



## Trip Planner Fall 2022

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

### Giant Sequoias

Giant sequoias are icons of resilience. They are well-adapted to survive thousands of years in a landscape visited by fire, drought, and beetle attacks, but human-caused climate change and past management practices that have resulted in overly dense forests have put trees at risk from all three.

Wildfire is a complex process that depends on many factors, including previous fire patterns, forest management practices, and temperature and moisture. Rising temperatures, earlier snowmelt, dense fuel loads, and drier conditions lead to higher-severity fire and fire seasons that are months longer and more extreme than even 20 years ago. The 2020 Castle Fire and 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned so intensely that an estimated 19% of all large sequoias were killed.

Some trees that survived fires have died a few years later. Damage related to severe fires may reduce water flow to the tree's crown. Meanwhile, drought conditions and hotter temperatures over most of the past decade mean there is less water for trees. In those conditions, burrowing action by native cedar bark beetles could turn from harmless to fatal for a weakened tree.

Park managers fear that despite sequoias' incredible toughness, without action, more of the magnificent giants may die in alarming numbers. But perhaps the most powerful defenders of sequoias are those who visit the trees, learn, teach others, and take steps to address climate change so that today's sequoias stand for hundreds or thousands of years more, for future visitors to stand beneath in awe.



The 2021 KNP Complex Fire killed thousands of mature sequoia trees in the Redwood Mountain Grove.

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### COVID-19 Safety

Masks may be required in federal buildings or on park shuttles. Please check signage outside visitor centers and other federal buildings and at shuttle stops. These requirements are based on CDC's COVID-19 Community Level tool. When nearby counties are at low-medium risk, masks are optional in federal buildings.

### Road Construction

This fall, road construction projects to improve park roads and utilities may be underway during your visit.

#### Throughout Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks:

Short stretches of the Generals Highway, some campground roads, and parking lots are being sealed and resurfaced. If you encounter one of these areas, plan on a 30-minute delay. Road work is not scheduled on weekends or holidays. Please stop at your nearest visitor center to learn where construction is happening during your visit. Road work in Sequoia is expected through October.

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## Contacts

### 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)

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

### GPS

GPS programs often misdirect travelers in this area. Use maps and signs, or ask for directions.

### Web & Social Media



[www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)



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### Sequoia National Forest/ Monument (USFS)

(559) 338-2251, [fs.usda.gov/sequoia](http://fs.usda.gov/sequoia)

### Yosemite National Park (NPS)

(209) 372-0200, [nps.gov/yose](http://nps.gov/yose)

### California Road Conditions (CalTrans)

(800) 427-7623, [dot.ca.gov](http://dot.ca.gov)

### Free Public WiFi Locations

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

### Campground Reservations

Visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call (877) 444-6777 (TDD: 877-833-6777).

### Delaware North (Authorized Concessioner)

Visit [www.visitsequoia.com](http://www.visitsequoia.com) or call (866) 807-3598 for lodging reservations.

### Cedar Grove Pack Station

(horseback riding concessioner)

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

Cedar Grove: (559) 802-7626  
[cedargrovecampstation.com](http://cedargrovecampstation.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in Sequoia and Kings Canyon. 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) long.

### 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 are in effect to reduce the chance of accidental, human-caused fire. Prohibited locations for wood or charcoal fires will be posted. These include Potwisha, South Fork, and Buckeye Flat campgrounds and Hospital Rock and Foothills picnic areas.

Restrictions may increase throughout the year as fire danger increases. Check for updates on park bulletin boards, at visitor centers, or by visiting [go.nps.gov/sekifirerestrictions](http://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 Mobile App

Install the NPS app for trip-planning information. Search for National Park Service in the iTunes or Google Play stores, and then choose Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Be sure to download content for use offline during your visit, as WiFi is limited in the parks.

### 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\\_Interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:SEKI_Interpretation@nps.gov) or call us at 559-565-3341.

### Accessibility Guide

Ask at any visitor center for a printed accessibility guide. This new publication offers details about accessible park features by area and for different user groups. The information in the guide is also available online at [go.nps.gov/SEKI-accessibility](http://go.nps.gov/SEKI-accessibility).

### 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 level trail is a 0.75-mile (1.2 km) loop. It circles a meadow surrounded by giant sequoias.

**Panoramic Point Trail (Grant Grove):** This paved trail leads to views that reach deep into park wilderness. RVs are not permitted on this road.

**Roaring River Falls (Cedar Grove):** This area closes on November 14 for the season. A 528-foot (160 m), shady walk features a powerful waterfall rushing through a granite chute. Park 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Village road. Paved, relatively accessible.

# 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 the parks' 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.



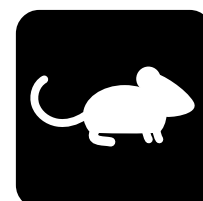
### Poison Oak

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.



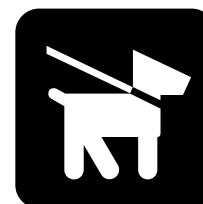
### Air Quality

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.

## Campgrounds Are Open By Reservation Only

Reservations will be required for ALL park campgrounds, except South Fork. No first-come, first-served sites are available. As seasonal campgrounds close in fall, expect camping availability to be limited. Make reservations at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call (877) 444-6777; TDD: (877) 833-6777; or customer service (888) 448-1474. Reservations can be made up to one month in advance. Same-day reservations may be possible if sites are available.

### Conserve Water

Please conserve water when camping. Water levels are critically low this year. If water runs out, campgrounds may need to close early.

- Limit water use
- Turn off faucets when not in use
- Report any water leaks to park staff
- While potable water is provided, you can help by bringing your own drinking water

### Campsite Amenities

Each campsite has a table and food storage box. Most sites accommodate up to six people and one or two vehicles. There are no RV hookups in the parks.

### RV and Trailer Length Limits

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

### Check-in & Checkout, Quiet Hours

Check-in and check-out are at noon. If you have not checked in by noon on the second day of your reservation, your site may be considered unoccupied and opened to new campers.

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

### Dump Stations

RV dump stations are available at Potwisha and Lodgepole campgrounds, or for a fee at Princess Campground in Sequoia National Forest.

### Roadside Camping

Roadside camping is not permitted in the park. Camp only in designated sites in campgrounds.

### Fire Restrictions and Safety

Fire restrictions are in effect at some campgrounds. These include but are not limited to Potwisha, South Fork, and Buckeye Flat campgrounds and Hospital Rock and Foothills picnic areas. More campgrounds and picnic areas may be added if fire danger increases. Check for signs at your campground to see if fires are prohibited. Campfires must be out cold before you leave. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

### Propane and Fuel Canisters

Please recycle fuel canisters at home. Do not put them in park trash cans or leave them in the campground.

### Showers and Laundry

Showers and laundry facilities are not available in the parks in 2022.

### Sequoia National Forest (US Forest Service) Campgrounds (Near Grant Grove)

#### Hume Lake Area Campgrounds

Reservation only: Princess, Hume Lake, Ten-mile, Logger Flat Group, and Aspen Hollow Group  
First-come, first-served: Landslide and Convict Flat

#### Big Meadows & Stony Creek Area Campgrounds

Stony Creek, Upper Stony Creek, Horse Camp, Buck Rock, Fire Group, Cove Group, and Big Meadow

#### Dispersed Camping

Self-contained camping, with no water, restrooms, trash cans, or other amenities is permitted in the national forest (not in the national parks). Check with Sequoia National Forest for time and group size limits. Please follow Leave No Trace principles.

Free fire permits available at:

[www.readyforwildfire.org/permits](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits).

If fire danger is high, open fires may not be allowed outside campgrounds. Permits are also available at Hume Lake Ranger District office.

### Lake Kaweah (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) Near Three Rivers, California

Horse Creek Campground

## Activities

### Ranger Walks & Talks

Free programs may be offered in the Foothills, Giant Forest, Grant Grove, Cedar 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 [seki\\_volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:seki_volunteer@nps.gov). Volunteers are needed for invasive plant control, special events, routine clerical and maintenance tasks, and much more! Individuals and groups 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). Ask about the Every Kid Outdoors free entrance pass for fourth graders and their families!

### Sequoia Parks Conservancy

Sequoia Parks Conservancy, the official nonprofit partner to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, welcomes you! We 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!



### Crystal Cave

Due to impacts from the KNP Complex Fire, Crystal Cave will be closed for the 2022 season. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2023!

### Sequoia Parks Conservancy Adventures

We get it—exploring the national parks can be overwhelming. What's open? Where do you go? What can you do? We're here to help you have a fun and memorable journey in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We'll connect you to the biggest trees, the darkest skies, and the most epic trails. Visit: [sequoiaparksconservancy.org/adventures](https://sequoiaparksconservancy.org/adventures)



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## 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 some 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.

### 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.

### 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.

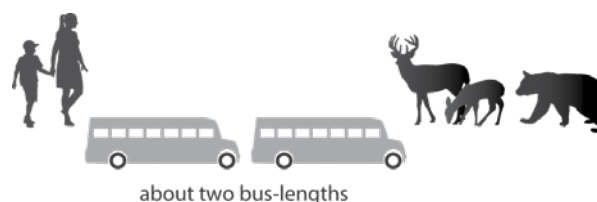
**Bears can smell anything with a scent—such as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, and cleaning supplies—and will mistake these items for food. Store anything with an odor.**

## 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 golden foothills, home to more species of plants and animals than the rest of these parks combined. Chaparral, oak woodlands, and river canyons offer warm days, waterfalls, and clear starry skies.

### Services and Facilities

#### Foothills Visitor Center & Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC) Park Store

Visitor center staff are available most days for information and trip planning. Exhibit areas may be open and free WiFi is available, no password required. The SPC Park Store sells maps, books, clothing, and other items and rents bear canisters when open.

#### Wilderness Permits

Local permits for overnight travel are available 8 am–4 pm, at the Wilderness Office. Beginning September 18, self-registration permits are available outside the Wilderness Office. Follow the unpaved path to the right of the visitor center building. Go to the Fire Management and Wilderness Office across the parking lot.



Marble Falls

#### 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. Use caution in this high-traffic area 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 once lived here and still visit and live nearby. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Be careful; drownings have occurred here. Also, do not leave food in your vehicle here; use the metal food-storage boxes to keep your food from bears.



Paradise Creek

#### 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. High temperatures and little 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.

## Mineral King

Climb the parks' steepest, highest winding road to its peak elevation of 7,800 feet (2,377 m). Enjoy this remote, rugged place, or follow a trail into a vast wilderness. *Mineral King Road closes for the season on October 26.*

### Services and Facilities

#### Mineral King Ranger Station

Open 7:30 am–4 pm until September 18. Get trail and local information here. Pay phones are nearby at Cold Springs Campground and the Sawtooth Trailhead parking area.

#### Wilderness Permits

Permits for overnight travel are issued at the ranger station, 7:30 am–4 pm; self-registration begins September 18.

#### Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Cabins, gifts, showers, store, restaurant with a bakery and WiFi. No gas. Until October 26, open 8 am–7 pm Monday–Thursday and 8 am–8 pm Friday through Sunday. Call (559) 561-3223.



Mineral King Valley

(5.7 km) one way, and begins at the end of Mineral King Road. After 2 miles (3.2 km), the trail splits. Turn left for Eagle Lake, or take the right-hand trail another 1.6 miles (2.5 km) for Mosquito Lake.

#### Paradise Ridge

Hike through sequoias to a ridge with views of the Great Western Divide. Park in the lot east of Atwell Mill Campground and walk past the campground to the trailhead. Climb 3.7 miles (5.9 km) to the peak of the ridge, or continue into wilderness.

#### Atwell-Hockett to Deer Creek

Walk through sequoias and an old sawmill to a waterfall. Park in the lot east of Atwell Mill Campground and walk toward the campground to

the trailhead. This trail leads far into wilderness. Turn back in 1.5 miles (2.4 km) at Deer Creek.

#### Monarch Lakes

Upper and Lower Monarch Lakes lie at the foot of Sawtooth Peak, at the end of a 4.2 mile (one-way) hike. Since the trail follows a west-facing slope, it is best to get an early start. The trail passes through meadows, red fir forest, and the avalanche-scoured Chihuahua Bowl.

#### Protect Your Car from Marmots!

Marmots in this area sometimes chew through vehicle wires and fuel lines. Drive over your tarp and then wrap it around your vehicle, covering wheel wells. Extra tarps may be available at the ranger station.

### Cold Springs Nature Trail

Stroll through meadows and aspen groves on this slightly sloped, 1-mile (1.6 km) out-and-back trail. Start at Cold Springs Campground.

### Eagle Lake


Climb the west side of the Mineral King Valley to a glacially carved tarn. This steep trail is 3.6 miles



Welcome to the big trees. Enjoy the world's biggest unlogged sequoia grove, home of the world's largest tree. Discover serene meadows, rocky streams, and towering forests. Shuttles travel throughout the Giant Forest and Lodgepole area during holidays.

## General Sherman Tree

Two trails lead to the world's largest tree:

- Main Trail - Park at Main Sherman Tree Parking. This 0.5-mile (0.8-km) trail down to the tree has stairs and the walk back is uphill. If someone in your group can't manage the uphill hike, consider hiking the accessible trail (see below), park at Lodgepole or Wolverton, and ride the shuttle. *When snow begins to accumulate, this trail usually closes.*
-  Wheelchair-accessible trail from the highway - A disability placard is required to park here. *When snow begins to accumulate, this parking area is open to all visitors. Check signage at the parking area.*

## Congress Trail

Park at Wolverton or Lodgepole shuttle parking. From the Sherman Tree, continue along this fairly level 2-mile (3.2-km) loop through the heart of the Giant Forest sequoia grove.

## Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road

This 3-mile (4.8-km), dead-end road begins at Giant Forest Museum. Expect congestion and limited parking; this road is closed to vehicles on weekends and holidays. When the road is closed, ride the shuttle or hike to access Moro Rock and other features. If you have a disability placard or wilderness permit, you can be granted access—inquire at Giant Forest Museum.

- 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.
- Crescent Meadow - Sequoias surround this fragile wetland. Several trails start here, including the 1-mile (1.6-km) route to Tharp's Log.

## Beetle Rock

A short walk along a wheelchair-accessible trail from the Giant Forest Museum parking area. Take in spectacular views with ample space.

## Big Trees Trail

This level loop has trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start at Giant Forest Museum for a 1-mile (1.6-km) round-trip walk. If you have a disability placard, park at the trailhead for a 0.75-mile (1-km) loop.

## Tokopah Falls

Park at Lodgepole Campground parking lot, just past the campground kiosk. The 1.7-mile (2.7-km) trail starts in Lodgepole Campground and ends at a viewpoint near the cascades of Tokopah Falls. Return the same way for a 3.4-mile (5.5 km) round-trip hike. Be careful around the water; cold, swift currents are difficult to escape.

## Beetle Rock

A short walk along a wheelchair-accessible trail from the Giant Forest Museum parking area. Take in spectacular views with ample space.

## Sunset Rock

Park at Giant Forest Museum where this level, 1.4-mile (2 km) round-trip trail begins. It ends on top of a granite dome with sweeping views of the foothills.

## Bear Hill Trail

Park at Giant Forest Museum and walk toward the Big Trees Trail. The Bear Hill Trail junction will be on the right. Check maps at the museum's Trail Center kiosk for more information.

## Cahoon Meadow

This 5-mile (8-km) out-and-back starts at Lodgepole Campground. Park at Lodgepole Campground

parking lot, just past the campground kiosk and cross the bridge. Hike along the Twin Lakes Trail on your way to this secluded meadow.

## Panther Gap

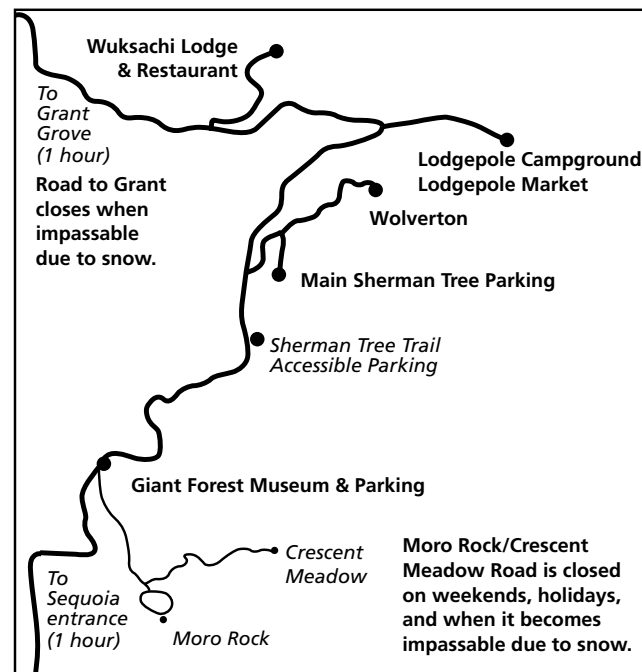
Parking available at Wolverton. Under 6 miles (10 km) round trip, this trail follows the Lakes Trail before veering off to Panther Gap. Ascend 1000 feet (300 m) to the gap and amazing views.

## Little Baldy

This 3.4-mile (5.5-km) out-and-back trail has 700 feet (200 m) of elevation gain and offers one of the best views in the park. The trailhead is 1.5 miles (2.4 km) south of Dorst Campground. Parking is limited, so get here early or later in the day.

## Parking Areas

See shuttle routes on page 12 of the newspaper. Shuttles operate on some holiday weekends. Park at these areas to tour Sequoia by shuttle.



## Services and Facilities

### Giant Forest Museum & Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC) Park Store

The museum is open most days for information and trip planning. Exhibit areas may be open. The SPC Park Store sells maps, books, and other items and rents bear canisters when open.

### Sequoia Shuttle

Daily service ends September 11. The shuttle will run on select holiday weekends: November 24-27 and December 23 - January 1.

### Wilderness permits

Permits for overnight travel are issued at the Giant Forest Museum from 7 am - 3:30 pm; self-registration begins September 18.

### Wuksachi Lodge\*

The lodge is located 2 miles north of Lodgepole Visitor Center. Open year-round, 24 hours a day. Payphones, WiFi, and an ATM are available. Reservations are recommended: call (866) 807-3598.

### Wuksachi Lodge Services\*

The Peaks Restaurant has indoor and outdoor seating, and a full-serve bar. This schedule is subject to change:

- Breakfast: 7 am–10 am
- Lunch: 12 pm–2 pm
- Dinner: 5 pm–8 pm

Gift Shop: Open 8 am–5 pm. Souvenirs and some supplies.

\*Operated by Delaware North Concession

Wander through shady sequoia groves and hike to bird's-eye views of distant wilderness. From busy Grant Grove Village to lofty Big Baldy Ridge, Grant Grove offers a chance to explore with amenities nearby.



General Grant Tree

### Grant Tree Trail

This 0.3-mile (0.5 km) paved, loop trail leads to the world's second-largest living tree. Drive 0.1 mile north of Grant Grove Village and look for road signs to access parking area. On the trail, look for tactile exhibits about sequoias.

### North Grove Loop

This lightly traveled, 1.5-mile (2.4 km) loop offers a

close look at sequoias and a quiet forest walk. Start at the Grant Tree bus and RV overflow parking area.

### Panoramic Point

A narrow road leads to a short, paved trail to a viewpoint with beautiful Sierra vistas. RVs and trailers are not permitted on the road, which begins behind John Muir Lodge. Park Ridge Trail (4.8 miles/7.7 km round trip) also begins here. This road closes when snow accumulates.

### Big Stump Basin

Visit the site of a historic, 19th-century lumber mill and count the tree rings of the Mark Twain Stump. Start the 1.5-mile (2.4-km) round-trip trail from Big Stump Picnic Area. Trail construction will be occurring on weekdays.

### Buena Vista Trail

Take a 2-mile (3.2-km) round-trip hike to a spectacular view. The trail gains 400 feet (121 m) through mixed forest and wildflowers and onto granite slickrock for scenes of Redwood Canyon and Sierra Crest summits. From Grant Grove Village, go 6 miles south on Generals Highway to the trailhead.

## Services and Facilities

### Kings Canyon Visitor Center & Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC) Park Store

Visitor center staff can help with trip planning; exhibit areas may be open. Pay phones and free public WiFi are available here. The SPC Park Store sells maps, books, and gifts and rents bear canisters when open.

### Wilderness Permits (at visitor center)

Permits for overnight travel are issued at the visitor center, 8 am to 4 pm; self-registration begins September 18.

### Grant Grove Village

- Market\*: Open 9 am–5 pm. Groceries, supplies, ATM, and grab-and-go food.
- Courtyard\*: Indoor/outdoor seating, to-go meals. Open 7 am–10 am, 11:30 am–4 pm (may change).
- Gift Shop\*: Closed except select weekends. Souvenirs, supplies, clothing, and ATM.
- Post Office: Open Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm; 24-hour lobby. (559) 335-2499.
- John Muir Lodge & Cabins\*: Lodge open year-round; some cabins open until October 31. Call (866) 807-3598 for reservations (recommended).

### Grant Grove Stables

Typically open until mid-September. Call (559) 335-9292 for reservations.

**\*Operated by Delaware North**

## Cedar Grove

The remote area of Cedar Grove sits deep in Kings Canyon, surrounded by sheer granite cliffs. *The road to this area closes at noon on November 14.*



Roaring River Falls  
Alison Taggart-Barone

### Mist Falls

Travel through forest and chaparral along the Kings River to one of the park's largest waterfalls. The 9-mile (14.4-km) out-and-back hike begins at Road's End and climbs 800 feet (250 m) to the cascade.

### 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.

### Roaring River Falls

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

### Zumwalt Meadow

This 1-mile (1.6 km), out-and-back trail follows the river, crossing to a view of the meadow. For a longer hike continue on, traversing a rocky slope that overlooks the meadow before connecting on the River Trail to Roads End or Roaring River Falls. Park at the trailhead 4.5 miles (7.2 km) east of Cedar Grove Village. Please enjoy the view of meadows from formal trails and do not enter the meadow. Stepping on meadow plants damages leaves and roots, preventing growth and causing lasting effects.

### Don Cecil Trail to Sheep Creek Cascade

Park in the visitor center parking lot or the large pullout east of the visitor center turnoff on Highway 180. Take the Don Cecil Trail about 1 mile (1.6 km) to a cascade and bridge across Sheep Creek. This out-and-back hike is roughly 2 miles (3.2 km) but can be extended past the cascade for a longer trek.

## Services and Facilities

### Cedar Grove Visitor Center

Open daily until mid-September. Get trail and area information here. A pay phone is available outside.

### Wilderness Permits

Permits for overnight travel are issued at Road's End, 7 am–3:30 pm; self-registration begins September 18. No bear canisters are rented here.

### Cedar Grove Pack Station

Book 1–2 hour rides and overnight pack trips here through September 30. Call (559) 802-7626.

### Cedar Grove Village & Lodge\*

**\*All facilities operated by Delaware North close October 23**

- Market: Open 7 am–9 pm. Groceries, supplies, ATM, and pay phone.
- Grill & Snack Bar: Open 7 am–10 am, 11:30 am–8 pm, hours subject to change.
- Cedar Grove Lodge: Reservations are recommended: call (866) 807-3598.





Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of the Sequoia National Forest. Although not managed by the National Park Service, this area connects immense protected landscapes.

## Services and Facilities

### Sequoia National Forest-Hume Lake District Office

Located at 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Highway 180), 19 miles (30 km) west of the Big Stump park entrance. Open weekdays, 8 am–4:30 pm. Visit [www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia) or call (559) 338-2251 for more information. Visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) for camping reservations (all sites require reservations).

### Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is available in some areas. Fire permits are available at [www.readyforwildfire.org/permits](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits). Permits are also available at Hume Lake Ranger District office, when open.

### Montecito Sequoia Lodge (permittee)

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

### 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.

### Stony Creek Resort (permittee)

The resort offers camping and room rentals, a market, and gasoline (available when the market is open and may be available after hours with a credit card). The resort is on the Generals Highway 13 miles (20 km) south of Grant Grove. Call (559) 565-3909 for more information.

### Boyden Cavern

Explore a marble cave! Guided tours are offered daily and each tour lasts 45–60 minutes. Buy tickets online at <https://boydencavern.com>. Walk-ups are not recommend as availability is limited. The cave is on Highway 180 between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove.

## Wilderness Permits

During the summer quota season, until September 17, wilderness permits must be obtained in person. Quota season reservations are available for most entry points on [www.recreation.gov/permits/445857](http://www.recreation.gov/permits/445857) and a recreation fee is required. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance of your trip.

Beginning September 18, self-issue wilderness permits are available at permit-issuing station nearest to each trailhead.

Day hikers do not need permits.

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

Fire impacts have created unsafe conditions in some wilderness areas. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/maps.htm> to view a closure map. When planning your trip, be sure that both the entry and exit trailheads you plan to use are open.

Check weather forecasts before your trip. Mountain weather can be unpredictable. Wild places include hazards, and help may not be available. Be prepared to self-rescue in case of an emergency.

## 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 camping in wilderness areas within Sequoia National Forest, please contact the Hume Lake District Office at (559) 338-2251 or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia). The US Forest Service requires a free fire permit for any open flame (available online at [www.readyforwildfire.org/permits](http://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.



Can I...	In National Parks	In National Forests
<b>Walk my leashed pets?</b>	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).
<b>Collect things to take home?</b>	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.
<b>Hunt?</b>	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 <a href="https://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting">https://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting</a> for more information.
<b>Drive off-road?</b>	Not in the parks. Stay on the roads.	Get off-highway-vehicle (OHV) route information at USFS Hume Lake office in Dunlap.
<b>Cut wood?</b>	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest US 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 debilitarle 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.

## Seguridad COVID-19

Es posible que se requieran máscaras en los edificios federales o en los autobuses del parque. Verifique la señalización fuera de los centros de visitantes y otros edificios y en las paradas de transporte. Estos requisitos se basan en la herramienta de verificación del COVID-19 por condado del CDC. Cuando los condados cercanos tienen un riesgo bajo a medio, las máscaras son opcionales en los edificios.

## Proyectos de construcción de verano

Este verano, dos proyectos de construcción están en marcha para mejorar las carreteras del parque y los servicios públicos.

A partir del 9 de mayo, el trabajo está programado a lo largo del corredor vial en Cedar Grove, donde se reemplazarán secciones de líneas eléctricas subterráneas. Espere retrasos promedio de 15 minutos, con control de tráfico.

Además, a partir del 11 de julio, se sellarán y repavimentarán tramos cortos de carretera en todo el Sequoia National Park. Si se encuentra con una de estas áreas, planifique los retrasos. Deténgase en su centro de visitantes más cercano para saber dónde se está llevando a cabo la construcción. Los retrasos son los siguientes:

- Lunes a jueves: 6 am-8 pm, retrasos de 30 minutos
- Viernes: 6 am-6 pm, retrasos de 30 minutos
- Viernes: 6 pm-Domingo 8 pm, sin retrasos
- Domingo a viernes: 8 pm-6 am, retrasos de una hora (excepto 11 pm-12 am, sin retrasos)

## Mantega a los osos salvajes y seguros

### Nuestra comida puede significar la muerte para los osos.

Estos animales inteligentes aprenden a obtener comida de los campamentos, automóviles y contenedores de basura. Luego de probar una vez, regresan por más. Se vuelven atrevidos y agresivos, y puede que los maten para protegernos.

### ¡Guarde su comida!

Guarde todos los alimentos y cosas que despidan olor en cajas de almacenamiento metálicas. Nunca los deje en su vehículo.



## Los árboles secuoyas gigantes

Las secuoyas gigantes son iconos de la resiliencia. Están bien adaptados para sobrevivir miles de años en un paisaje visitado por incendios, sequías y ataques de escarabajos, pero el cambio climático causado por los humanos y las prácticas de gestión pasadas que han resultado en bosques demasiado densos han puesto en riesgo los árboles de los tres.

Los incendios forestales son un proceso complejo que depende de muchos factores, incluidos los patrones de incendios anteriores, las prácticas de manejo forestal y la temperatura y la humedad. El aumento de las temperaturas, el deshielo más temprano, las cargas densas de combustible y las condiciones más secas conducen a temporadas de incendios e incendios de mayor gravedad que son meses más largos y más extremas que incluso hace 20 años. El 2020 Castle y el 2021 KNP Complex incendios ardieron tan intensamente que se estima que el 19% de todas las secuoyas grandes murieron.

Algunos árboles que sobrevivieron a los incendios han muerto unos años más tarde. Los daños relacionados con incendios severos pueden reducir el flujo de agua a la copa del árbol. Mientras tanto, las condiciones de sequía y las temperaturas más altas durante la mayor parte de la última década significan que hay menos

agua para los árboles. En esas condiciones, la acción de excavación de los escarabajos nativos de la corteza de cedro podría pasar de ser inofensiva a fatal para un árbol debilitado.

Los administradores del parque temen que, a pesar de la increíble dureza de las secuoyas, sin acción, más de los magníficos gigantes puedan morir en números alarmantes. Pero quizás los defensores más poderosos de las secuoyas son aquellos que visitan los árboles, aprenden, enseñan a otros y toman medidas para abordar el cambio climático para que las secuoyas de hoy permanezcan en pie durante cientos o miles de años más, para que los futuros visitantes se queden asombrados.



El incendio del complejo KNP de 2021 mató a miles de secuoyas maduras en Redwood Mountain Grove.  
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## 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.

### Tenga cuidado cerca de los ríos.

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.

## Winter Road Closures

All dates depend on weather.

### Generals Highway:

- From Wuksachi Lodge (in Sequoia) north to Montecito Resort (near Kings Canyon National Park) will be plowed until late December, weather permitting. Before then, the road will be plowed when possible but it may take time to reopen after winter storms.

### In Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Forest:

- Highway 180 to Cedar Grove in the Kings Canyon (managed by Caltrans): Closes for winter on November 14.
- Panoramic Point Road: Motorhomes and trailers are not permitted. This road closes when it becomes impassable due to snow.
- Redwood Mountain Road (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved roads. These close when impassable due to snow.

### In Sequoia National Park:

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Vehicle-length limit is 22 feet. No trailers or towed units. Road closes when it is impassable due to snow and is also closed on holidays and weekends.
- Crystal Cave Road: Closed until further notice due to damage from the KNP Complex Fire.
- Mineral King Road: Closes for winter on October 26.
- Middle Fork road: This road is narrow, unpaved and slippery when wet. This road closes in late fall/winter. To hike on Middle Fork Trail, park at Hospital Rock and walk along the road to the trailhead.

## Gasoline

No gas stations are available within the parks. Fill up before you enter or if you're already in the parks, fill up at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: Near Grant Grove. Open all year. Hours may vary and pumps may close at any time. Call before you drive here for gas: (559) 305-7770.
- Stony Creek Village: Gas is available when the market is open and may be available after hours with a credit card. Other services are listed on page 9. The village is between Wuksachi and Grant Grove on the Generals Highway. Call (559) 565-3909 for more information.

## Free Holiday Shuttle

Join us for a free ride on holiday weekends:

**November 24-27  
(Thanksgiving weekend)**

**December 23 - January 1**

*Shuttles typically run every 15 minutes.*

*Please be patient with shuttle drivers and park staff if lines are long.*

*Routes are subject to change throughout the holiday season.*



## 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

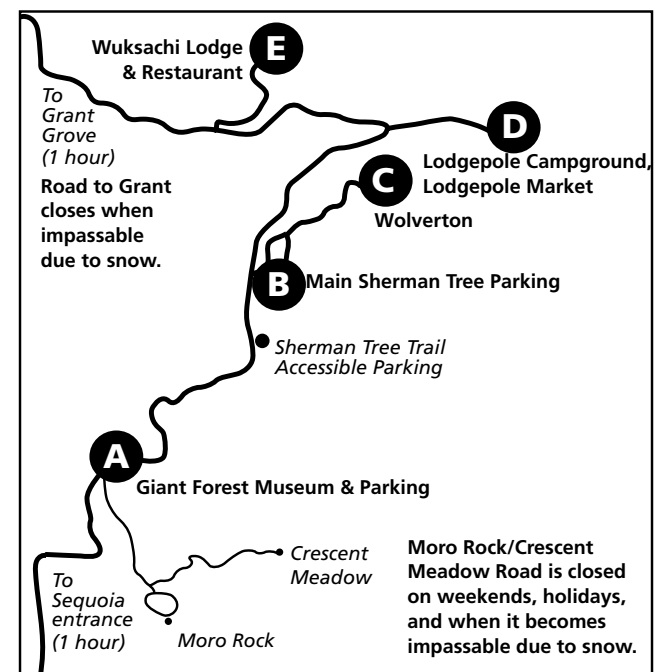
Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park:

- 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.

Alternatives: Highway 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider.

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Vehicle-length limit is 22 feet; no trailers or towed units. Very limited parking. Consider walking or bicycling. This road closes when it becomes impassable due to snow.
- Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle length on this narrow, winding road is 22 feet (6.7 m). This road is closed in 2022.
- Mineral King Road: RVs and trailers are not advised. Campgrounds do not offer RV sites.
- Panoramic Point Road: RVs and trailers are not permitted.

## Parking in the Giant Forest



- A Giant Forest Museum**  
This lot usually fills by 10 am.
- B Main Sherman Tree Parking**  
Take Wolverton Road and follow signs. This lot usually fills by noon. When this lot is closed due to snow, use the Sherman Tree Accessible Parking Lot (limited parking).
- C Wolverton Picnic Area & Trailhead**  
This lot is at the end of Wolverton Road.
- D Lodgepole Campground**  
Park just beyond the entrance kiosk.
- E Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge**  
Continue past the lodge for parking.

