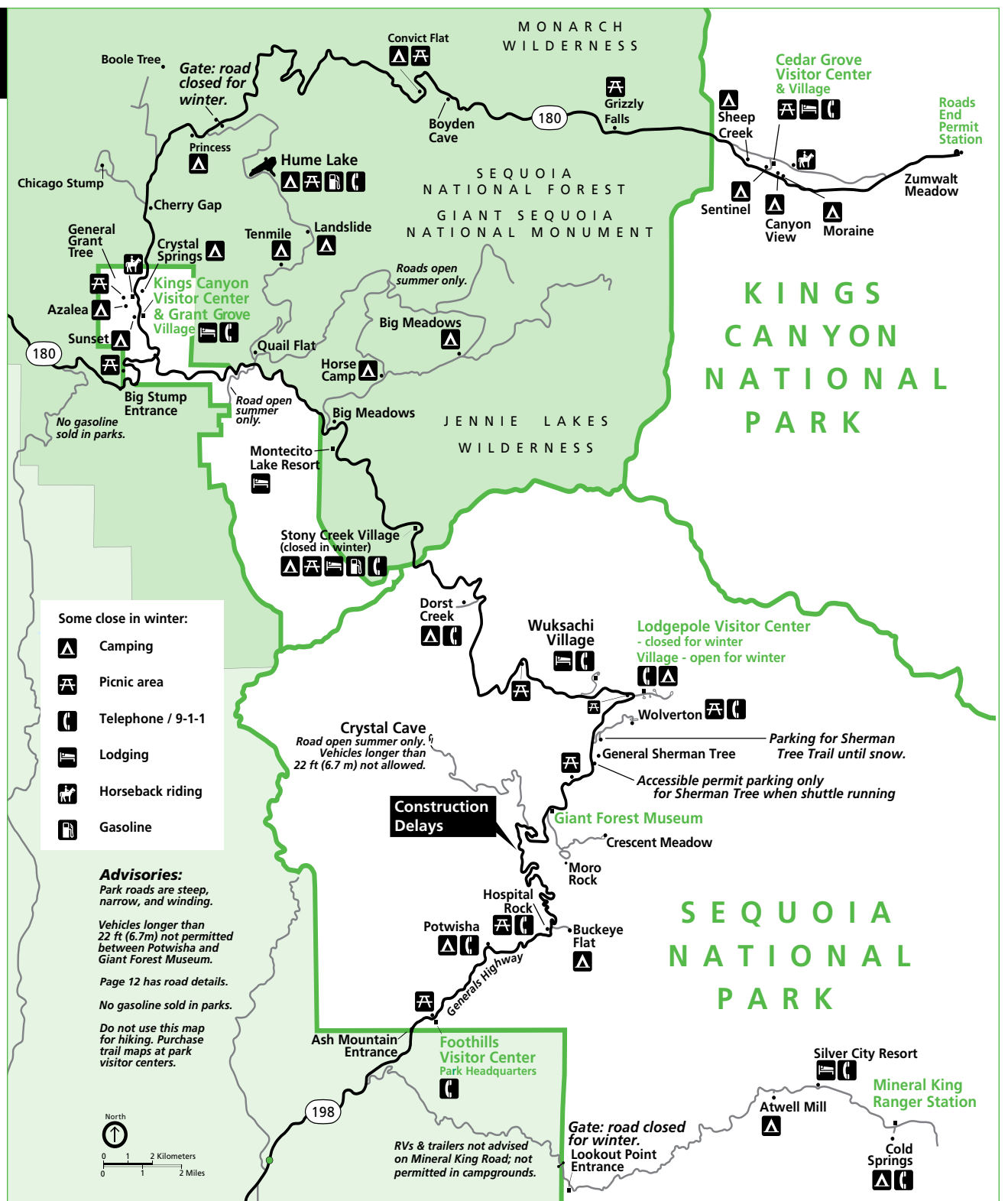
Watch a bear film and explore the park store.

Lodgepole Village (DNC)

- **Market & Gift Shop:** Open daily from 8:00 am-9:00 pm. Shop here for camping supplies, clothing, groceries & grab-and-go food. ATM.
- **Food Service:** The new Lodgepole Grill is open daily from 8:00-11:00 am & 11:30 am-8:00 pm.
- **Showers & laundry:** Open daily from 7:00 am-1:00 pm & 3:00-9:00 pm.
- **Pay telephone** is outside market.

U.S. Post Office

Mail drop only. Full postal services at Grant Grove.



See page 12 for information about road construction delays and vehicle length limits.

Wuksachi Lodge & Dining

7200' elevation. Year-round service. (DNC)

Wuksachi Gift Shop

Open 8:00 am-9:00 pm. Supplies and souvenirs.

The Peaks Dining Room

Daily 7:00 am–3:00 pm, 5:00–10:00 pm. Reservations recommended for dinner. Box lunches available. 1-559-625-7700. The lounge is undergoing renovations and will reopen in late summer.

Wuksachi Lodge

The front desk is staffed 24 hours. Pay telephones and ATM. Ask about naturalist programs.

Mineral King

7800' elevation. A narrow, winding road to a sub-alpine valley. Pay your entrance fee at the machine at Lookout Point entrance. Pay phones are at Cold Springs Campground and Sawtooth Trailhead.

Mineral King Ranger Station

Open daily from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Cabins, gifts, showers. No gas. Store, restaurant/
bakery. Open 8:00 am-8:00 pm from Thursday -
Monday, and 8:00 am - 7:00 pm on Tuesday and
Wednesday. 1-559-561-3223, silvercityresort.com.

Grant Grove

6600’ elevation. Experience a pristine sequoia grove, and one that was logged in the 1800s.

Kings Canyon Visitor Center (NPS)

Park film, exhibits in English & Spanish, WiFi.

Grant Grove Village (DNC)

- Market: Daily 7:00 am-9:00 pm. Grab-&-go food, groceries, supplies, ATM.
- New restaurant: Open daily from 7:00–10:00 am and 11:30 am–10:00 pm, with last seating at 9:00 pm. Enjoy the meadow views!
- Gift Shop: Open daily from 8:00 am–9:00 pm. Souvenirs, supplies, clothing, ATM.
- John Muir Lodge: 1-559-335-5500. Meadow Camp Cabins and Tent Cabins are also open.
- Showers are no longer available in Grant Grove. The nearest public showers are at Stony Creek, Lodgepole, and Cedar Grove.

U.S. Post Office Monday–Friday 9am–4pm; 24-hour lobby. Send visitor mail c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Pay Telephones

In the village outside the visitor center & market.

Cedar Grove

4600’ elevation. On the South Fork of the Kings River in the glacially carved Kings Canyon.

Cedar Grove Visitor Center (NPS)

Open daily from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Pay Telephones (cell phones do not work)

Available at visitor center and Cedar Grove Village.

Village Center & Lodge (DNC)

- Grill: Limited food service daily from 7:00-10:00 am, 11:30 am-2:30 pm, and 5:00-9:00 pm.
- Gift Shop/Market: Daily 7:00 am-10:00 pm. Groceries, supplies, souvenirs.
- Showers & Laundry: 7:00 am–1:00 pm, 3:00 - 8:00 pm. Showers are open during renovation.

Wilderness Permits at Road's End (NPS)

Permits for overnight backpackers are issued here from 7:00 am-3:30 pm.

National Forest & Monument

Hume Lake & Big Meadows are in Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest. You pass through the monument when you drive between Lodgepole and Grant Grove and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove.

Lodging details are on page 5.

Sequoia National Forest Hume Lake District Office (USFS)

35860 Kings Canyon Road (Highway 180), 19 miles west of the Big Stump national park entrance. Open weekdays from 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia

Pay Telephones (cell phones rarely work)

- Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove: Summer near the Big Meadows trailhead.
- Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove: Hume Lake (year round; see Hume Lake below).

Hume Lake (on private land)

Open year-round to the public. Gas is sold when the store is open. The general store is open daily: Sundays from 8:00-10:30 am, then 12:30-10:30pm, Mondays-Wednesdays from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm, Thursdays from 9:00 am-9:00 pm, Fridays from 8:00 am-9:00 pm, and Saturdays from 7:00 am-7:00 pm. These hours are subject to change. Travel 6 miles north of Grant Grove on Highway 180, then turn right and travel 4 miles on Hume Lake Road to reach the market. 1-559-305-7770.

Montecito Sequoia Resort (USFS permittee)

Open daily all year. On the Generals Highway 9 miles south of Grant Grove. Buffet meals are available from 7:30 am–9:00 am, noon–1:30 pm, and 5:30–7:00 pm. Cabins, hotel, and children’s activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.

Stony Creek Resort (USFS permittee)

Market 8:00 am-7:00 pm; restaurant 4:00-6:30 pm (later on Friday & Saturday). Showers & laundry 9:00 am-6:00 pm. On the Generals Highway 13 miles south of Grant Grove. **Gasoline** is available when the market is open, and may be available after hours with a credit card. 800-227-9900; 559-565-3909.

Basic Rules National Parks & National Forests lie side by side here. Some activities are illegal in one but not in the other.

Can I...	In National Parks	In National Forests
Walk my leashed pets?	Not on any trails. OK 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). Certified service dogs only (not assistance or therapy animals); see www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010	Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long.
Collect things to take home?	Leave things where you find them to play their natural role in the ecosystem. In both areas: Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use.
Hunt?	Not in the Parks. Visitors are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park.	Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.
Drive off-road?	Not in these parks. Stay on roads.	Get specific information on off-highway-vehicle (OHV) routes at USFS Hume Lake office in Dunlap or Kings Canyon Visitor Center.
Cut wood?	Not in these parks.	Call Hume Lake Ranger District for wood permits & guidelines: 559-338-2251.
Build fires?	In park, only in fire grills in some campgrounds & some picnic areas.	Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves & lanterns. Get permits at visitor center in Grant Grove or USFS in Dunlap.
Go fishing?	In both areas: Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.	
Ride a bicycle?	Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). In both areas: Under 18 years old must wear helmets.	Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles.
Snowmobile?	Not in these parks.	Only on designated snowmobile routes. Trailheads are at Cherry Gap, Big Meadows, & Quail Flat. Information: 1-559-338-2251.
Fly a drone?	Not in any national park.	Only in accordance with FAA guidance, and not in wilderness areas.



You are Responsible for Your Safety

Natural areas present hazards. Cold temperatures, icy or uneven ground, wild animals, and changing weather all pose dangers. Rocks roll, trees topple, and limbs drop without warning. People create other hazards via campfires, traffic, snowplay, and poor decisions. GPS directions may mislead you here.

Water is the main cause of death here. In addition to swimmers, many drowning victims walking or climbing near rivers unexpectedly fall in.

The National Park Service works to reduce risks, but your safety is in your own hands. Keep alert. Read warnings and ask a ranger for advice.

DROWNING

The #1 cause of death in national parks! Be careful around water; falling in is as dangerous as swimming. Once in a river, getting out can be nearly impossible: Rocks are smooth and slippery; swift, cold water rapidly saps your strength. Currents are always stronger than they appear, even during low water. Ask at visitor centers about river conditions.

PLAGUE, HANTAVIRUS & WEST NILE

Do not feed or touch ANY wild animals. Avoid areas of rodent activity, as fleas on rodents can carry *plague* and deer mice feces can carry *hantavirus*. *West Nile virus* is passed by bites from infected mosquitoes. Human illness is not common, but take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

TICKS are common in foothill and Kings Canyon grasses; check yourself for these little animals after a walk. Their bite is painless, but some carry *Lyme disease*. Remove them carefully with tweezers and seek a doctor's advice.



GIARDIA

This protozoan in lakes and streams causes intestinal upset. Iodine and other chemicals may not be as reliable as heat in killing bacteria and Giardia, but can be effective if used properly. Boil drinking water from waterways for at least 3 minutes.

POISON OAK

A common shrub up to 5000 feet elevation. Red leaves and whitish berries in fall; bare in winter; shiny green leaves in groups of three in spring. If you touch any part of it, wash skin and clothes right away.



HYPOTHERMIA

This life-threatening condition can occur year-round. Stay dry; snack often. If others don't react to the need for warmer clothes or are stumbling, forgetful, or extremely tired and drowsy, get warm sugary drinks into them immediately. Get them into dry clothes, sleeping bags, and shelter. Especially keep an eye on children who are wet or cold.

RATTLESNAKES

Found in much of these parks; especially common in the foothills, in the Kings Canyon, and near water. Watch where you put your hands and feet! Do not harass or kill them; this is when most bites occur. Bites are rarely lethal, but tissue damage can be severe. If bitten, avoid panic and call 911.



LIGHTNING

See dark clouds or lightning? Hear thunder? Get inside a large building or a vehicle (not convertible), if possible. Do not stand under trees or in shallow caves. Avoid projecting above your surroundings, such as standing on a ridge, on Moro Rock, or in open meadows. Stay away from open water, wire fences, and metal railings, which can carry lightning from a distance.

CARBON MONOXIDE

This odorless, colorless gas can be fatal. Never burn charcoal in closed spaces such as a tent or RV.

OZONE POLLUTION

See air-quality forecasts in visitor centers. Most ozone rises into the Sierra Nevada on warm winds. Levels of this colorless gas are highest from May to October, peaking in late afternoon. The peaks sometimes reach "unhealthy" state/federal standards, and can affect respiratory systems. Ozone forms from gases in car and factory exhaust.

GPS & WEAK CELL SIGNALS

Cell phones rarely work here, and GPS may misdirect you. Don't rely on them. Note location of pay telephones (pages 8 & 9), and use maps.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

Cougars roam throughout these parks, but you are unlikely to see one. Attacks are rare, but be aware. Watch children closely; never let them run ahead. Cautiously move away if you find a partially buried animal carcass. If you see a cougar, convince it that you are not prey:



- Don't run; that may trigger pursuit. Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible. Don't crouch down.
- Hold your ground or back away slowly while facing the cougar.
- If the cougar acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back! Report any sightings.

DRINKING WATER

We test the 13 park water systems to ensure that they meet federal and state standards. Annual Consumer Confidence Reports are available.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Keep parks safe, natural, and free from illegal activities, including marijuana growing and fireworks! Report suspicious activities: 1-888-NPS-CRIME.

KEEP ANIMALS SAFE

Pets are vulnerable to wildlife, ticks, and overheating in vehicles. Keep wildlife safe from pets, too.

TREE HAZARDS

Branches and trees may fall, whether or not they are dead, even when there is no wind. Keep eyes and ears open. Run if you hear cracks or snapping from roots, trunks, or branches (sometimes there is no sound). Don't linger under dead, cracked, broken, or hanging branches. Avoid spending any time under trees that are rotten at the base or have cracked bark that is peeling off the trunk.

Explore Safely

- Avoid going alone, and tell someone your plans and return time.
- Take a map, water, flashlight, and layers of clothes.
- Watch and listen for potential hazards above, around, and on the ground.

Bear Habitat: Proper food storage is the law!

Bears can grab unattended food or easily break into cars that have food in them. They become bold and sometimes aggressive in attempts to get more. Too often these bears must be killed.

This is why you may be fined if you do not store food properly. Follow the rules below to reduce (but not eliminate) the risk of a bear break-in.

Drivers

Never leave any food or scented item in cars where food-storage boxes are provided.

Picnickers

Never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.

Lodge Guests

Remove food from your vehicles.

Campers

Store food day and night in the metal boxes provided (avoid bringing coolers that won't fit; most boxes are 47" long x 33" deep x 28" high. Store ALL food, coolers, related items, and anything with an odor (even non-food) — including unopened cans and bottles. Latch the box completely. Food not stored properly will be impounded. Where boxes are not provided, seal food to reduce odors, cover it well, and close the windows. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in bear-proof containers or store it like food. Take baby seats out of cars; the smells they absorb may attract bears.

Backpackers

Hanging food often fails! Store all food in a portable container. Less than 3 pounds, it holds up to 5-day's food for one and fits in a pack. Metal boxes in a few wilderness locations offer backup storage. Rent/buy a container at visitor centers or markets.

Everyone

Don't let bears approach you or your food, picnic area, or campsite. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks toward them (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Easily abandoning your food teaches bears that it is acceptable to approach humans; it may hurt someone in the future. If a bear does get food, however, *never* try to take it back.



Your entrance fee helps the Parks!

Most of your entrance fee goes to projects related to your visit here. Save time at the entrance by paying your fee in advance at www.yourpass-now.com/parkpass and showing it as you go in. Ask about Every Kid in a Park passes for 4th graders!

Passes to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks & Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest

- **7-day pass:** \$35 per vehicle (private, non-commercial). \$20 per person on foot, bicycle, or bus. \$30 per motorcycle (not per person).
- **12-Month Pass:** \$60 admits all passengers in a private vehicle.

Passes to National Parks & Interagency Federal Recreational Lands Nationwide

- **Annual:** \$80. Valid for entrance fees nationwide.
- **Annual Military:** Free to active-duty members and their dependents with a CAC or DD1173. Crystal Cave has its own fee, but offers a discount.
- **Seniors:** \$80 one-time fee buys lifetime entrance for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or older.
- **Accessibility:** Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Take appropriate documents to entrance stations.

Passes are not valid for Crystal Cave tickets.

Wilderness

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Over 800,000 acres of these parks are designated wilderness. They offer outstanding opportunities for you to enjoy both solitude and challenge. Thank you for following minimum-impact, no-trace guidelines to protect the wilderness!

Wild places include hazards, and help may not be available. Be prepared to be fully self-reliant. Many trees have died from drought, which may increase hazards from falling trees and branches; be careful where you linger or camp. See Be Safe, page 10.

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips. Permits are limited during the summer quota period (May 25 through September 22, 2018). The permit fee during that time is \$10 plus \$5/person. Permits can be reserved by email or U.S. mail beginning March 1. Outside of the quota period, permits are free and can be self-issued at the permit station or visitor center closest to your trailhead (see page 2). No permits are needed for dayhikers.

Jennie Lakes & Monarch wildernesses in the National Forest (USFS): Permits are not required but please complete a registration card at Jennie Lakes trailheads; information is used to manage the wilderness effectively. USFS requires a free fire permit for any open flame; downloadable from www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia.

Camping in the park's "frontcountry" is permitted only in campgrounds. Camping or sleeping in vehicles is not allowed in parking lots, pullouts, picnic areas, or trailheads in the park.

See nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness or:

Wilderness Permit Reservations
Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
47050 Generals Highway Unit 60
Three Rivers, CA 93271
1-559-565-3766
seki_wilderness_reservations@nps.gov

Seasonal Wilderness Lodging

- **Bearpaw Meadow High Sierra Camp (DNC):** Open late May into late September, conditions permitting. A tent hotel and restaurant 11 miles out on the High Sierra Trail. Reservations (required) taken by phone starting 7am on the first business day in January: 866-807-3598. See www.visitsequoia.com.
- **Pear Lake Winter Hut (SPC):** Winter only. This historic cabin is high above Lodgepole at an elevation of 9,200 and sleeps ten people. Six strenuous miles on skis/snowshoes get you to its cozy stove and 10 bunkbeds. Reservations are required: 1-559-565-4251.

Gas Up *Outside* the Parks

No gas stations are within park boundaries. Fill up in Three Rivers (5 miles from Hwy 198 park entrance), Clingan’s Junction (20 miles outside the Hwy 180 park entrance), or at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770. Year-round gas and diesel when the store is open. 11 miles north of Grant Grove via Highway 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. 24 hours with credit card (other hours on page 9). Gas & diesel. On Generals Hwy between Wuksachi & Hwy 180; 13 miles south of Grant Grove.

Rules & Recommendations

Don’t Lose Your Brakes

Keep a foot on the brake for too long, and brakes will fail. Instead, always downshift when going downhill (in automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L). The engine gets louder but it saves your brakes and prevents accidents.

Use Turnouts & Prevent Car Fires

Hot brakes & mufflers easily start car and forest fires. Stop *only* on paved areas, not on grass, and let cars behind you pass.

Emergency Car Repairs

For a tow: 559-565-3341 then press 9 (24 hours). In Sequoia Park only, 24-hour AAA for lock outs, jump starts, out-of-gas, minor repairs: 1-559-625-7700.

Bicycles

Ride on roads, not trails. Obey traffic rules. Wear light colors at night. Under age 18: helmet required.

Firearms in these National Parks

Visitors with firearms are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable California, local, and federal firearms laws. People who can legally possess firearms under federal, California, and local laws may possess them in this park.

Go Slow for Wildlife!

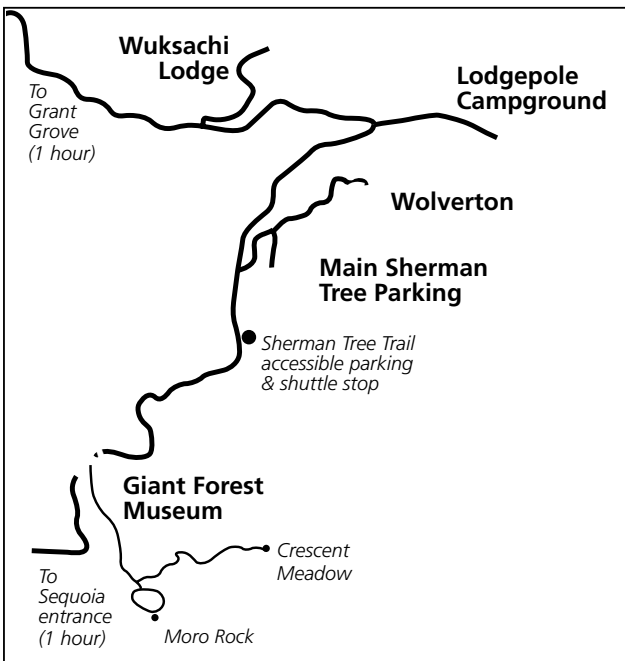
And never feed them.



Parking in Giant Forest

In summer, parking may be difficult to find in popular areas. Use this map to find parking options. Free park shuttles stop at each of these parking areas every 10-20 minutes from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

- A Giant Forest Museum**
This lot usually fills by 10:00 am.
- B Main Sherman Tree Parking**
Take Wolverton Road and follow signs.
- C Wolverton Picnic Area & Trailhead**
This lot is at the end of Wolverton Road.
- D Lodgepole Campground**
Park just beyond the entrance kiosk.
- E Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge**
Continue past the lodge for parking.



Fire Danger & Restrictions

Early summer heat or drought conditions may result in the enactment of fire restrictions. Please check with park rangers about fire restrictions in specific locations you plan to visit. Locations where wood or charcoal fires are prohibited will be signed, especially in park campgrounds.

Restrictions may increase through summer as fire danger increases. Check for updates on park bulletin boards, at visitor centers, or by visiting www.nps.gov/seki.

Generals Highway Road Construction

Expect traffic delays between Hospital Rock and the Giant Forest. Vehicles longer than 22 feet are prohibited in the construction zone. Construction hours and delay schedules may change depending on weather conditions and other factors.

Monday-Thursday from 6:00 am - 7:00 am

Up to 20 minute delays. Traffic lights will control traffic, uphill traffic first.

Monday-Thursday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mostly 30-minute delays, but may be up to 1-hour delays. Uphill traffic first, downhill traffic will follow after the uphill traffic has successfully cleared the construction zone. Once both lanes of traffic have been cleared, the construction zone will close to all traffic, until the top of the next hour.

Monday-Thursday from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Up to 20 minute delays. Traffic lights will control traffic, uphill traffic first.

Monday- Thursday from 8:00 pm – 6:00 am

Both lanes will close for 10 hours, one pass-through at 8:00 pm and another at 11:30 pm, uphill traffic first.

Weekends (Including Fridays) and Holidays

No delays when both lanes are open. When highway is limited to one lane, expect delays up to 20 minutes. Traffic lights will control traffic.

See bulletin boards at visitor centers, www.nps.gov/seki, or contact the park for updates. Always use low gear on downhills. Beware of narrow, rough roads in construction areas.

Driving Times

When roads are clear and open:

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1 hour
Lodgepole	1 hour minimum
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King	1½ hours

From Giant Forest to Grant Grove

via Generals Hwy 1 hour

From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours
(via Hwy 41)	

Note: GPS often misdirects travellers in this area. Follow signs, use maps, or ask.