



Spring 2025 Trip Planner



Park Maps Available on Pages 4-5

Road Conditions: (559) 565-3341, (Press 1, Then 1)

Welcome to the Land of Giants

Rising from 1,300 feet (396 m) to 14,494 feet (4,418 m), the highest elevation in the lower 48 states, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks protect a spectacular elevational range. Dramatic shifts from warm foothills to cool forests to the cold High Sierra can be found here.

The park is home to a wide diversity of plants and animals due to a highly varied set of conditions. The parks encompass steep roads, trails that climb mountains, and cold rivers that plunge down from epic heights. This is not one, but two national parks—Sequoia and Kings Canyon—managed by the National Park Service as one unit.

Visiting giant sequoia groves in winter and spring can be a snowy, beautiful experience. Tall, mature sequoias have branches that are not very long. Why do you think these tall trees have short branches? Hint: consider that they live at elevations that receive several feet of snow in winter and spring.

Look for evidence of past fires and storms. The 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned along much of the Generals Highway. Record-breaking precipitation in the winter of 2022-2023 fell on burned slopes that had been cleared of vegetation. The resulting mudslides caused significant damage to park highways and roads.



Current Conditions

www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm

Important Information

Free Public Wi-Fi

Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

EMERGENCY — DIAL 911

Emergency calls can be made on any cellular network, even if you do not have service for regular calls.

Gasoline and Charging Stations

There is no gas or charging stations available in the parks. Gas may be available in Sequoia National Forest. Call ahead of time to check: Hume Lake (559) 305-7770

Road Closures (subject to change)

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road closed until snow melts off roadway
- Panoramic Point Road
- Highway 180 into Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Crystal Cave Road
- Generals Highway between the parks, usually reopens mid-March

Vehicle Emergencies and Towing

The parks do not tow or repair vehicles. If you are blocking traffic, call 911 or contact the emergency communications center at (559) 565-3341, ext. 9.

Visitor Center	Park Area	Through April 25 (subject to change)	After April 25 (subject to change)
Foothills Visitor Center	Foothills	9:30 am to 4 pm Closed Mon - Tues	9 am to 4:30 pm Open days TBD
Giant Forest Museum	Giant Forest	9:30 am to 4 pm Closed Wed - Thurs	9 am to 4:30 pm Open days TBD
Kings Canyon Visitor Center	Grant Grove	9:30 am to 4 pm Closed Mon - Wed	9 am to 4:30 pm Open days TBD

Getting Around the Parks

Drive Distances and Times					Travel times can be much longer than noted in the table: • When chain requirements are in effect due to snow or ice (see page 8), speed limits are reduced to 25 mph. • If Generals Highway between the parks is closed, add 2 hours to drive time between Grant Grove and locations in Giant Forest*.
	Foothills Visitor Center	Giant Forest Museum	General Sherman Tree	Grant Grove Village	
Foothills Visitor Center		16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	46 mi (74 km) 120 minutes	
Giant Forest Museum	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes		3.8 mi (6.1 km) 10 minutes	30 mi (48 km) 65 minutes	
General Sherman Tree	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	3.8 mi (6.1 km) 10 minutes		29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes	
Grant Grove Village	46 mi (74 km) 120 minutes	30 mi (48 km) 65 minutes	29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes		

* Use Routes 180, 63, 216 and 198 when Generals Highway is closed between the parks.

Vehicle Length Restrictions and Recommendations

Road	Length Limit
Generals Highway: Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground	24 feet ¹ 7.3 m
Generals Highway: Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest	22 feet ¹ 6.7 m
Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow Road	22 feet ² 6.7 m

¹Recommendation, ²Restriction (longer vehicles not allowed)

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Bienvenue! Demandez des informations imprimées en français.

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
(559) 565-3341

Mailing Address
Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271

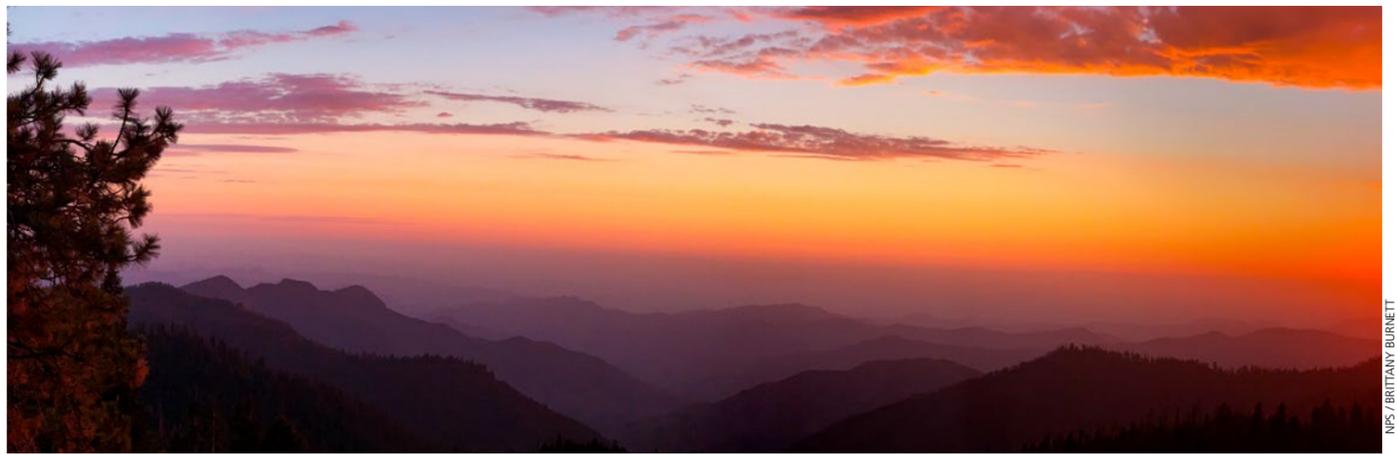
E-mail
seki_information@nps.gov

Web
nps.gov/seki

Free Public Wi-Fi
Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

  @sequoiakingsnps

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Services and Facilities

Sequoia National Park

Foothills

Foothills Visitor Center

- See Visitor Center hours on page 1
- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Picnic area nearby



Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

- See Visitor Center hours on page 1
- Park Store (SPC)
- Self-issue wilderness permits



Wuksachi

Wuksachi Lodge

- Lobby open 24 hours
- Gift shop: 8 am – 8 pm



 Snowshoe rentals when snow allows: 9 am – 5 pm

Wuksachi Lodge's Peaks Restaurant & Pizza Kitchen

- Open to the public
- Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am
- Lunch: 11:30 am – 5 pm
- Dinner: 5 pm – 10 pm
- Bar open 5 pm – 10 pm



Lodgepole Village

Expected To Open April 18

Village Market & Grill

- Market: 9 am – 7 pm
- Lodgepole Grill: 9 am – 7 pm



To check for lodging availability, call (866) 807-3598 or visit www.visitsequoia.com/lodging

Kings Canyon National Park

Grant Grove Village

Kings Canyon Visitor Center

- See Visitor Center hours on page 1
- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Self-issue wilderness permits



Village Shops

- Market: 9 am to 5 pm
- Gift shop (*some weekends*): hours vary
- Post office: weekdays, 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm



Expected To Open March 22

Grant Grove Restaurant

- Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am
- Lunch: 11:30 am – 3 pm
- Dinner: 4 pm – 8 pm



John Muir Lodge

Lobby open 24 hours



SPC = Sequoia Parks Conservancy

Park Fees

Pay your entrance fee at park entrance stations. Annual and lifetime passes cover this fee. Pass and photo ID are required for access.



www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/fees.htm

7-day Passes

Single Vehicle..... \$35
Motorcycle..... \$30
Individual..... \$20

Sequoia and Kings Canyon Pass

Annual Pass \$70
(access only to Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs)

Interagency Annual and Lifetime Passes

Annual Pass \$80
Lifetime Senior Pass \$80
(for US citizens & permanent residents aged 62+)
Annual Senior Pass..... \$20
(for US citizens & permanent residents aged 62+)
Annual Military Pass..... Free
(for active-duty military and dependents)
Lifetime Military Pass..... Free
(for Gold Star family members or veterans)
Access Pass Free
(for people with permanent disabilities)

Other Passes Honored

Golden Age, Golden Access, Volunteer, and 4th Grade (Every Kid Outdoors)

The Fees You Pay Make a Difference!

The parks use these funds for projects that protect and improve visitor services such as:

- Maintaining campgrounds
- Educating students
- Improving accessibility
- Fare-free Sequoia Shuttle

All services are subject to change based on conditions

 Check Visitor Centers for Ranger-led programs

Camping

Reservations are required except for Azalea Campground, which has 20 first-come, first-served sites. Campsites hold up to six people and each site has a picnic table, fire ring with a grill, and a metal food storage box. Check-in and checkout are at noon.

Campsite Fee
\$32 per night

Camping Information

Toilets
Open campgrounds have flush toilets.

Quiet Hours (No Generator Use)
Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am.

Dump Stations
Potwisha Campground only

Campfires
Campfires must be out cold before you leave your campsite.

Propane and Fuel Canisters
Please recycle fuel canisters at home.

 **Make a reservation**
www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2931
(877) 444-6777
(877) 833-6777 TDD
Customer Service: (888) 448-1474

 **Install the Recreation.gov app**
www.recreation.gov/mobile-app

Roadside Camping
Roadside camping is not permitted in the parks. Camp only in designated campground sites.

No Shows
Sites that remain vacant by noon on the second day of a reservation may be released for new reservations.

See map on pages 4-5 for campground locations.

Campgrounds are subject to closure due to weather or natural events.

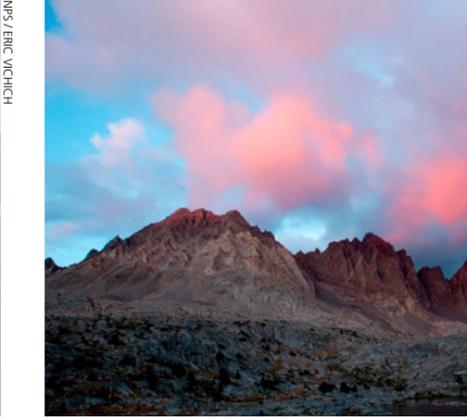
Kings Canyon National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Azalea	Through May 7: 20 first-come, first-served sites. Campsites are not cleared of snow. Starting May 8: Reservations only <i>Payment at Azalea Campground is through the Recreation.gov app. Download the app before arrival. Payment can be made even when no internet connection is available.</i>
Sentinel	Open May 9
All other campgrounds are closed.	

Sequoia National Park Campground Options

Potwisha	Open year-round
All other campgrounds are closed.	

Experience Wilderness



Wilderness is untrammeled, natural, and undeveloped, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are 97% designated Wilderness. Magnificent glacial canyons, broad lake basins, lush meadows, and sheer granite peaks—hallmarks of the most rugged portion of the High Sierra—form the core of the largest expanse of contiguous wilderness in California, which is visited and valued by people from around the world. Get a wilderness permit and solitude is just a long hike away.

Wilderness Permits

During winter and spring all overnight wilderness permits are self-issued in-person at a self-issue permit station.

Self-issue permits are available at any time of day at the three self-issue permit stations listed below. Hours are listed if assistance is needed.

Self-issue Wilderness Permitting Stations for Overnight Travel

Permits are available any time at kiosks outside the stations below. Open hours are listed if assistance is needed.

Areas	Permit Station	Open Hours For Assistance
Foothills Mineral King	Wilderness Office Follow the path south of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office across the rear parking lot.	Variable from 8 am to 4 pm
Giant Forest Lodgepole	Giant Forest Museum	See visitor center hours on page 1.
Grant Grove Cedar Grove	Kings Canyon Visitor Center	See visitor center hours on page 1.

Food Storage

Storing all food in an animal-resistant storage container is highly recommended. These containers weigh less than 3 pounds (1.3 kg), hold up to 5 days of food, and fit in a backpack. Rent food storage containers at park visitor centers.



Rental Cost

\$5 for three nights
\$2 per additional night

Wilderness Safety

Water

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

Hypothermia

Hypothermia can occur year-round. Stay warm and eat snacks. Symptoms include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech, and fumbling hands. If symptoms appear, drink warm sugary drinks, and get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, or shelter.

Hiking at Altitude

Most trails in the parks are above 5,000 feet (1,524 m) in elevation. People unaccustomed to high altitudes may need to acclimate to low oxygen levels, which can cause shortness of breath and dehydration. Plan for a slow ascent and drink lots of water.

Leave a Detailed Itinerary

Create a detailed itinerary of your backpacking trip. Your itinerary should include your start date, time, name of trailhead, camping locations, and your estimated return date. Leave this itinerary with a trusted responsible person.

Emergency - Dial 911

Sequoia National Forest

Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument have over 1.1 million acres (4,452 sq km) of recreational opportunities. The forest offers 52 developed campgrounds, more than 1,147 miles (1,846 km) of trails, over 314,448 acres (1,273 sq km) of wilderness, 222 miles (357 km) of Wild and Scenic Rivers, 2,617 rivers and streams, world-class whitewater rapids, 158 ponds and lakes, boating, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more.

Services and Facilities

Sequoia National Forest, Hume Lake District

Hume Lake Office
Open 8 am - 4:30 pm,
Monday through Friday
(559) 338-2251 or visit their website:
www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia



Campgrounds

Closed through May 15.

- Big Meadows
- Hume Lake
- Landslide
- Princess
- Tenmile
- Stony Creek
- Upper Stony Creek
- Fir Group
- Cove Group

Wilderness Camping

Contact the Sequoia National Forest Hume Lake District Office listed above.

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is available, but restrictions apply. Contact the Hume Lake Office of Sequoia National Forest for more information. Permits for portable stoves or fires are required and are available online at:



permit.preventwildfiresca.org

Montecito Sequoia Lodge

(559) 565-3388

Closed for the season.

When open, this lodge has cabins, a restaurant, a hotel, and Wi-Fi.

Hume Lake Village

(559) 305-7770

Gas pumps may be closed. Call ahead before traveling here.



Stony Creek Lodge

(559) 565-3909

Closed through May 7.

When open, this area has room rentals, a market, and a gas station.

Boyden Cavern

Boyden Cavern is closed until April 26.

Highway 180 East of Hume Lake Road Junction

Walking, hiking, and biking are not allowed on closed California highways. This section of highway is scheduled to open April 25.



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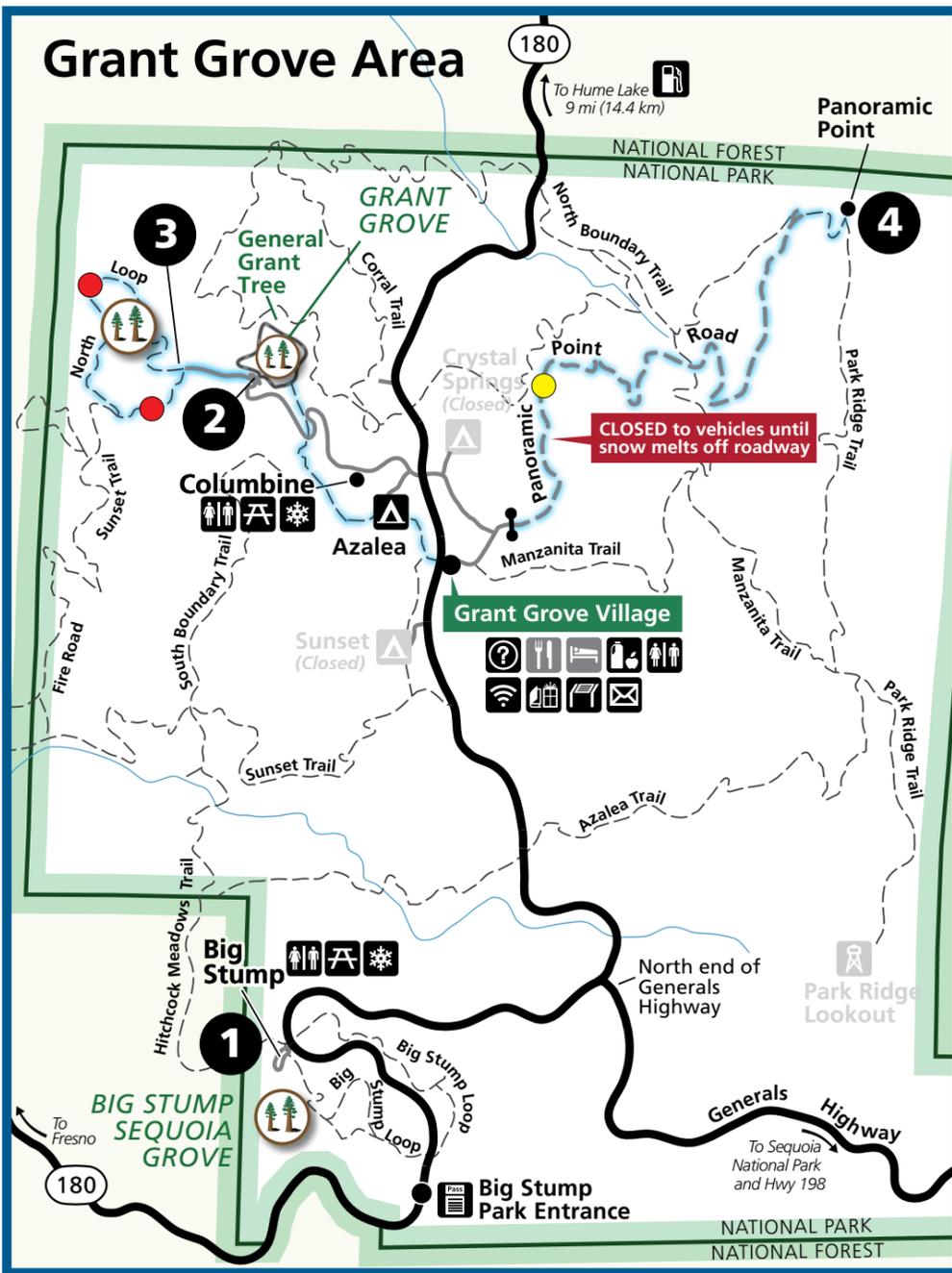
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National Parks vs National Forests

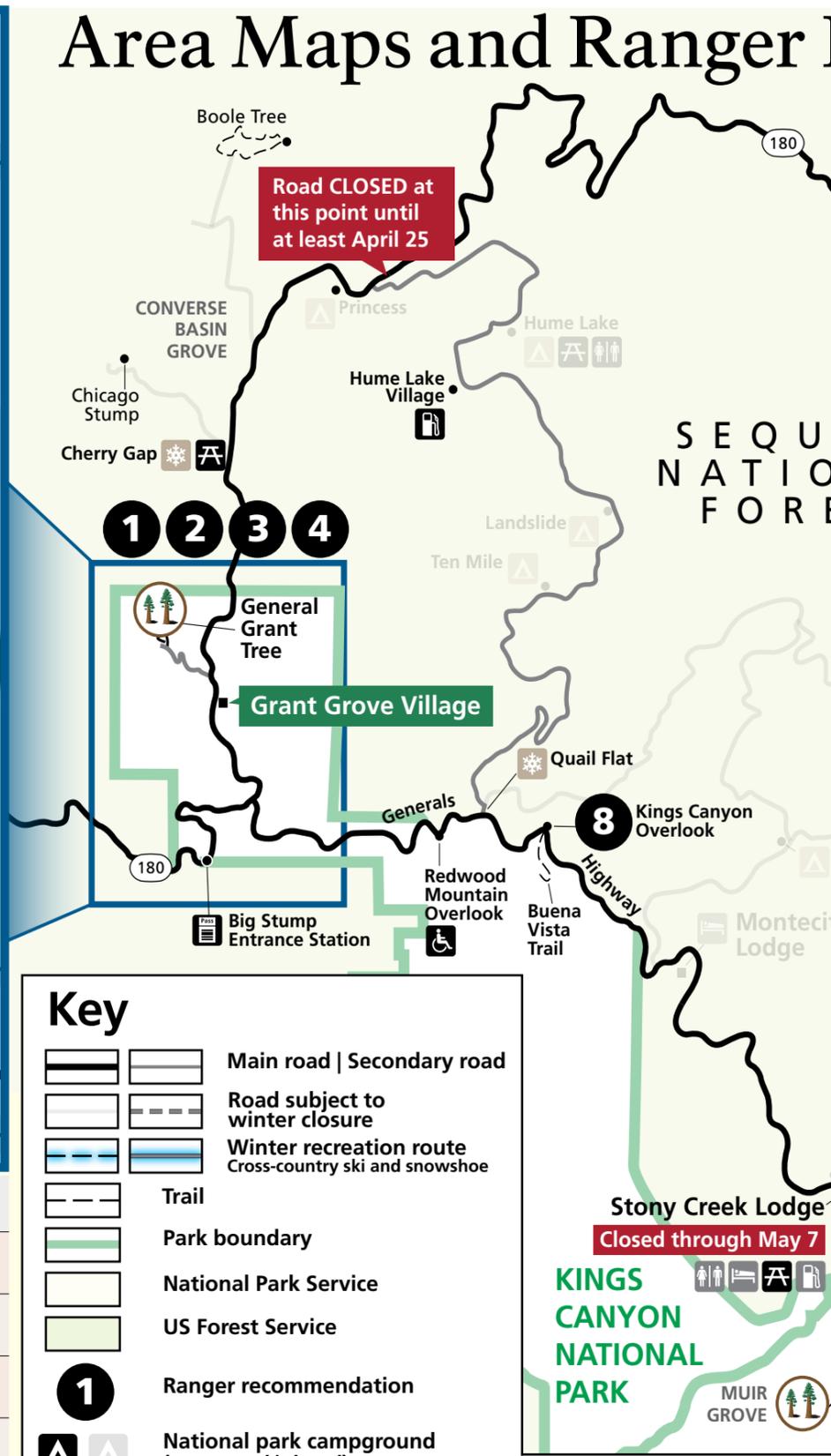
	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Sequoia National Forest
Pets	Pets are not allowed on trails. Pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m) are allowed in parking lots, picnic areas, and campgrounds.	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
Collect Resources	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, 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.
Hunting	Not in the parks. You are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering the parks.	Only seasonally with a license. Call 559-243-4005 or learn more online: wildlife.ca.gov/hunting
Snowmobiling	Not allowed.	Get over-snow-vehicle (OSV) route information at USFS Hume Lake Office in Dunlap.
Cutting 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.
Dispersed Car Camping	Not allowed within the parks.	Restrictions apply.



Grant Grove Area



Area Maps and Ranger

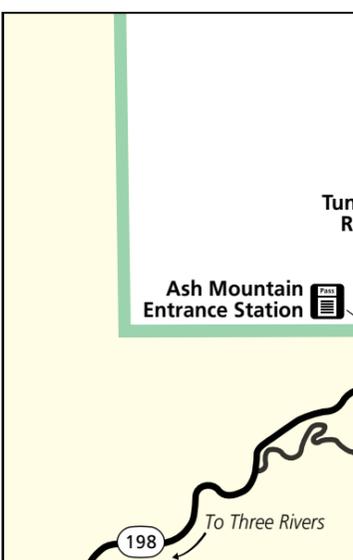


Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
1	Big Stump Loop	1.5 mile 2.4 km	Big Stump Picnic Area
2	General Grant Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
3	North Grove Trail (loop)	1.8 miles 2.9 km	Grant Tree Bus Parking Lot
4	Panoramic Point Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Panoramic Point Parking Lot
5	Roaring River Falls	0.3 miles 0.5 km	Trailhead on Highway 180
6	Zumwalt Meadow	0.8 miles 1.3 km	Trailhead on Highway 180. Distance is to meadow view.
7	Kanawyer Loop (with stream crossing)	4.5 miles 7.2 km	Road's End in Cedar Grove
8	Kings Canyon Overlook	Viewpoint	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area
9	Lost Grove	Viewpoint	Rest area along the Generals Highway
10	Tokopah Falls Trail	3.4 miles 5.5 km	Trailhead across road bridge from Lodgepole Campground parking lot
11	Congress Trail (loop)	2.9 miles 4.7 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
11	General Sherman Tree Trail	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
12	General Sherman Tree Accessible Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Sherman Tree Accessible Parking Lot, or Shuttle Stop
13	Big Trees Trail (loop)	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
14	Tunnel Log	On roadway	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
15	Moro Rock Trail (when conditions allow)	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
16	Amphitheater Point Overlook	Viewpoint	Parking area along Generals Highway
17	Hospital Rock	Cultural site	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
18	Paradise Creek Trail (to creek crossing)	3.6 miles 2.9 km	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
19	Marble Falls Trail	6.4 miles 10.3 km	Potwisha Campground, near site #14
20	Tunnel Rock	0.1 mile 0.2 km	Parking area along Generals Highway

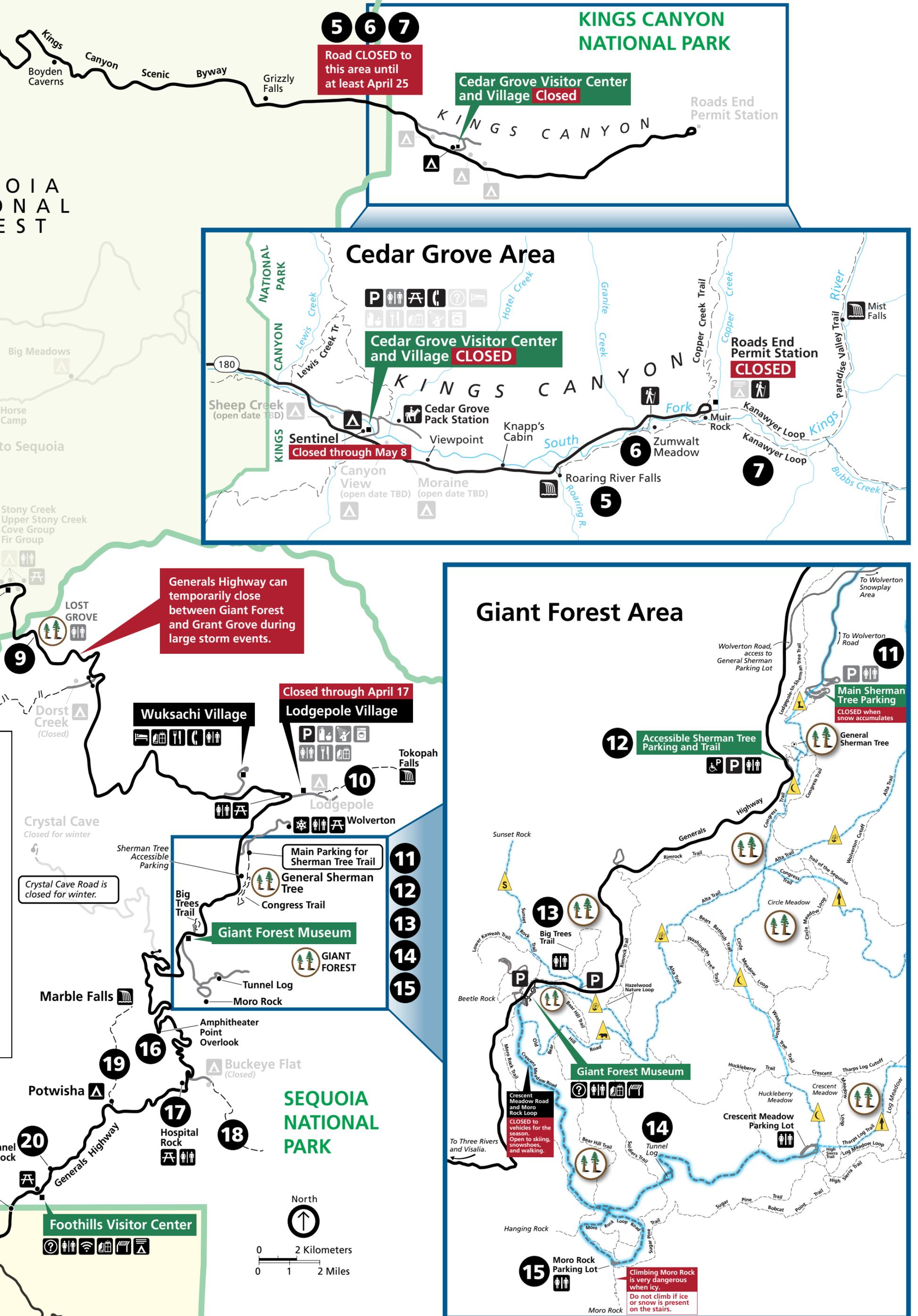
Key

- Main road | Secondary road
- Road subject to winter closure
- Winter recreation route
Cross-country ski and snowshoe
- Trail
- Park boundary
- National Park Service
- US Forest Service
- 1** Ranger recommendation
- National park campground (year-round | closed)
- National forest campground (closed for winter)
- Parking lot (year-round | seasonal)
- Restroom (year-round | seasonal)
- Market and snacks (year-round | seasonal)
- Giant sequoias
- Visitor center (year-round | seasonal)
- Lodging (year-round | seasonal)
- Book and souvenir shop (year-round | seasonal)
- Wi-Fi
- Wheelchair accessible
- Food service and drinks (year-round | seasonal)
- Bar
- Post office
- Picnic area
- Gas station (year-round | seasonal)
- Scenic viewpoint
- Point of interest
- Waterfall
- Public telephone
- Snowshoeing
- Traction device on footwear strongly recommended

- Showers (seasonal)
- Laundry (seasonal)
- Accessible parking only
- Entrance fee station
- Horseback riding
- Hiking
- Interpretive exhibit
- ATM
- Cross-country ski route markers
- Winter recreation area
- National Forest Winter recreation area



Recommended Activities



Keep Yourself and the Parks Safe



Snow Play Safety

When sledding:

- Slide feet first
- Consider wearing a helmet
- Don't slide near rocks, trees, branches, or people
- After sliding, move out of the path of others coming after you
- Avoid hard-packed snow or ice. Speed and direction can become out of control.



Changing Weather

Check weather forecasts before coming to the parks and keep an eye on the sky while here. Weather conditions can change quickly and unexpectedly. If clouds are rolling in or precipitation starts falling, consider returning to the trailhead earlier than planned.



Be Mountain Ready

When away from your vehicle, it is especially important to be prepared.

Carry multiple layers of clothing, a warm hat, warm gloves, a rainjacket, and warm and waterproof footwear. Manage your clothing to avoid getting hot and sweaty while also not getting too cold. Wet clothes will not keep you warm—they often make you colder.



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. Don't linger under dead, cracked, or broken hanging branches or trees with rotten bases.



River Safety

Drowning is the primary cause of death in the parks. Rivers present a great

danger due to their swift currents and slippery rocks. Do not leave children unattended.



Drones

Launching, landing, or operating remotely piloted aircraft (such as model airplanes, quadcopters, or drones) is prohibited.



Firearms

It is illegal to discharge a firearm within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks or to bring one into any federal building. Hunting and trapping are illegal in the parks.



Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in the parks. Pets in designated areas must be kept on a maximum 6-foot (1.8 m) leash at all times. Pick up and dispose of all pet waste. Do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles.

Keep Wildlife Wild

You Are in Black Bear Country

Even in winter bears can still be active, particularly in the foothills. Bears will grab unattended food and break into cars when food is visible. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to human food as well as anything scented, including hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, cleaning supplies, and child safety seats. Bears that have had human food can become bold and persistent in attempts to obtain human food and may have to be killed. A fed bear is a dead bear. Food storage is the key to protecting humans and bears.



Wildlife Viewing Safety

Wildlife Viewing

Viewing wildlife is an amazing opportunity that comes with responsibility. Give animals room to move. Stay a minimum distance of 25 yards (23 m) from most wildlife and 50 yards (46 m) from predators like bears and mountain lions. In general, if a wild animal reacts to your presence, you are too close. Remember that wildlife are wild and can be unpredictable when they are disturbed or surprised. Use binoculars or a zoom lens from a safe distance and move back if an animal approaches you. *Keep Wildlife Wild* and observe from a safe distance.



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Black Bears

Don't let a black bear approach you, your food, picnic area, or campsite. Make yourself appear large: wave your arms, clap your hands, and yell at the bear. Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Report to the nearest ranger.

Mountain Lions and Bobcats

These animals normally run away when seen. However, if you see one and it does not run away, follow these tips for a safe encounter:

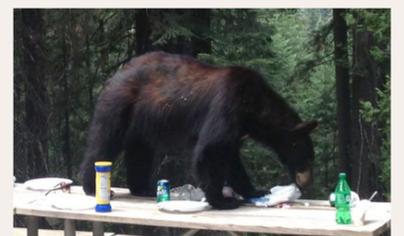
- Do not run; running may trigger a pursuit.
- Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible, do not crouch down.
- Hold your ground, or back away slowly, while facing the animal.
- If it acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones and sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!
- Report all sightings.

Food Storage

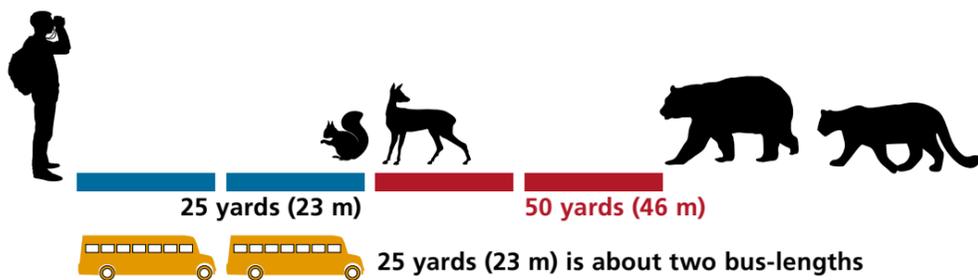
Metal food storage boxes are provided to properly store food and odorous items when not in use. Store all food, coolers, and anything with an odor, including child safety seats and flavored drinks. If a food storage box is unavailable, food items must be stored inside your car trunk or low in the vehicle, out of sight, and with all windows closed. Always keep a clean campsite and deposit all trash in dumpsters. While picnicking, never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.



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Accessibility: Parks for All



Accessibility Guide

Looking for information about accessibility accommodations for people with disabilities? Ask for a free Accessibility Guide at any park visitor center or download it online.



www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm



Assistive Listening Devices

At Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove, assistive listening devices and audio description are available for the park film. Ask at the information desk for a receiver.



Braille Park Map

Borrow a Braille version of the official park map at park visitor centers. Outdoor exhibits along the Grant Tree Trail have Braille text and tactile features. Kings Canyon Visitor Center and Hospital Rock Picnic Area have tactile interpretive exhibits.



Borrow a Wheelchair

Borrow a manual wheelchair at Kings Canyon Visitor Center or at Giant Forest Museum. Be prepared to provide your address and phone number. Wheelchairs are for wheelchair accessible areas and trails but must be returned to where they were borrowed by closing time.

Exploring in the Digital Age

We have an app for that! Download these apps to help plan your visit, find the perfect hike, or reserve a campsite. Need Wi-Fi to download? Find free public Wi-Fi at Foothills and Kings Canyon Visitor Centers.



National Park Service (NPS) App

Find maps, information, and an events calendar on this app. Once downloaded, search for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and download content for offline use.



UniDescription App

This app translates the map of the parks into acoustic media, designed for people who are blind, visually impaired, print dyslexic, or who prefer learning through sound.



Recreation.gov App

This app is your on-the-go solution for making reservations or purchasing passes. Return to your favorite spot or find a new one by searching for the location that is right for you.

Bienvenido al país de los gigantes

Visitar los bosques de secuoyas gigantes en invierno puede ser una experiencia hermosa. Observe que las secuoyas altas y maduras tienen ramas que no son muy largas. Por que crees que estos árboles altos tienen ramas cortas? Una pista: Considere que viven en elevaciones que reciben varios pies de nieve en invierno.

A una altitud de 1,300 pies (396 m) a 14,494 pies (4,418 m), la mayor elevación en los 48 estados contiguos, estos parques protegen una espectacular cordillera elevada. Dentro de nuestros límites se encuentran impresionantes transiciones, desde las cálidas estribaciones hasta los bosques frescos y la fría High Sierra.

En esos parques tienen su hogar diversas plantas y animales, que viven en condiciones extremadamente variadas. Los parques abarcan empinados caminos, senderos que trepan por las montañas y ríos que se desploman desde alturas épicas. En sus recorridos, busque evidencias de incendios y tormentas pasadas.

El incendio KNP en 2021 ardió a lo largo de casi toda el General Highway en 2021; después, el invierno de 2022-2023 trajo una precipitación sin precedentes. La lluvia y la nieve que cayeron en las laderas quemadas causaron daños significativos a las carreteras y caminos del parque.

Manténgase usted mismo y el parque a salvo



Jugando en la Nieve

Cuando estas en el trineo:

- Deslizar pies primero
- Considere usar un casco
- No deslizar cerca de piedras, árboles, ramas, o gente
- Después de deslizar, por favor despejar el camino para evitar los que siguen detrás.
- Evite nieve compacta o hielo. Puede perder control de su velocidad y dirección.



Venga Preparado

Cuando esta alejado de su vehículo es importante estar preparado. Lleve

varias capas de ropa, un gorro abrigado, guantes abrigados, una chaqueta impermeable y calzado abrigado e impermeable. Maneja tu ropa apropiadamente para evitar el calor y el sudor y al mismo tiempo no pasar demasiado frío. Ropa mojada no te mantendrá caliente, te hacen sentir frío.



Cambios de Clima

Por favor de revisar el clima antes de venir a los parques y estar atento a

cambios en el clima cuando estes en el parque. El clima puede cambiar rápido e inesperadamente. Si se nubla o si empieza a llover, considere regresar al comienzo del sendero antes de lo planeado.



Mascotas

No se permiten mascotas en ningún sendero de los parques. Pueden tenerse mascotas en las áreas designadas, con una correa de máximo 6 pies (1.8 m) en todo momento. Recoja y deseché todos los desechos de su mascota. No deje desatendidas sus mascotas ni adentro de vehículos que puedan sobrecalentarse fácilmente.



Peligros con los árboles

Pueden caer ramas y árboles, ya sea muertos o vivos, y cuando no

haya viento. Tenga los ojos abiertos y escuche con atención. Corra si escucha crujidos o chasquidos de raíces, troncos o ramas. No se entretenga debajo de ramas muertas, rajadas o rotas y colgantes, ni de árboles con la base podrida.



Seguridad en ríos

El ahogamiento es la causa principal de muerte en los parques. Los ríos representan un gran peligro debido a las rápidas corrientes y a las rocas resbalosas. No deje desatendidos a los niños.



Armas de fuego

Es ilegal disparar armas de fuego en los parques, así como introducirlas

en cualquier edificio federal. Es ilegal cazar y atrapar animales en los parques.



Drones

Está prohibido lanzar, aterrizar y operar aeronaves de piloto remoto, como modelos de avión, cuadricópteros y drones.

Conserve la fauna silvestre

Está en tierra de osos. Los osos se apoderan de la comida desatendida y entran a la fuerza en los autos donde ven alimento. Los osos tienen un refinado sentido del olfato y se sienten atraídos por la comida de los humanos, así como por el desinfectante de manos, los cosméticos, los artículos de tocador, la basura, los artículos de limpieza y los asientos de seguridad para niños. Los osos que han probado alimento humano pueden volverse agresivos y peligrosos, y tienen que ser sacrificados. Un oso alimentado es un oso muerto. Guardar los alimentos es la clave para proteger a humanos y osos.

Observación de la fauna y seguridad

Observar la fauna

Observar la fauna es una oportunidad maravillosa que implica responsabilidades. Dé espacio a los animales. La mejor forma de estar a salvo al observar la fauna es darles a los animales espacio para moverse. Manténgase a por lo menos 25 yardas (23 m) de distancia de la mayoría de los animales y a 50 yardas (46 m) de depredadores, como osos y pumas. En general, si un animal salvaje reacciona a su presencia, usted está demasiado cerca. Recuerde que los animales salvajes pueden ser impredecibles cuando se sienten perturbados o

sorprendidos. Use binoculares o una lente de zoom a una distancia prudente y retroceda si el animal se le acerca. *Conserve la fauna silvestre* y obsérvela desde una distancia prudente.

Los osos negros

Si ve a un oso negro, no permita que se le acerque a usted, a su comida ni a su área de picnic o de campamento. Agite los brazos, haga ruidos fuertes y arroje piedras pequeñas en su dirección. Mantenga una distancia prudente, pero sea persistente.

Los pumas y los gatos monteses

normalmente corren cuando son vistos. Sin embargo, si usted ve a un puma o un gato montés y éstos no corren, siga estos consejos para que el encuentro sea seguro:

- No corra; correr podría provocar una persecución.
- Recoja a sus niños.
- Trate de aparecer lo más grande posible; no se acucille.
- Manténgase firme o retroceda lentamente, dándole la cara al animal.
- Si el animal actúa agresivamente, agite los brazos, grite y arroje piedras o palos en su dirección.
- ¡Si lo ataca, defiéndase!
- Reporte todas las observaciones.

Almacenamiento de comida

Se le proporcionan cajas metálicas para que guarde adecuadamente los alimentos y artículos que tengan olor cuando no los esté usando. Guarde bien todos los alimentos, las neveras portátiles y cualquier cosa con olor, incluso los asientos de seguridad para niños y las bebidas saborizadas. Si no dispone de una caja para guardar alimentos, debe guardarlos en el maletero de su auto, o en la parte baja del vehículo, fuera de la vista y con las ventanas cerradas. Mantenga siempre limpio el campamento y deseché toda la basura en los contenedores. Cuando esté de picnic, no se aleje de las neveras portátiles ni de las mesas cuando la comida esté afuera. Manténgase a un brazo de distancia de la comida.



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25 yardas (23 m)

50 yardas (46 m)



25 yardas (23 m) son aproximadamente dos longitudes de autobús



Condiciones actuales



Guía de accesibilidad



Encuentre la guía de accesibilidad gratuita en cualquier centro de visitantes del parque o en línea.

Información importante

Wi-Fi pública gratuita

Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

EMERGENCIAS: LLAME AL 911

Estado de las carreteras

(559) 565-3341, (oprime 1, después 1)

Normas viales

Gasolina

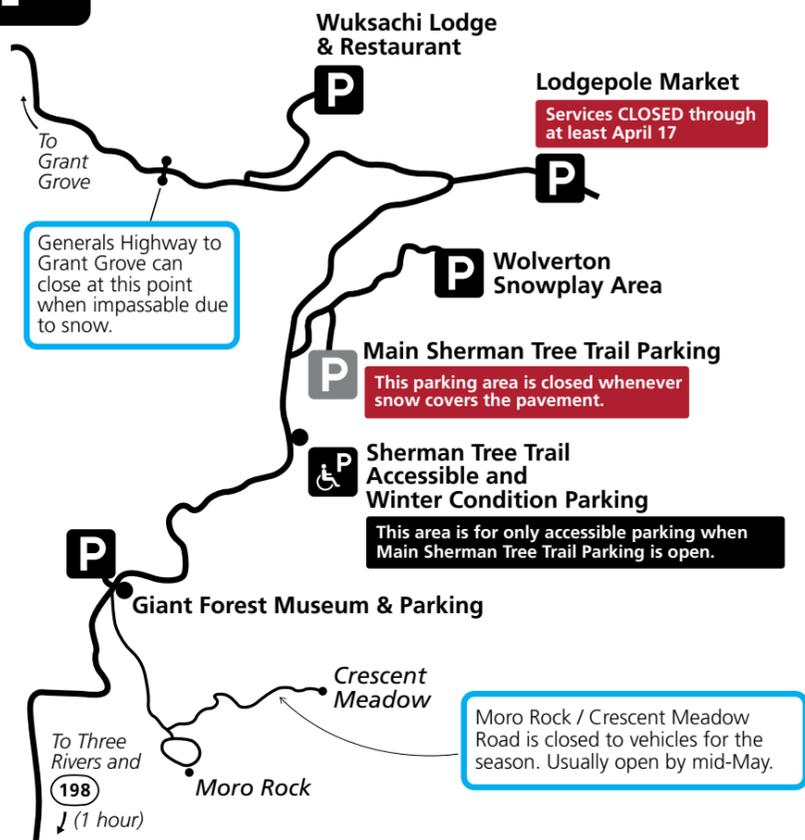
Dentro de los límites del parque no se dispone de gasolineras. Hay gasolina disponible dentro del Sequoia National Forest:

- Hume Lake
(559) 305-7770

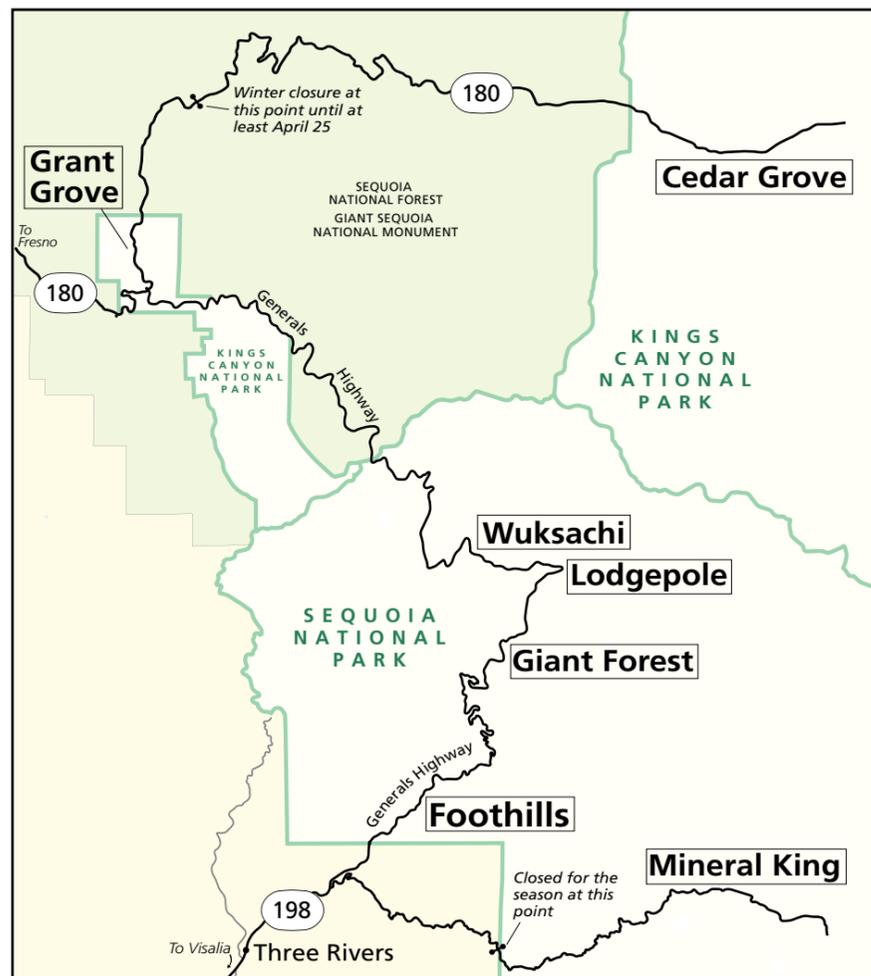
Cierre de carreteras

- General Highway entre los parques
- Highway 180 a Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road (Cerrado cuando hay nieve)
- Crystal Cave Road

P Parking in Giant Forest



Park Areas



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- Giant Forest Museum
- Kings Canyon Visitor Center
- Visitor Center at Lake Kaweah
- Online Store (scan QR code)



store.sequoiaparksconservancy.org



Driving in Snow

Any storm in the mountains can bring fresh snow and ice to roadways and trails. Driving conditions in Giant Forest or Grant Grove can be very different than conditions on lower elevation roads.

Black ice is common when temperatures are above freezing during the day and below freezing at night. Drive slowly.

Whenever snow or ice is present on roadways, tire chain requirements can be in effect.

Chain Requirement Levels

Chains can be purchased or rented from businesses in nearby towns.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-1

SPEED LIMIT 25

AUTOS & PICKUPS SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

if your vehicle has at least two snow-tread tires* on the drive wheels. *Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.*

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo tiene al menos dos neumáticos para nieve en las ruedas motrices. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-2

SPEED LIMIT 25

4-W DRIVE WITH SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

if your vehicle is AWD/4WD with snow-tread tires* on all four wheels. *Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.*

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo es AWD/4WD con neumáticos para nieve en las cuatro ruedas. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-3

SPEED LIMIT 25

NO EXCEPTIONS

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on all vehicles. No exceptions.

Se deben instalar cadenas para llantas o dispositivos de tracción en todos los vehículos. Sin excepciones.

*Snow-tread tires say "MS," "M+S," "M/S," "mud and snow," or have an image of a snowflake inside a three-peaked mountain on the sidewall of the tire.

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