



Trip Planner Spring 2022

Information in this newspaper can change at any time as we work to safely increase access to these parks.

Visiting after the KNP Complex Fire

In 2021, the KNP Complex Fire burned over 88,000 acres in and around the parks. Many areas of the parks have reopened or are opening soon. New plants are sprouting in burned areas and the landscape is shifting from brown and black tones, to a more colorful mosaic with new green growth.

While renewal is taking place in park woodlands and forests, some areas in the parks remain closed for safety reasons. Trees can fall at any time and heavy rains can cause mudslides. Use caution during your visit. Travel within the speed limit, do not stop in the road, stay in your lane, and watch for falling rocks and landslides.

Masks May Be Required in Buildings

Mask requirements are based on the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level tool. When local counties are at low or medium risk, masks are optional in buildings. Please check signage outside visitor centers and other buildings for the current status. Additional details are available at www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

Spring Construction Projects

This spring, three construction projects are underway to improve park facilities, roads, and utilities.

In the parking area across from Giant Forest Museum, we're installing new accessible restrooms and paving the parking lot. The parking lot may be closed Tuesdays–Thursdays, in spring.

Beginning in May, work is scheduled along the road corridor in Cedar Grove, where we'll replace sections of underground electrical lines. Expect delays of up to 30 minutes, with traffic control.

Finally, in an effort to preserve and maintain the condition of park roads, a resurfacing project is planned throughout the parks. Work is scheduled to begin in the Foothills this spring. Short stretches of road will be sealed and resurfaced; if you encounter one of these areas, plan on a delay of up to 30 minutes. Expect changing road surface conditions and loose gravel. Slow your speed in construction zones and yield to heavy equipment. Stop at Foothills or Kings Canyon visitor centers to find out whether construction will impact your drive.



Early road repaving in the parks. NPS Photo

Availability of Services



Camping is available year-round at Potwisha and Azalea campgrounds. Buckeye Flat Campground opens March 31, and several other campgrounds open April 25. Reservations are usually needed (reserve at Recreation.gov).



Wuksachi Lodge opens in summer. John Muir Lodge opens in late March. Make reservations at visitsequoia.com.



Grant Grove Market is open daily in Kings Canyon National Park. There is no food service in Sequoia National Park; bring everything you need for your visit. No gas sold in the parks.



Foothills and Kings Canyon visitor centers and Giant Forest Museum are open for information and travel planning. Park stores in visitor centers are open for sales of maps, books, and gifts. Most exhibits are open.

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Cell service

Cell service is extremely limited here, and is mainly available for some networks near entrance stations.

911 EMERGENCY — DIAL 911
No coins are needed in pay phones for 911 calls.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon (NPS)

Call 559-565-3341 (24 hours). Recorded information is available for road conditions, weather, current fires, and more.

GPS

GPS programs often misdirect travellers here. Use maps and signs, or ask for directions.

Web & Social Media



www.nps.gov/seki



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Sequoia National Forest/ Monument (USFS)

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

Yosemite National Park (NPS)

209-372-0200, nps.gov/yose

California Road Conditions (CalTrans)

800-427-7623, dot.ca.gov

Campground Reservations

Visit Recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 (TDD: 877-833-6777).

Delaware North (Authorized Concessioner)

Visit www.visitsequoia.com or call (866) 807-3598 for lodging reservations.

Cedar Grove Pack Station

(Authorized Concessioner)

Grant Grove:
559-335-9292
<https://grantgrovestables.com>

Cedar Grove:
559-565-3464
<https://cedargrovecampstation.com>

Frequently Asked Questions

Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times, or appropriately crated or caged. Pets cannot be left tied and unattended at any time. The leash must be no longer than 6 feet (1.8 meters).

Drones

Unmanned aircraft are not allowed in these parks. This includes drones and other remotely piloted vehicles.

Marijuana

Possession or use of marijuana and other controlled substances inside the national parks is prohibited. While California law provides for limited possession and use of marijuana, it remains an illegal drug under federal law, which is enforced within the parks.

Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions may be in place at any time to reduce the possibility of accidental human-caused fire. Prohibited locations for wood or charcoal fires will be posted, especially in park campgrounds.

Restrictions may increase in late spring as fire danger increases. Check for updates on park bulletin boards, at visitor centers, or by visiting go.nps.gov/sekifirerestrictions.

Firearms in these National Parks

People who can legally possess firearms under federal, California, and local laws may possess firearms here. You are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable California, local, and federal firearms laws. Discharge of firearms in the parks is prohibited.

Free Public WiFi Locations

WiFi available at Foothills Visitor Center in Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove. No password is needed.

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.

Accessibility

We are committed to a continuing effort to improve the accessibility of our trails and facilities so they can be enjoyed by all. If you have questions or suggestions about accessibility, please email us at Seki_Information@nps.gov or call us at 559-565-3341.

Accessibility Guide

Ask at any visitor center for a printed accessibility guide. This guide offers details about accessible park features by area and for different user groups. The information in the guide is also available online at www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm.

Visitor Centers

All visitor centers and museums have paved, flat paths leading from parking areas to information desks, exhibits, bookstores, water bottle filling stations, and restrooms. Cedar Grove Visitor Center is small, and may be difficult for people in wheelchairs to navigate. Mineral King Ranger Station has steps leading to the entrance and may not be accessible to people with mobility impairments.

Wheelchairs may be borrowed at no cost at Kings Canyon and Cedar Grove visitor centers, or at Giant Forest Museum. They can be used anywhere in the parks but must be returned by the end of the day, before each visitor center closes. Be prepared to provide your address and phone number.

Open captioning is available for films. Assistive listening and audio description are also available at Kings Canyon Visitor Center when the theater is open. Ask for a receiver at the information desk.

Wheelchair-Accessible Trails

Some trails are not plowed in spring and may not be accessible to wheelchair users.

General Sherman Tree Trail (Giant Forest)

This short trail leads a few hundred feet from an accessible parking area to the General Sherman Tree, the largest tree on earth.

Big Trees Trail (Giant Forest)

This trail is a 0.75-mile (1.2 km) loop that circles a meadow surrounded by giant sequoias.

Panoramic Point Trail (Grant Grove)

This paved trail leads to views that reach deep into park wilderness. The road there opens with snowmelt.

Roaring River Falls (Cedar Grove)

A 528-foot (160 m), shady walk ends at a powerful waterfall rushing through a granite chute. Park 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Village road. The trail is paved and relatively flat.

You are Responsible for Your Safety

Beautiful, yet remote and rugged, these parks present hazards. Mountain weather changes quickly, trees fall without warning, and wild animals pose dangers. People cause other hazards by driving poorly, leaving campfires burning, and making bad decisions. Cell phones can't be relied on and GPS directions may send you in the wrong direction. Every day, we help visitors who have emergencies.

Please help us by being prepared—review these safety warnings. Your safety is in your own hands!

Explore Safely

- **Avoid traveling alone. Tell someone your plans and expected return time.**
- **Take a map, water, flashlight, and extra layers of clothes. Do not rely on your phone's map or flashlight.**
- **Be alert for potential hazards above, around, and on the ground.**

River Safety



While swimming in lakes and rivers can be tempting, drowning is the primary cause of death here!

Rivers present great danger due to their swift currents and slippery rocks. In river-related deaths, many people did not intend to swim, but fell in. Currents are strong even during low water. Drop-offs and undertows are ever-present. Be vigilant.

Once in a river, getting out can be nearly impossible. Cold water rapidly saps your strength and hypothermia can set in quickly even if it is warm outside.

- **Do not swim in areas with strong currents, or steep drop-offs.**
- **Do not swim near submerged trees or vegetation. They can trap you underwater.**
- **DO NOT leave children unattended.**
- **Swimming and alcohol or drugs do not mix. Swim sober.**
- **Wear sturdy shoes. Sharp objects in the water can cut bare feet.**
- **During storms, get out of the water and exit beach areas.**
- **NEVER SWIM ALONE.**



Tree Hazards

Branches and trees may fall, whether dead or alive, and 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.



West Nile Virus & Tick Bites

West Nile virus is passed by bites from infected mosquitos. Human illness is not common but take steps to avoid mosquito bites. Ticks are common in grassy, brushy low-elevation areas. They can carry diseases that harm humans. Check yourself for these insects after walks; their bite is painless. Remove them carefully with tweezers and seek a doctor's advice.



Rattlesnakes

Rattlesnakes are common in the Sequoia foothills and in the Kings Canyon at low elevations. 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, don't panic and call 911.



Poison Oak

This common shrub grows up to 5,000 feet (1,524 m) in elevation, and can cause an itchy rash if you touch it. Poison oak has leaves in groups of three. Leaves are red and berries whitish in fall. The plant is bare in winter, and has shiny green leaves in spring. If you touch any part of it, wash skin and clothes with soap and warm water right away.



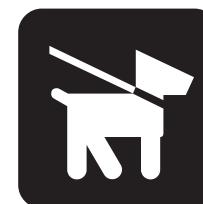
Air Quality

Poor air quality often affects the parks, especially during the summer. In summer months, ozone concentrations often exceed federal health standards. Ozone can have negative health effects, particularly for sensitive groups such as children, older people, and those with heart or lung disease. For air quality forecasts, visit the park website or follow @SequoiaKingsAir on Twitter.



Plague & Hantavirus

Plague and hantavirus are associated with wildlife here, but cases of human infection are rare. Rodents and their fleas may carry plague, which may infect humans when bitten. Hantavirus is an airborne virus that comes from infected deer mice. Typically people contract hantavirus after they clean areas or are in enclosed spaces with deer mice feces.



Keep Pets Safe

To keep pets and wildlife safe, animals must be on a leash at all times. Pets are vulnerable to tick and snake bites. Bears and deer have also been known to charge or attack dogs. Pick up all pet waste and dispose of properly. Pets are not allowed on any park trails. Do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles where they can easily overheat.



Don't Lose Your Brakes

If you keep a foot on the brake for too long, brakes may fail. Instead, always downshift when going downhill. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2, or L. The engine gets louder, but your brakes won't overheat.

Campground	Location	Reservation Required	Nightly Fee	Toilets	Dump Station	Showers	Open Dates
Azalea First-come, first-served until 5/25, then reservation only.	Grant Grove	After May 25	\$22	Flush	No	No	year-round
Potwisha	Foothills	Yes	\$22	Flush	Yes	No	year-round
Buckeye Flat	Foothills	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	No	3/31–9/28
Sentinel	Cedar Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	Nearby	4/22–
Atwell Mill (tents only)	Mineral King	Yes	\$22	Vault	NA	No	5/25–10/12
Cold Springs	Mineral King	Yes	\$22	Vault	NA	No	5/25–10/12
Lodgepole	Lodgepole	Yes	\$22	Flush	Yes	Yes	5/25–11/30
Sunset	Grant Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	No	5/25–9/7
Crystal Springs	Grant Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	No	5/25–9/7
Sheep Creek	Cedar Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	Nearby	5/25–9/21
Canyon View	Cedar Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	Nearby	5/25–9/7
Moraine	Cedar Grove	Yes	\$22	Flush	No	Nearby	5/25–6/1; 6/29–9/7
South Fork (tents only, no water)	Foothills	No	\$6	Vault	NA	No	year-round

All opening dates are subject to change. Campgrounds may close at any time due to weather, road conditions, or other causes.

Reservations & Additional Information

Make camping reservations at Recreation.gov or call (877) 444-6777 (TDD: (877) 833-6777). Reservations can be made up to one month in advance, with same day reservations allowed subject to availability. *With the exception of South Fork Campground, all campgrounds are reservation only.*

Check-in and Check-out

Check-in and check-out is at noon.

RV and Trailer Length Limits

If you're driving an RV or trailer, check length limits on park roads and at campsites.

Dump Stations

Sequoia: Potwisha dump station is open. Lodgepole dump station opens with campground opening. Kings Canyon: No dump stations are available here. A dump station at Princess Campground on the Sequoia National Forest is scheduled to open May 15.

Campsite Amenities

Each campsite has a table, food storage box, and accommodates up to six people and one vehicle. There are no RV hook-ups in the parks.

Quiet and Generator Hours

Noise should be audible in your site only. Quiet hours are 10 pm–6 am (no generators).

Activities

Ranger Walks & Talks

Free programs may be offered in the Foothills, Giant Forest, Grant Grove, and other locations. Check bulletin boards for schedules of ranger-led activities or ask a ranger at a visitor center.

Junior Ranger Program

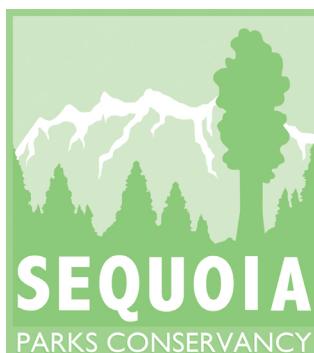
Pick up a free booklet at any visitor center, complete the activities, and earn your badge!

Interested in volunteering?

To learn more about volunteering in the parks, please contact the Volunteer Office at (559) 565-4232 or at SEKI_Volunteer@nps.gov. Volunteers are needed for invasive plant control, special events, routine clerical and maintenance tasks, and much more! Individuals and groups are welcome.

Teachers & Parents, Take Note!

Invite a ranger to your class, visit the parks with your school group, or download lesson plans. We also have activities for students and families that can be used before and after your visit, creating a more immersive experience. All education programs are standards-based and free! Visit [nps.gov/seki/learn/education](https://www.nps.gov/seki/learn/education) for more information. And ask about the Every Kid Outdoors free pass for 4th-graders and their families!



Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC)

SPC is the official nonprofit partner to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, welcomes you! SPC work hand-in-hand with the National Park

Service to provide tours and retail services, fund critical projects, and protect and preserve park treasures for future generations. We help you make a deeper connection to the parks, so visit us online to learn more about everything we do. We've saved a place for you—come join us!



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Crystal Cave

Due to impacts from the KNP Complex Fire to the road and trail that lead to Crystal Cave, it will be closed for the 2022 season. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2023 when repairs are completed!

Sequoia Parks Conservancy Adventures

We're here to help you have a fun and memorable journey in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Join one of our park Adventures and we'll connect you to the biggest trees, the darkest skies, and the wildest wilderness. Everything is here waiting. The only thing missing is you.

For more information, call (559) 565-4251, or visit www.sequoiaparks.org/adventures.



Safety in Burned Areas

Watch for falling trees.

Branches and trees may fall, whether dead or alive, even when there is no wind. Keep eyes and ears open. Listen for cracks or snapping from roots, trunks, or branches. Don't linger under dead, cracked, broken, or hanging branches. Avoid spending any time under burned trees.

Don't enter closed areas.

There are identified risks in these areas, including burned bridges, hazard trees, and sections of trail that are unstable due to erosion. Many of these hazards may be hard to spot.

Drive carefully.

Rocks, debris, and even downed trees may be present on roads at any time. Be alert and drive slowly, especially during rainy or windy weather. Follow tire chain requirements when they are in place. Watch out for animals.

Stay on trails. Turn back if dangers are present.

Though it may be tempting to wander, off-trail areas have hazards such as rolling rocks, holes, and unstable soils. Conditions in burned areas can change quickly. Turn around if you have difficulty following the trail, or encounter a problem that makes it unsafe to continue. Burned stumpholes or bridges may be common on some trails. Report dangerous conditions to park staff.

Be especially careful if it's rainy or windy.

Whether you plan an auto tour, a walk around the sequoias, a wilderness trip, or camping, storms and wind make many burned area hazards even more dangerous. Consider waiting until the weather is better before you travel.

If you encounter dangerous conditions, turn back.

Conditions in burned areas can change quickly. Turn around if you see a problem and you're not sure if it's safe to continue. Report dangerous conditions to park staff.



Check at trailheads for information about potential hazards or closures.

Keep Bears Wild and Safe

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Bears will grab unattended food and break into cars where food is visible. Some bears have become bold and aggressive because they have obtained human foods. Too often, these bears must be killed as they become dangerous. Food storage is key to keeping humans safe and bears alive.



In Wilderness

Hanging food often fails! Store all food in a bear-resistant storage container. These containers weigh less than 3 pounds (1.3 kg), hold up to 5 days of food, and fit in a backpack. Rent bear-resistant storage containers at park visitor centers. A list of approved containers can be found on our website. Metal boxes are located in a few wilderness locations.

Everyone

Don't let bears approach you, 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. Abandoning your food teaches bears that foods come from humans; the bear may hurt a person in the future to get food. If a bear does get your food, NEVER try to get it back.

Campgrounds

Store food day and night in the metal food storage boxes provided (avoid using 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 items must be stored 24 hours a day when not in use. This includes unopened cans and bottles. Make sure food storage boxes are completely latched. Food not properly stored will be impounded. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in trash cans or dumpsters. Do not leave garbage unattended! Take child safety seats out of cars—the smells they absorb may attract bears.

Lodges

Remove all food and child safety seats from your vehicle.

Touring and Picnicking

Food items MUST be stored in food storage boxes when provided. If no food storage box is available, food items must be inside your car trunk. If your vehicle doesn't have a trunk, place food items low in the vehicle, out of sight, and keep windows closed. While picnicking, never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.

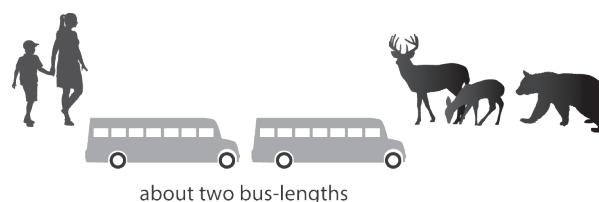
Bears can smell anything with a scent—such as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, and cleaning supplies—and will mistake these items for food. Store anything with an odor.

Wildlife Viewing & Safety

Keep Wildlife Safe

Do not feed or touch ANY wild animals. All animals in the parks are wild. View animals at safe distances (the length of two city buses) or through binoculars.

Never disrupt, approach, or disturb animals from behaving normally.



Mountain Lions and Bobcats

Rarely seen, bobcats are larger than house cats and have bobbed tails. Mountain lions (cougars) are much larger and have long tails. Cats usually run when seen. If you see a mountain lion that doesn't run:

- Do not run; running 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 mountain lion.
- If the mountain lion acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back! Report any sightings.

Explore the foothills, home to more species of plants and animals than the rest of these parks combined. Chaparral, oak woodlands, and river canyons offer spring wildflowers, hot summers, and mild winters.

Currently Open or Available

Foothills Visitor Center

Visitor center staff are available daily for information and trip planning. The exhibit area is open with limited capacity. Free WiFi is available here—no password required.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Park Store

At Foothills Visitor Center, open daily. Maps, books, and other items are available.

Campgrounds

Reservations are required, with the exception of South Fork Campground. See page 4 for camping information.

Wilderness Permits

Until May 26, self-register for wilderness permits at the Wilderness Office. To reach the Wilderness Office, follow the dirt path to the right of the visitor center, cross the parking lot, and look for the Fire Management and Wilderness Office sign.

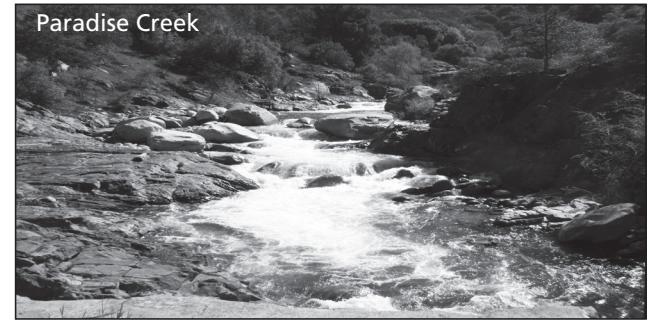


Tunnel Rock

Snap a picture at this iconic pullout off the Generals Highway. Walk on the old park road under this rock and pose for a photo. Beware of heavy traffic as you are crossing the road. Also note, poison oak is common here.

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

See rock paintings and explore exhibits about the California Native Americans who lived here, and still visit and live nearby. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Be careful; drownings occur here. Also, instead of leaving food in your vehicle, use the metal food-storage boxes to store your food from bears.



Marble Falls Trail

For a walk that offers short or longer options, park across the highway from Potwisha Campground (not in the campground). Near site #14, follow the dirt road along canals. Climb 3.7 miles (6 km) to reach the waterfall. On hot days, high temperatures and the lack of shade or water can make this trail dangerous.

Paradise Creek Trail

For a creekside walk, park at Hospital Rock Picnic Area and walk 0.6 miles (0.9 km) to Buckeye Flat Campground. Take the path across from site #28 and cross a footbridge over the river. Follow Paradise Creek (not the river) for 2 miles (3.2 km) until the trail grows faint; hike out by retracing your steps.

Mineral King

The road to this area is closed until May 25, 2022.

In early spring, trails often require snowshoes or skis, and skill with a map and compass. If you're interested in a wilderness trip in this area, ask for a gate code at Foothills Visitor Center. The closest parking is 2 miles (3.2 km) before Atwell Mill Campground, 7 miles (11.3 km) before most trailheads.

Opening Soon

Mineral King Ranger Station

Closed until May 25.

Campgrounds

Area campgrounds are scheduled to open May 25. Advance reservations are required.

Wilderness Permits

Until May 26, self-register for permits either at the Foothills Visitor Center or the Wilderness Office (see directions in Foothills section above).

Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Lodging, dining, and gifts available. Opening May 27.

Snowplay in Sequoia National Park

Snowplay at Wolverton

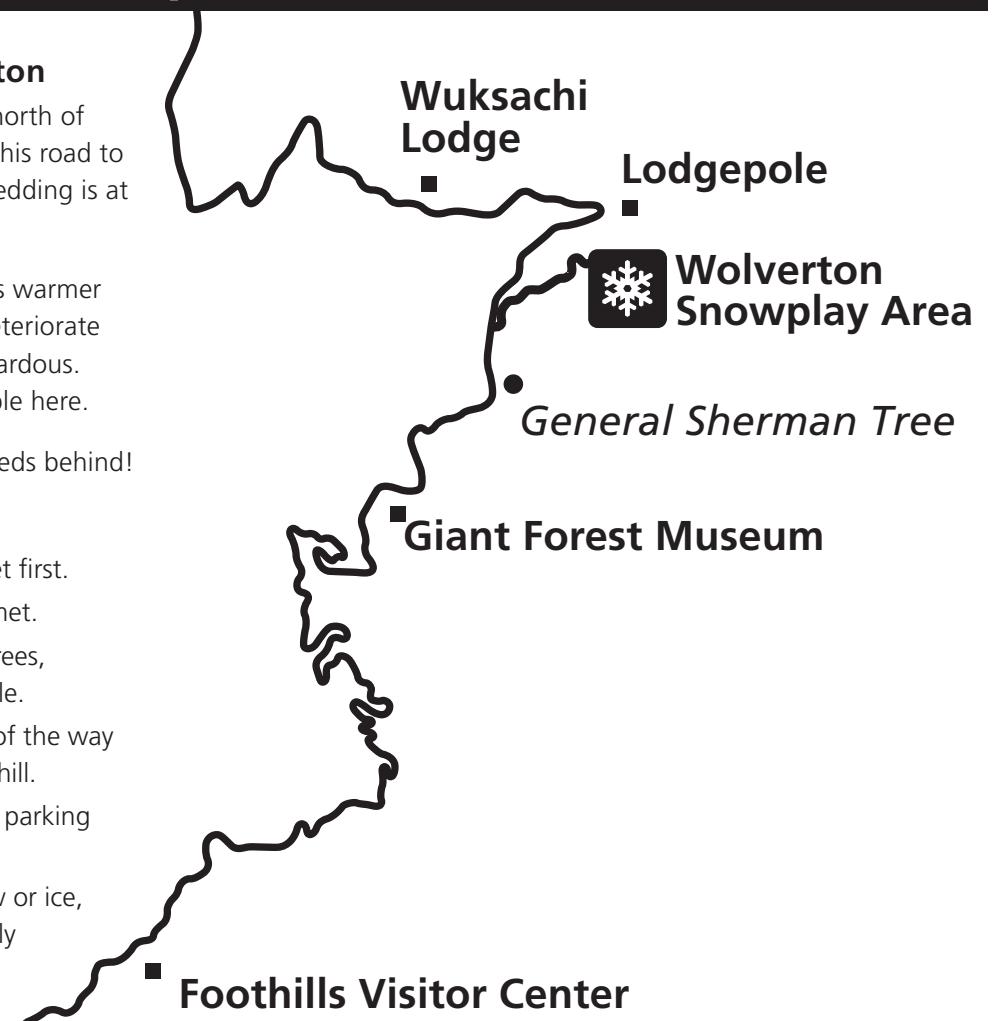
Wolverton Road starts just north of the Sherman Tree. Turn on this road to reach the snowplay area. Sledding is at the end of the road.

Spring is here, and as it gets warmer outside, snow conditions deteriorate and snowplay becomes hazardous. Sledding may not be available here.

Please don't leave broken sleds behind!

Sled Safely

- When sledding, slide feet first.
- Consider wearing a helmet.
- Don't slide near rocks, trees, branches, or other people.
- After sliding, move out of the way of people coming downhill.
- Don't slide into roads or parking lots.
- Avoid hard-packed snow or ice, where you are more likely to lose control.



Enjoy the world's biggest unlogged sequoia grove and largest tree. Park your car and discover serene meadows, rocky streams, and towering forests. Expect trail closures in burned areas.

Visiting the General Sherman Tree

Two trails lead to the world's largest tree:

Main Sherman Tree Trail and Parking

This 0.5-mile (0.8 km) trail down to the Sherman Tree has some stairs; the walk back is uphill. Benches provide rest points along the way. Drive 2 miles (3 km) north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree accessible parking lot). Turn onto Wolverton Road and follow signs to the parking area. Note: In early spring, the parking area here may close temporarily during snowstorms.

Wheelchair-Accessible Sherman Tree Trail from the Generals Highway

Parking here is only for those with disability placards, unless the Main Sherman Tree parking lot is closed due to snow. If you don't have a placard, but can't walk the hill on the main trail, ask at a visitor center for a temporary permit.

Check signs at the parking area before parking here if you don't have an accessibility placard.

Congress Trail

From the Sherman Tree, continue along this fairly level 2-mile (3.2 km) loop through the heart of the Giant Forest sequoia grove.

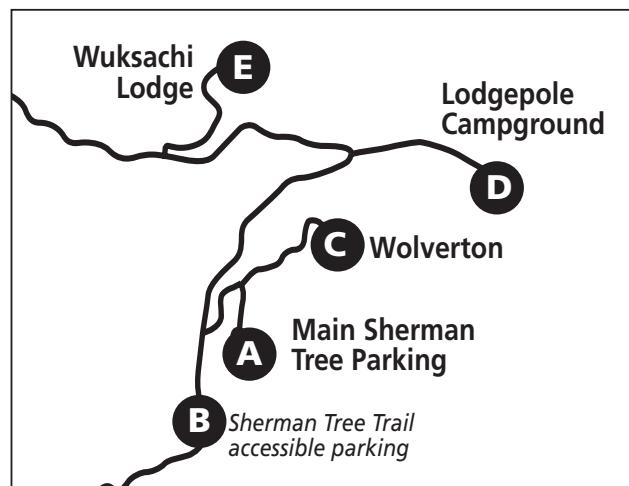
Park only in designated parking areas or in paved pullouts. Parking in unpaved areas along the highway is dangerous and may be ticketed.

If parking areas for the Sherman Tree trails are full, consider coming back later in the day, or visiting giant sequoias trees located in a quieter area. Options for seeing the Giant Forest sequoia grove include Big Trees Trail, Hazelwood Nature Loop, and hikes beginning at Giant Forest Museum.

You may encounter snow-packed trails, icy walkways, bare pavement, or dirt trails. Be prepared for any conditions.

Use this map to find parking and hiking options for the General Sherman Tree until shuttle service is available (scheduled to begin May 26, 2022).

- A Main Sherman Tree Parking**
Take Wolverton Road and follow signs. This parking area is scheduled to open on March 25, 2021.
- B Accessible Sherman Tree Parking**
This parking area is located along the Generals Highway. When the main parking area is closed, this parking is open to everyone.
- C Wolverton Picnic Area & Trailhead**
The Wolverton Trail leads to the Sherman Tree. Check a trail map for details.
- D Lodgepole Campground Lot**
Opens after snow melts. A 2.8-mile (4.5 km) trail leads from here to the General Sherman Tree. The trailhead is near the amphitheater.
- E Wuksachi Lodge Lot**
Continue past the lodge for additional parking. Opening scheduled for mid-May.



Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road

This 3-mile (5-km), dead-end road opens after the snow melts, typically before Memorial Day. If snow is present, be prepared to walk or snowshoe. The road begins at Giant Forest Museum.

Please don't walk or snowshoe in packed ski tracks; the footprints can trip skiers. Ask at the museum about snow conditions along the road.

Tunnel Log - Go under a fallen sequoia that was tunneled through. This is the only "tree you can drive (or ski) through" in these parks.

Crescent Meadow - Sequoias surround this fragile wetland. Stay on designated trails. Several trails start here, such as the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a historic cabin made from a fallen sequoia. The High Sierra Trail begins here, leading 60 miles (97 km) to Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states.

Colonel Young Tree - Park at the Auto Log and walk to a sequoia named for a notable Buffalo Soldier. Charles Young was the park's first Black superintendent, and was recently promoted (posthumously) to Brigadier General.

Big Trees Trail

This level, paved loop has trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start your walk at Giant Forest Museum for a 1-mile (1.6 km) round-trip walk. Snowshoe if snow is present. There are no ski-trail markers along this trail. If you have a disability placard, park at the trailhead for a 0.75-mile (1 km) loop. Check signage before parking here if you don't have a placard.

Tokopah Falls

The 3.4-mile (5.4 km) round-trip hike starts in Lodgepole Campground and ends at viewpoint near Tokopah Falls. Return the same way you came. Be careful around the water; cold, swift currents are difficult to escape, and ice and snow make rocks near the water's edge slippery. Park at the large lot just beyond the campground kiosk or at the visitor center.

Currently Open or Opening Soon

Giant Forest Museum

The museum will be open most days for information and trip planning. Exhibits are also open, with limited indoor capacity.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Park Store at Giant Forest Museum

When visitor center is open, store is open for sales of maps, books, and other items.

Wilderness permits

Until May 26, self-register at Giant Forest Museum.

Not Yet Open

Lodgepole Campground

Opens on May 25, reservation only.

Sequoia Shuttle

Operating beginning May 26.

Wuksachi Lodge, Food, and Gifts

Lodgepole Market

Public showers and laundry

Lodgepole Visitor Center

Crystal Cave and Bearpaw High Sierra Camp

Not opening in 2022.

Wander through giant sequoia groves or picnic with family. The Grant Grove area and its nearby village offers a chance to explore with several amenities nearby.

Grant Tree Trail

Beware of slippery ice and packed snow in spring! The General Grant Tree, the world's second largest tree, grows along this 1/3-mile (0.5 km) paved trail. This giant is a living national shrine honoring those who gave their life in war. Other features on this trail include the historic Gamlin Cabin, the Fallen Monarch, and many other large sequoias. Trail guides are sold at visitor centers. Located 1 mile (1.6 km) north of Grant Grove Village on left.

North Grove Loop

This 1.5-mile (2.4-km) trail offers a close look at giant sequoias. Enjoy a quiet walk past meadows and creeks, through a mixed conifer and sequoia forest. Located at the Grant Tree additional parking area lot, a 1-mile (1.6-km) drive northwest of the visitor center.

Currently Open or Opening Soon

Kings Canyon Visitor Center & Sequoia Parks Conservancy Park Store

Visitor center staff are available daily for information and trip planning; limited indoor capacity. Exhibits are currently closed.

Wilderness permits

Until May 26, self-register at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

Grant Grove Courtyard Dining

Opens on March 25.

Snowplay in Kings Canyon National Park

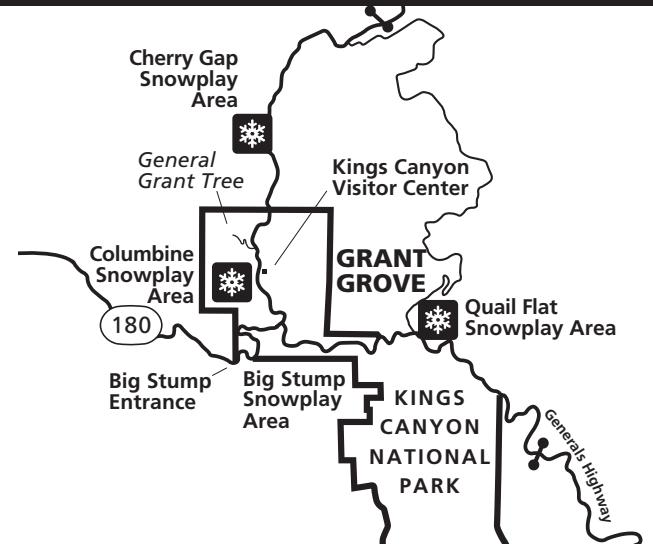
Snowplay at Grant Grove

Use Columbine or Big Stump picnic areas only. Sledding is prohibited in all other areas in Grant Grove. In spring, snow becomes icier and sledding may be dangerous. There may not be enough snow on the ground to sled.

If case of an emergency, a pay telephone is located outside the visitor center in Grant Grove Village.

Nearby Forest Service Areas

Quail Flat and Cherry Gap trailheads snowplay areas are in the national forest. Other areas offer opportunities for skiing and snowshoeing.



Not Yet Open

Grant Grove Gift Shop

Opens on May 27.

Grant Grove Stables

Opens in mid June.

Crystal Springs and Sunset Campgrounds

Opens on May 25, reservation only.

Grant Grove Restaurant

Not open in 2022.

Cedar Grove

The remote area of Cedar Grove sits deep in Kings Canyon, surrounded by sheer granite cliffs. Highway 180 (Kings Canyon Scenic Byway) is scheduled to reopen for the season on April 22, 2022 at noon.

Zumwalt Meadow

This 1-mile (1.6 km), out-and-back trail traverses a rocky slope that overlooks the meadow. Park at the trailhead 4.5 miles (7.2 km) east of Cedar Grove Village. Please enjoy the view of meadows from formal trails at the edge of the meadow. Stepping on plants damages leaves and roots, preventing growth and causing lasting effects. Thank you for protecting these fragile and important habitats.

Roaring River Falls

Take short, shady walk to a powerful waterfall. The paved, moderately-sloped trail begins 3 miles (4.8 km) east of Cedar Grove Village.

Don Cecil Trail to Sheep Creek Cascade

Park in a large pullout just east of the visitor center turnoff on Highway 180. Take the Don Cecil Trail about 1 mile (1.6 km) to a cascade and footbridge

across Sheep Creek. This hike is a 2-mile round trip out-and-back.

Canyon View Roadside Exhibit

The "U" shape of the canyon, apparent from this viewpoint, reveals the area's glacial history. This roadside feature is 1 mile (1.6 km) east of Cedar Grove Village Road.

Currently Open or Opening Soon

Wilderness Permits

Self-register at the Road's End Visitor Contact Station beginning April 22 in the afternoon, through May 26.

Sentinel Campground

Opens April 22 at noon, reservation only.

Not Yet Open

Cedar Grove Visitor Center

Tentatively opens May 27.

Cedar Grove Pack Station

Opens in early May.

Cedar Grove Lodge and Grill

Opens in late May.

Cedar Grove Market and Gift Shop, Cedar Grove Showers and Laundry

Opens in late May.

Moraine, Sheep Creek, Canyon View Campgrounds

Opening May 25, reservation only.

Spring Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for overnight trips year round. Day hikers do not need permits. During the winter non-quota season, self-issue wilderness permits are available at the nearest permit station to your starting location.

Fire impacts have created unsafe conditions in some wilderness areas. To view a closure map, visit <https://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/maps.htm>. Some trailheads may be closed to both entry and exit OR are not reachable by vehicle. When planning your trip, be sure that all trailheads you plan to use are open.

Check weather forecasts before your trip. Mountain weather can be unpredictable and can cause trailhead or road closures.

Wild places include hazards, and help may not be available. Be prepared to be fully self-reliant and to self-rescue in case of an emergency.

We thank you in advance for following minimum-impact, leave-no-trace guidelines to protect the wilderness!

Summer Wilderness Permits

During the summer quota season, May 27, 2022–September 17, 2022, wilderness permits must be obtained in person. During this time, the number of people beginning trips each day is limited by entry point and a recreation fee is required.

Quota season reservations are available for most, but not all entry points on www.recreation.gov/permits/445857. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance of your trip.

Want to Camp in the Frontcountry?

Camping in the “frontcountry” of the parks is permitted only in campgrounds. Dispersed camping is only allowed in the National Forest. Camping or sleeping in vehicles is not allowed in parking lots, pullouts, picnic areas, or trailheads in the parks.

USFS Wilderness Camping

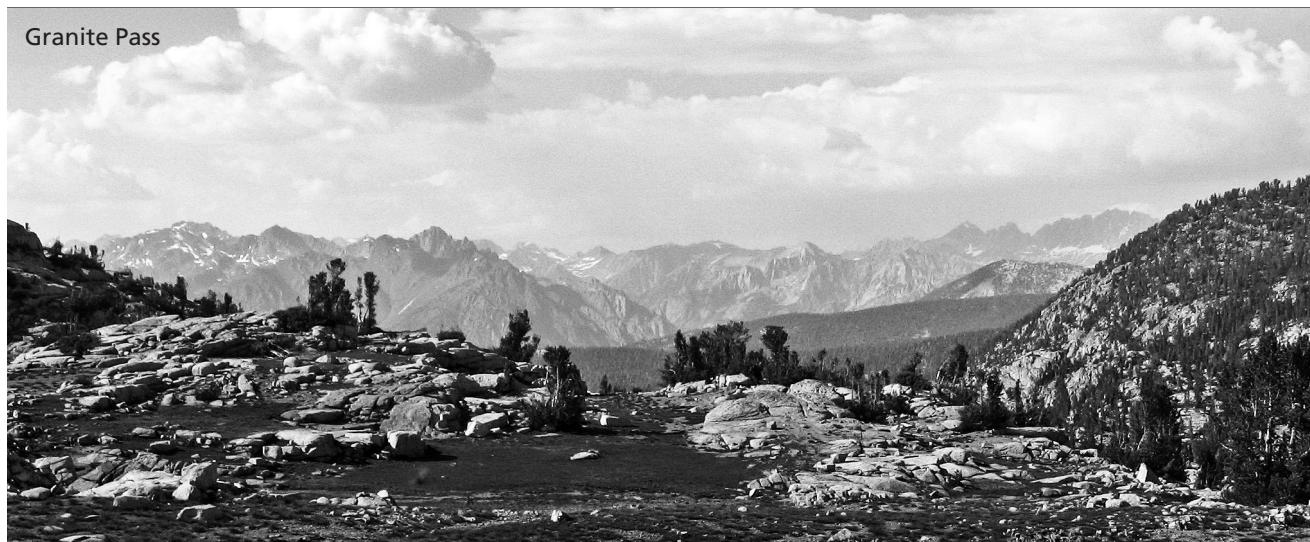
For information on designated wilderness areas within Sequoia National Forest, please contact the Hume Lake District Office at (559) 338-2251 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia. The Forest Service requires a free fire permit for any open flame; these are available online at www.readyforwildfire.org/permits.



Park waterways may contain bacteria, including Giardia. Properly filter or treat water before drinking.



Hypothermia can occur year-round. Stay dry and snack often. If symptoms of confusion or drowsiness appear, drink warm sugary drinks and get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, and shelter.



US Forest Service

Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of the Sequoia National Forest. This area is not managed by the National Park Service. In winter, many forest roads are closed. To learn more about national forest snow recreation opportunities, contact the forest’s virtual ranger: www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia or (559)791-5758.

Snowplay

On the forest, snowplay is allowed at the Cherry Gap area, and Quail Flat when the Generals Highway is open. When playing here, find a safe snowplay location away from the highway and winter traffic.

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is available in some areas. Permits for portable stoves or fires are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/permits.

Montecito Sequoia Lodge (permittee)

The lodge is tentatively opening on April 5. Call (559) 565-3388 for reservations. It is located on the Generals Highway, 9 miles (14 km) south of Grant Grove. The lodge has cabins, a restaurant, hotel, WiFi, and seasonal and children’s activities.

Hume Lake Village (on private land)

Gas, market, snack shop, and a pay phone are available at this privately-run camp. Hours vary seasonally and gas pumps may close. Area conditions may also cause closures here. Travel north of Grant Grove on Highway 180, then turn right, following signs to Hume Lake. For more information, call (559) 305-7770 before you travel here.

Can I...	In National Parks	In National Forests
Walk my leashed pets?	Pets are not allowed on trails. They are allowed in parking lots, paved roads, picnic areas, and campgrounds. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
Collect things to take home?	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, or animals, and cultural artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use. Collecting artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards is prohibited.
Hunt?	Not in the parks. You 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. Call 559-243-4005 or visit https://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting for more information.
Snowmobile?	Not in the parks.	Only on designated snowmobile routes. Trailheads are at Cherry Gap, Big Meadows, and Quail Flat.
Cut wood?	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest Forest Service office for guidance and a permit.

Usted es responsable de su seguridad

Estos parques hermosos, aunque remotos y accidentados, presentan ciertos peligros. Por ejemplo, el cambio de temperaturas, los árboles que caen sin previo aviso y los animales salvajes presentan peligros. Otros peligros son de origen humano: manejo imprudente, abandono de fogatas y otras malas decisiones. No se puede confiar en los teléfonos celulares y el GPS, podrían dar indicaciones erróneas. Todos los días ayudamos a visitantes que tienen emergencias.

Le rogamos que nos ayude preparándose para su visita: familiarícese con estos avisos de seguridad y pídale consejo a los guardaparques. ¡Su seguridad está en sus manos!

Seguridad en el río



Los lagos y ríos de estos parques pueden dar tentación, y más durante días calurosos, pero debe saber que ahogos son la principal causa de muertes.

Los ríos son muy peligrosos debido a sus rápidas corrientes y rocas resbaladizas. Muchas de las muertes relacionadas con los ríos ocurrieron, no porque las personas tenían la intención de nadar, sino que se cayeron. Las corrientes son fuertes incluso cuando los niveles de agua son bajos. Las pendientes abruptas y las corrientes de retorno son un peligro constante. Manténgase alerta.

Una vez que se ingresa en un río, puede resultar casi imposible salir de él. El agua fría puede debilitarlo rápidamente y es posible que le dé hipotermia incluso si afuera hace calor.

- No nade en zonas con corrientes fuertes o pendientes inclinadas.
- NO deje a los niños sin supervisión.
- No nade si ha consumido alcohol o drogas. Nade siempre en estado de sobriedad.
- Use zapatos fuertes. Los objetos afilados que hay en el agua podrían provocar cortes.
- Durante una tormenta, salga del agua y aléjese de las zonas de playa.
- NUNCA NADE SOLO.



Peligros relacionados con los árboles

Es posible que caigan ramas y árboles cuando no hay viento, ya sea que estén vivos o secos. Mantenga los ojos y oídos bien abiertos. Corra si oye chasquidos o crujidos provenientes de raíces, troncos o ramas (aunque a veces no emiten sonido alguno). No se detenga bajo ramas secas, agrietadas, rotas o colgantes. Evite detenerse bajo árboles que estén podridos en la base o que presenten una corteza agrietada que se desprende del tronco.



Virus del Nilo Occidental y picaduras de garrapatas

El virus del Nilo Occidental se contagia a través de la picadura de mosquitos infectados. Si bien esta enfermedad no es común en humanos, tome precauciones para evitar las picaduras de mosquitos. La garrapatas abundan en zonas de pastos tupidos y de baja elevación. Pueden portar enfermedades que son dañinas para los humanos. Tras sus caminatas, fíjese de no tener garrapatas; su picadura es indolora. Si tiene alguna, retírela cuidadosamente con unas pinzas y consulte con su médico.



Serpientes de cascabel

Las serpientes de cascabel son comunes en las faldas de Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks a poca elevación. ¡Tenga cuidado en dónde pone los pies y las manos! No las fastidie ni las mate; es entonces cuando se dan la mayoría de las mordeduras. Las mordeduras pocas veces son letales, pero el daño que ocasionan en los tejidos puede ser grave. Si recibe una mordedura, no entre en pánico y llame al 911.



Roble venenoso

Se trata de un arbusto común en elevaciones de hasta 5,000 pies (1,500 m). El roble venenoso tiene hojas en grupos de tres. En otoño, sus hojas son rojas y sus bayas blancuzcas; en invierno, la planta pierde sus hojas; y, en primavera, tiene hojas de un color verde brillante. Si toca alguna parte de la planta, lave de inmediato la piel y la ropa que hayan estado en contacto ella con jabón y agua tibia.

Explore de forma segura

- Evite viajar solo. Cuénteles a alguien cuáles son sus planes y a qué hora espera regresar.
- Lleve un mapa, agua, una linterna y prendas de abrigo adicionales.
- Preste atención a los posibles peligros que provengan de arriba, de su alrededor o del suelo.



Calidad del aire

Los parques pueden verse afectados por una calidad del aire pobre, especialmente en verano. En los meses de verano, las concentraciones de ozono suelen exceder aquellas establecidas por los estándares federales de salud. El ozono puede tener impactos negativos en la salud, en particular en grupos más sensibles como los niños, las personas mayores y aquellas con enfermedades cardíacas o de pulmón. Para conocer las predicciones de la calidad del aire, visite el sitio web del parque.



La peste y el hantavirus

La peste y el hantavirus están relacionados con los animales salvajes que habitan estos parques, pero los casos de infecciones en humanos son excepcionales. Los roedores y sus pulgas pueden ser portadores de la peste, y los humanos pueden contagiarse si reciben la picadura de una pulga infectada. El hantavirus se transmite por aire y proviene de los ratones venado infectados. Los humanos suelen contraer un síndrome pulmonar por hantavirus tras limpiar o encontrarse en espacios cerrados en los que hay heces de ratón venado.



Vele por la seguridad de sus mascotas

Para asegurarse de que sus mascotas, así como los animales salvajes, estén a salvo, deben llevar correa en todo momento. Las mascotas son propensas a las garrapatas o a ser mordidas por serpientes. También ha habido casos de ataques a perros por parte de osos y siervos. Recoja las heces de su mascota y deshágase de ellas adecuadamente. No deje mascotas en su vehículo, ya que este podría sobrecalentarse con facilidad.



No pierda los frenos

Si mantiene el pie en el freno durante demasiado tiempo, es posible que fallen. En su lugar, siempre baje la marcha cuando avanza colina abajo. Si tiene un vehículo automático, ponga la palanca de cambios en 1, 2 o L. El motor hará más ruido, pero evitará el sobrecalentamiento de los frenos.

La información en este periódico puede cambiar en cualquier momento a medida que trabajamos para aumentar el acceso de manera segura.

Es posible que se requieran máscaras en los edificios

Los requisitos de máscara se basan en el instrumento de nivel comunitario COVID-19 de el CDC. Cuando los condados locales tienen un riesgo bajo o mediano, las máscaras serán opcionales en los edificios. Consulte la señalización fuera de los centros de visitantes y otros edificios para conocer el estado actual. Los detalles adicionales están disponibles en www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

Aplicación móvil gratuita del parque

Descargue nuestra aplicación oficial para mapas, recorridos autoguiados, e información sobre casi 200 características y ubicaciones del parque. La aplicación está disponible a través de la aplicación Apple o las tiendas Google Play. Busca Sequoia Kings NPS. Si es posible, descárguelo e instálelo antes de llegar a los parques. El servicio celular es limitado aquí, pero hay WiFi gratis fuera de los centros de visitantes de Foothills y Kings Canyon. Asegúrese de habilitar los servicios de ubicación y de descargar contenido sin conexión en la configuración de la aplicación. Esto permitirá que la aplicación continúe funcionando cuando esté fuera del rango de telefonía celular.

Servicios que están abiertos



Se puede acampar en los campamentos de Potwisha y Azalea. Buckeye Flat abre el 31 de Marzo y varios otros campamentos abren el 25 de Abril. Haga sus reservas en Recreation.gov.



Wuksachi Lodge abre en verano. John Muir Lodge abre a fines de marzo. Reserva en visitsequoia.com.



El mercado en Grant Grove está abierto todos los días en el Parque Nacional Kings Canyon. No hay servicio de comida en el Parque Nacional Sequoia; trae todo lo necesario para tu visita. Gasolina no es disponible en los parques.



Los centros de visitantes ofrecerán servicios de información y planificación de viajes. Las horas variarán. La mayoría de las exhibiciones están abiertas. Las tiendas del parque están abiertas para la venta de mapas, libros y otros artículos.

Proyectos de construcción en la primavera

Esta primavera, tres proyectos de construcción están en marcha para mejorar las instalaciones del parque, las carreteras y los servicios públicos.

En el área de estacionamiento frente al Museo Giant Forest, estamos instalando nuevos baños accesibles y pavimento. Habrá secciones del lote que podrán estar cerradas los martes y jueves hasta abril.

A partir del 2 de mayo, el trabajo está programado a lo largo del corredor vial en Cedar Grove, donde reemplazaremos secciones de líneas eléctricas subterráneas. Espere demoras de hasta 30 minutos, con control de tráfico.

Finalmente, en un esfuerzo por preservar y mantener las condiciones de los caminos del parque, se planea un proyecto de repavimentación en todo el Parque Nacional Sequoia. El trabajo está programado para comenzar en Foothills esta primavera. Tramos cortos de carretera serán sellados y repavimentados; si se encuentra en una de estas zonas de construcción, planifique un retraso de hasta 30 minutos. Sea prudente y reduzca la velocidad en zonas de construcción y ceda el paso a equipos pesados. Deténgase en los centros de visitantes de Foothills o Kings Canyon para averiguar si la construcción afectará su viaje.

Conduciendo en primavera

En la primavera, condiciones de la carretera varían según la elevación. Para informarse de las condiciones

de la carretera las 24 horas, llame al (559) 565-3341. Hay negocios cerca de las entradas del parque que ofrecen cadenas para alquilar o comprar.

Manejando en un área de control de cadenas

Todos los vehículos deben de cargar cadenas en áreas de control de cadenas, incluyendo vehículos de 4x4 y AWD. Ud. tiene que instalar las cadenas donde los letreros lo requieren. La velocidad máxima con cadenas instaladas es 25 mph, aún si hay letreros al contrario.

R1: Llantas para nieve o cadenas son obligatorias.

Hay que instalar cadenas si sus llantas no tienen "MS," "M/S," "M+S," o "MUD AND SNOW" en el costado o si su vehículo pesa más de 6500 libras.

R2: 4WD/AWD o cadenas son obligatorias.

Hay que instalar cadenas si su vehículo no tiene sistema de 4WD o AWD o si su vehículo pesa más de 6500 libras.

R3: Cadenas son obligatorias en todos los vehículos.

No hay excepciones.

Seguridad en las zona quemadas

Preste atención a la caída de árboles. Es posible que caigan ramas y árboles cuando no hay viento, ya sea que estén vivos o secos. Mantenga los ojos y oídos bien abiertos. Preste atención para oír chasquidos o crujidos provenientes de raíces, troncos o ramas.

No se detenga bajo ramas secas, agrietadas, rotas o colgantes. Evite permanecer bajo los árboles quemados.

No ingrese a las zonas cerradas. Existen riesgos en estas zonas que han sido identificados, como puentes quemados, árboles peligrosos y tramos de sendero inestables debido a la erosión. Puede ser difícil identificar muchos de estos peligros.

Conduzca con cuidado. En cualquier momento puede haber rocas, escombros e incluso árboles caídos en las carreteras. Esté atento y conduzca lentamente, especialmente cuando llueva o haya viento. Ceda el paso a los vehículos que estén despejando las carreteras y respete los requisitos de uso de cadenas en los neumáticos cuando los haya. Cuidado con los animales.

Permanezca en los senderos. Aunque puede ser tentador pasear, las zonas fuera de los senderos tienen peligros como rocas sueltas, tocones quemados, hoyos y terreno inestable.

Tenga aún más cuidado si llueve o hay viento. Las tormentas y el viento hacen que muchos de los riesgos sean todavía más peligrosos. Considere la posibilidad de esperar a que mejore el clima antes de viajar por una zona quemada.

Si se encuentra con condiciones peligrosas, regrese. Las condiciones en las zonas quemadas pueden cambiar rápidamente. Regrese si ve un problema y no le parece que sea seguro continuar. Informe sobre las condiciones peligrosas al personal del parque.

Parking Areas



- A Main Sherman Tree Parking**
Take Wolverton Road and follow signs. Look for turnoff on your right.
- B Accessible Sherman Tree Parking**
This parking area is located along the Generals Highway. If the main parking area is closed, this parking is open to everyone.
- C Wolverton Picnic & Snowplay Area**
The Wolverton Trail leads to the Sherman Tree. Check a trail map for details.
- D Lodgepole Campground Lot**
Opens after snow melts. A 2.8-mile (4.5 km) trail leads from here to the General Sherman Tree. The trailhead is near the amphitheater.
- E Wuksachi Lodge Lot**
Continue past the lodge for additional parking. Opening scheduled for mid-May.



Protect Wildlife!

Drive slowly and watch for animals along roads. Wildlife have been active on park highways after the recent wildfire.

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Driving in Chain Control Areas

Chains May Be Required at Any Time

All vehicles must carry tire chains when chain control is in effect, including 4WD and AWD vehicles. You can buy or rent chains outside the parks. Tires with a snow tread may also be required. Check the side of your tires: If you see M/S, M+S, or a snowflake symbol embedded in the rubber, it's a snow tread tire. The speed limit when driving with chains is 25 mph., even if posted otherwise.

R1: Snow tires or chains are required.

Your tires must have the letters MS, M/S, M+S or the words MUD AND SNOW or ALL SEASON on the sidewall, or you must install chains.

R2: 4-wheel drive or chains are required.

Your vehicle must be in 4x4 or all-wheel drive or you must install chains.

R3: Chains are required on all vehicles.

There are no exceptions.

Roads Open / Closed Schedule

Road conditions can change at any time.

Generals Highway between the parks:

From Wuksachi Lodge in Sequoia north to Highway 180 in Grant Grove: This section of road is scheduled to open in March. It is not plowed during storms and frequently closes with bad weather. Closures can last from hours to days.

In Kings Canyon (NPS) & National Forest:

- Highway 180 to Cedar Grove: CalTrans tentatively plans to open this road on April 22, 2022 at noon at the Hume Lake junction.
- Panoramic Point Road in Grant Grove: Opens by late May.
- Redwood Mountain (NPS): Closed due to wildfire until further notice.
- Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile roads (USFS): Closes in winter. Opens late May.
- Converse Basin & Cherry Gap (USFS): Typically opens in late May. Unpaved, rutted, unplowed.

In Sequoia National Park:

- Giant Forest: Park across from the Museum. Sherman Tree parking varies with conditions.
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Closed. Reopens late May.
- Crystal Cave Road: Closed in 2022.
- Wolverton Road: The road is plowed Fridays–Sundays and some holidays. The area is open other days if the road is passable and safe.



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Tire chains or cables are essential and required when chain control is in effect.

- Mineral King Road: Closed until May 25. For access past the first gate, contact Foothills Visitor Center.
- Middle Fork Road: Unpaved, 1 1/2-lane, rugged, and slippery when wet. Opens in spring when conditions allow; park at Hospital Rock.
- South Fork Road: This road is partially unpaved. Even in good weather, it can be extremely rugged. High-clearance vehicles are recommended.

Spring Driving

At higher elevations, spring driving conditions vary. Weather and road conditions can change rapidly. For 24-hour in-park road conditions, call (559) 565-3341.

Gasoline

No gas stations are found within the parks. Fill your tank before you enter the parks. If you're already here, call Hume Lake Christian Camp to check on gas availability: (559) 305-7770. The camp is near Grant Grove and is open all year. Hours may vary and pumps may close at any time.

Emergency Car Repairs

The NPS does not tow or repair vehicles. Use a pay phone to contact a towing service. If you are blocking traffic, call 911 or contact the emergency communications center: (559) 565-3341, extension 9.

Vehicle Length Limits

Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park:

- Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground: vehicles longer than 24 feet are not recommended.
- Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum: vehicles longer than 22 feet are not recommended.

Best route for RVs: Highway 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider.