



Trip Planner *Summer 2021*

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 were once well-adapted to survive thousands of years in a landscape visited by fire, drought, and beetle attacks, but climate change is putting them at risk from all three! Last year's Castle Fire burned so intensely that thousands of large sequoias were killed. Hotter droughts and beetle attacks are taking their toll as well. Park scientists fear that despite their incredible toughness, without action, more of these magnificent giants may die in alarming numbers.

More low-intensity wildfire, prescribed fire, and other approaches to reduce unnatural accumulations of dead trees and other vegetation will help restore groves to healthier conditions, though more research is necessary to understand what sequoias need to survive for the next two millennia. But perhaps the most powerful defenders of sequoias are those who come to the parks and learn, teach others, and take steps toward a world where the sequoias visible today stand for hundreds or thousands of years more, for future visitors to stand beneath in awe.



The 2020 Castle Fire killed thousands of mature sequoias in the Board Camp grove. NPS / Anthony Caprio

Free Mobile App

Install the new free National Park Service app for more 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. WiFi may be available at Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove or at Foothills Visitor Center near the Sequoia entrance, but it's best to install before you get to the parks.



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Cell service

Cell service is extremely limited here, and mainly is 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, camping, lodging, wilderness, and more.

GPS

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

Web & Social Media



www.nps.gov/seki



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Sequoia National Forest/ Monument (USFS)

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

Yosemite National Park (NPS)

209-372-0200, nps.gov/yose

California Road Conditions (CalTrans)

800-427-7623, dot.ca.gov

Free Public WiFi Locations

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

Campground Reservations

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

Delaware North (Authorized Concessioner)

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

Cedar Grove Pack Station

(Authorized Concessioner)

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

Cedar Grove: 559-565-3464
cedargrovepackstation.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

Because of summer heat and dry conditions, fire restrictions may be in place to reduce the possibility of accidental human-caused fire. Prohibited locations for wood or charcoal fires will be posted, especially in park campgrounds.

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

Firearms in these National Parks

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

Free Public WiFi Locations

Foothills Visitor Center (Sequoia National Park), Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove). No password is needed.

Translations

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

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

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

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

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

Visitor Centers

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

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

Assistive listening devices and open captioning are available for ranger programs and park films. Borrow a device at park visitor centers.

Wheelchair-Accessible Trails

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.

Roaring River Falls (Cedar Grove): 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!

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 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.



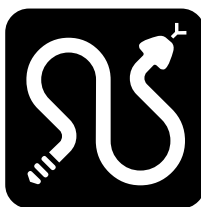
Tree Hazards

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.

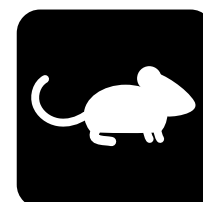
Explore Safely

- 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.



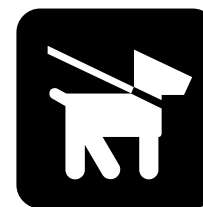
Air Quality

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 Reservations Only

In 2021, most park campgrounds are scheduled to reopen. Reservations will be required for ALL park campgrounds. No first-come, first-served sites will be available. Due to increased demand and closure of some campgrounds for hazard tree removal, we expect campground availability to be very limited this year. Make reservations by midnight at least two days before your check-in date, or up to one month in advance:

www.recreation.gov

(877) 444-6777

(877) 833-6777 TDD

(888) 448-1474 customer service

Group Camping

Group camping is suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.

No Showers/Laundry Available

RV and Trailer Length Limits

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

Check-in and Check-out

Check-in is at 12 pm or later. Check out before 12 pm. If you have not checked in by noon on the second day of your reserved period, your reserved site may be considered unoccupied and opened to new campers.

Campsite Amenities

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

Roadside Camping

Roadside camping is not permitted in the park. Camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. In the national forest, it's permitted unless posted otherwise.

Fire Restrictions

Due to extreme fire danger, record setting temperatures, and drought, fire restrictions at their highest level.

Wood and charcoal fires (including wood-burning stoves) are illegal at all elevations and locations, including campgrounds.

Gas, propane, alcohol (with and without a shutoff valve), and tablet/cube stoves are permitted in all areas.

Quiet and Generator Hours

Noise should be audible in your site only. Quiet hours are 10 pm–6 am (no generators). At Lodgepole, generator use is permitted from 8 am to 11 am and 5 pm to 8 pm.

Propane and Fuel Canisters

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

Dump Stations

RV dump stations are available at Potwisha and Lodgepole campgrounds, or for a fee at Princess Campground in Sequoia National Forest. Lodgepole Dump Station will be closed May 24–June 27. Potwisha Dump Station will be closed August 2–25. Closures schedules for maintenance may change.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy

Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC), 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. Visit us online to learn more about everything we do. We've saved a place for you—come join us!



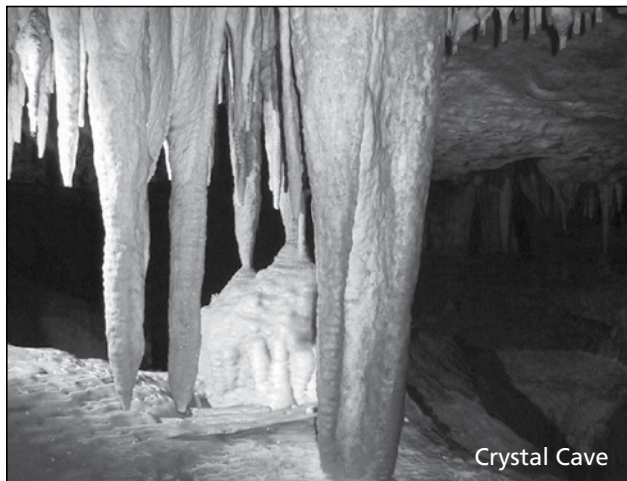
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Crystal Cave

When traveling to the cave, plan time for delays in getting through the park entrances or on busy roads, especially on weekends and holidays. Please arrive in the parking lot 15 to 20 minutes prior to your designated tour time. The Crystal Cave Road closes one hour after the last tour of the day.

Prepare For Your Tour

Be sure to use the parking lot restrooms as the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes for the steep 0.5-mile (0.8-km) trail to the cave. Wear a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No strollers, tripods or bags/packs are permitted inside the cave (they can be used on the trail from the parking area but must be left outside unattended during the tour.). No flash/lighted photography/video. Not wheelchair accessible. Tour times are subject to change.

Crystal Cave Tour - 50 minutes

Tours begin on Friday, May 28, 2021. General tour schedule is:

- Tours on Thursday through Sunday (closed Monday through Wednesday)
- Tours at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm

Ticket prices: Age 5–12 \$8; 13–64 \$16; 65 & up \$15. No discounts for SPC members, or National Parks or America the Beautiful passholders. Masks required on tours.

SPC Adventures

We've Saved A Place For You!

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 wildest wilderness. Everything is here waiting. The only thing missing is you.

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

Dark Skies & Dark Sky Festival

The festival is going virtual again this year! Join our virtual festival this year September 10-12, 2021. Visit our website at www.sequoiaparksconservancy.org/darkskyfestival for more information.

Other Camping Options

Due to COVID-19, camping may be limited. Visit www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia for details about their facilities and services, and visit Recreation.gov for camping reservations.

Sequoia National Forest (U.S. Forest Service) Near Grant Grove

HUME LAKE AREA CAMPGROUNDS

Princess, Hume Lake, Tenmile, Landslide, and Convict Flat campgrounds

BIG MEADOWS AND STONY CREEK AREA CAMPGROUNDS

Stony Creek, Upper Stony Creek, Horse Camp, and Big Meadow campgrounds

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.

Free permits for portable stoves available at www.readyforwildfire.org/permits. No open fires allowed outside campgrounds. Permits are also available at Hume Lake Ranger District office.

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

Horse Creek Campground

Bears can grab unattended food or break into cars where food is visible. They become bold and aggressive if they get human food. Too often, these bears must be killed. Food storage is key to keeping humans safe and bears alive.



In Wilderness

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

Everyone

Don't let bears approach you, your food, picnic area, or

campsite. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks toward them (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance, but be persistent. Abandoning your food teaches bears that foods come from humans; the bear may hurt a person in the future to get food. If a bear does get your food, NEVER try to get it back.

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.

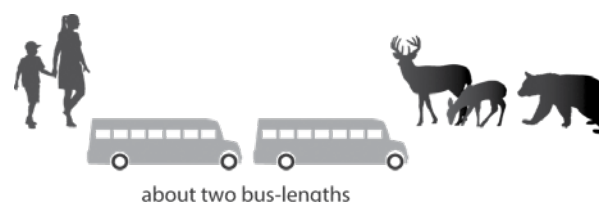
Bears can smell anything with a scent—such as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, and cleaning supplies—and will mistake these items for food. Store anything with an odor.

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.

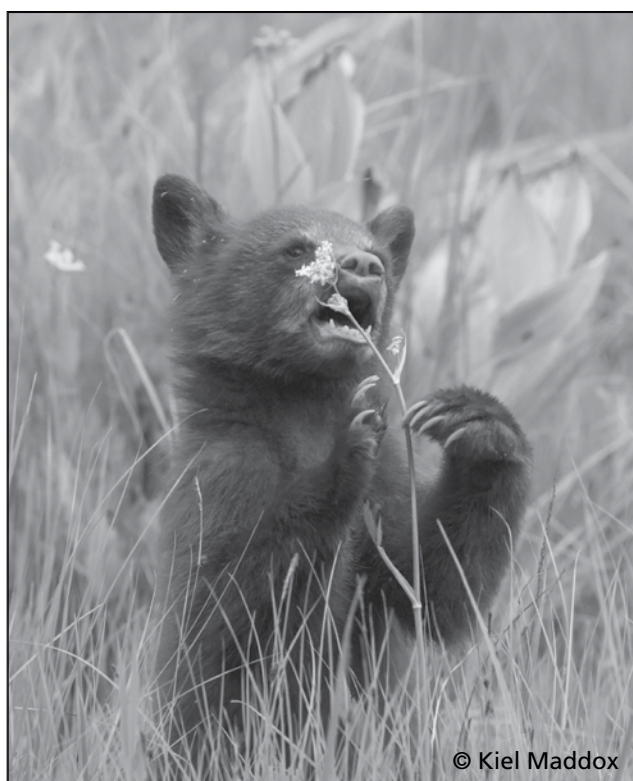
Never disrupt, approach, or disturb animals from behaving normally.



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.



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6 Foothills

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 spring wildflowers, hot summers, and mild winters.

Services and Facilities

Foothills Visitor Center

Open 8:30 am–4 pm daily, with capacity limits. Exhibits not yet available, but may open soon. A veces hay guardabosques aquí quienes hablan Español.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Park Store

At Foothills Visitor Center, open daily 8:30 am–4 pm. Maps, books, and other items are available. Free WiFi here—no password required.

Wilderness Office

Local permits for overnight travel available 7 am–3:30 pm, at the Wilderness Office. Follow the dirt path to the right of the visitor center. Go to the Fire Management and Wilderness Office across the parking lot. When the office is closed, self-registration permits are available outside the visitor center.



Marble Falls

Tunnel Rock

Snap a picture at this iconic pullout off the Generals Highway. Walk on the old road under this rock formation, but do not climb. Poison oak is common here. A construction project is underway here to improve access.

Marble Falls Trail

For a short walk along canals or a long walk to a waterfall, 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) through to the waterfall. High temperatures and little shade or water can make this trail dangerous in the summer.



Paradise Creek

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

See rock paintings and explore exhibits about the California Native Americans who lived here, and still visit and live nearby. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Be careful; drownings occur here. Store your food from bears.

Paradise Creek Trail

For a creekside stroll, park at Hospital Rock Picnic Area (not in campground). 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 1 mile (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

Mineral King

Climb the steep, winding road, the parks' highest, to its peak at 7,800 feet (2,377 m). Enjoy this remote, rugged place, or follow a trail into a vast wilderness.

Services and Facilities

Mineral King Ranger Station

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

Wilderness Permits

Local wilderness permits for overnight travel are issued at the ranger station, 8 am–3:30 pm.

Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Cabins, gifts, showers, store, restaurant with a bakery and wifi. No gas. Open 8 am–7 pm Monday–Thursday and 8 am–8 pm Friday through Sunday. Call 559-561-3223.

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.



Mineral King Valley

Cold Springs Nature Trail

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

Eagle Lake

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

Welcome to the big trees. Here, free park shuttles will take you through the world's biggest unlogged sequoia grove, home of the world's largest tree. Park your car and discover serene meadows, rocky streams, and towering forests. Shuttles travel throughout the Giant Forest and Lodgepole area.

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.

 **Wheelchair-accessible trail from the highway**- A disability placard is required to park here.

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 may be closed to vehicles on weekends and holidays. When the road is closed, you may either ride the shuttle or hike to access Moro Rock and other features. Visitors with disability placards or wilderness permits can be granted access—inquire at Giant Forest Museum.

Col. Young Tree - Begin at the Auto Log and walk to a sequoia named for a notable Buffalo Soldier.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Cahoon Meadow

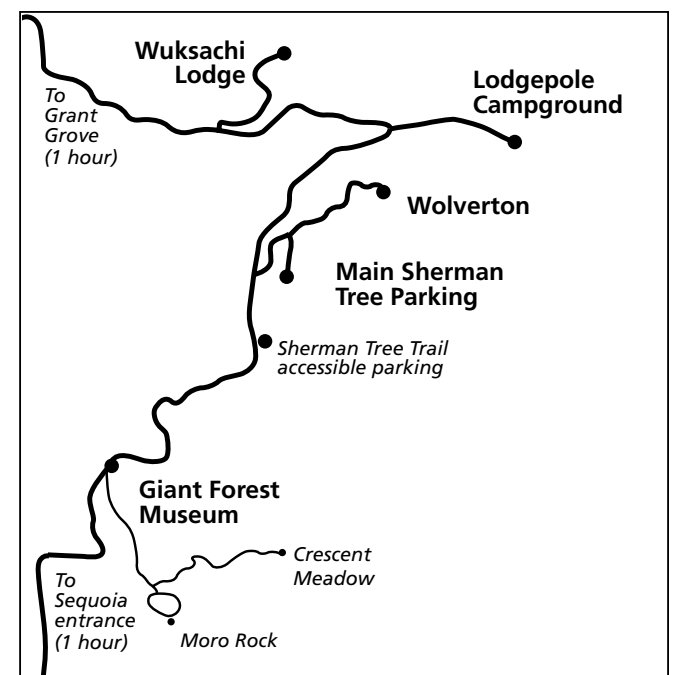
This 5-mile (8-km) out-and-back starts at Lodgepole Campground. Park at Lodgepole Campground parking lot, just past the campground kiosk and cross the bridge. Hike along the Twin Lakes Trail on your way to this secluded meadow.

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.

Parking Areas

See shuttle routes on page 12 of the newspaper. By parking at these parking areas, you can take advantage of some of our shuttle routes.



Services and Facilities

Giant Forest Museum

While the museum exhibits are closed, look for our information kiosk right outside of the museum. Open 9 am–5 pm daily. A veces hay guardabosques aqui quienes hablan Español.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Park Store at Giant Forest Museum

Open daily, 7 am–5 pm for sales of maps, books, bear canister rentals, and other items. Closures at noon may occur occasionally.

Sequoia Shuttles

Take the free, wheelchair accessible Sequoia Shuttle to sites throughout Giant Forest and Lodgepole. Turn to page 12 for more information.

Wilderness Permits

Local permits for overnight travel are issued at Giant Forest Museum. Before May 28, self-register at Giant Forest Museum. Beginning May 28, the Giant Forest Museum Wilderness Desk will be open, 7 am–3 pm.

Lodgepole Market*

Open 9 am–6 pm. Supplies, clothing, groceries, ATM, and pay phone.

Wuksachi Lodge (including food services)*

The lodge sits at an elevation of 7200 feet, 2.3 miles (3.7 km) north of Lodgepole Visitor Center. Open year-round, 24 hours a day. Payphones, wifi, and ATM. 559-625-7700.

Food services (limited to-go, pre-packed options; limited indoor and outdoor seating):

- Breakfast: 7 am–10 am
- Lunch: 12 pm–2 pm
- Dinner: 5:30 pm–8 pm.

Schedule subject to change

Gift Shop: Open 8 am–8 pm. Grab-and-go meals Souvenirs and minimal supplies.

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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.

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 (2.4 miles/3.8 km) also begins here.

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 occurring on weekdays.



Big Baldy Ridge

Climb to 8,209 feet (2,502 m) for great views over Redwood Canyon. You'll gain 600 feet (183 m) in elevation over the 4.4-mile (7-km) round-trip trek to a granite peak. From Grant Grove Village, go 8 miles (13 km) south on Generals Highway to the trailhead.

Services and Facilities

Kings Canyon Visitor Center- Open 8 am-5 pm

While the visitor center exhibits are closed, look for our information kiosk right in front of the visitor center. Pay phones and WiFi available.

Sequoia Parks Conservancy Park Store

Open 9 am-4 pm. Maps, books, and gifts.

Wilderness Permits

Issued at the visitor center, 8 am-4 pm.

Grant Grove Village

- Market*: Open 9 am-6 pm. Grab-and-go food, groceries, supplies, and ATM.
- Courtyard*: To-go meals only. Open 7 am-10 am; 11:30 am-9 pm.
- Gift Shop*: Open 8 am-9 pm. Souvenirs, supplies, clothing, and ATM.
- Post Office: Open Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm; 24-hour lobby. 559-335-2499.
- John Muir Lodge*: Located behind the village meadow. Make a reservation to stay in a lodge room or cabins. Call 866-807-3598.

Grant Grove Stables

Opens late-May, offers 1-2 hour trips. Call 559-335-9292 for reservations.

Cedar Grove

The remote area of Cedar Grove sits deep in Kings Canyon, surrounded by sheer granite cliffs. Listen for the rushing Kings River, bird songs, and wind rustling through stands of cedar trees.

Canyon View Point

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

Roaring River Falls

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

Zumwalt Meadow

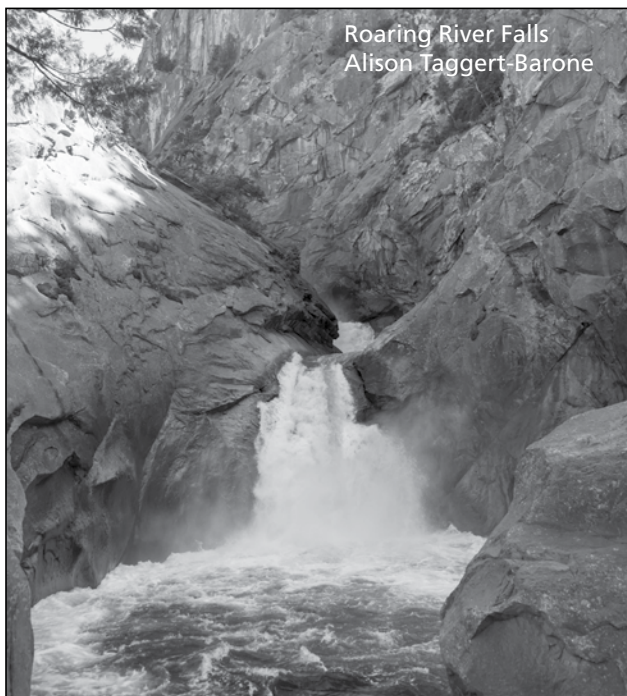
This 1-mile (1.6 km), out-and-back trail traverses a rocky slope that overlooks the meadow. Park at the trailhead 4.5 miles (7.2 km) east of Cedar Grove Village. Please enjoy the view of meadows from formal trails at the edge of the meadow. Stepping on plants damages leaves and roots, preventing growth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

Sheep Creek Cascade

Climb the Don Cecil Trail to a small waterfall. At that point, turn around or continue for a longer hike. Park at Cedar Grove Visitor Center and look for the signs. The trail to the waterfall is 1 mile (1.6 km).

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 a viewing area for the cascade.



Services and Facilities

Cedar Grove Visitor Center

Beginning late May, open 9 am-4:30 pm. Get trail 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. No bear canister rental.

Cedar Grove Pack Station

Offering 1-2 hour rides and overnight pack trips. Walk-ups may be available. Call 559-565-3464.

Cedar Grove Village & Lodge*

Market is open 9 am-6 pm; hours may expand at a later time. When open, open daily with limited supplies, groceries, ATM, and pay phone.

Lodge is closed until further notice.

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

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, 9 am–3:30 pm. Visit www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia or call 559-338-2251 for more details about facilities and services. Visit Recreation.gov for camping reservations at campgrounds.

Dispersed Camping

US Forest Service land offers dispersed camping in some areas. Permits for portable stoves available at www.readyforwildfire.org/permits. Permits are also available at Hume Lake Ranger District office.

Montecito Sequoia Lodge (permittee)

Usually open all year. Call 559-565-3388. On the Generals Highway 9 miles (14 km) south of Grant Grove. The lodge has cabins, a restaurant, hotel, wifi, and seasonal and children’s activities.

Hume Lake Village (on private land)

Gas, market, snack shop, and pay phone available at this privately-run camp. Hours vary and pumps may close. Area conditions may 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)

Market hours are 8 am–7 pm; restaurant open for to-go orders 4 pm–6:30 pm. The resort is on the Generals Highway 13 miles (20 km) south of Grant Grove. Gasoline is available when the market is open, and may be available after hours with a credit card. 800-227-9900; 559-565-3909.

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 recommended as availability is limited. The cave is on Highway 180 between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove.

These parks offer over 800,000 acres of wilderness with outstanding opportunities for solitude and challenge.

Thank you for following minimum-impact, no-trace guidelines to protect the wilderness!

Camping in the “frontcountry” 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 at trailheads in the parks.

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

Wilderness Permits

Within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, permits are required for all overnight trips. Day hikers do not need permits.

The summer quota season for permits began May 28 and is in effect through September 18, 2021.

NEW FOR 2021: Advance reservations for wilderness permits can be made on Recreation.gov and are highly recommended. A limited number of first-come, first-served permits will be available daily at permit issuing stations.

For permit reservation information and other details: go.nps.gov/SEKI-WildernessPermits

Jennie Lakes and Monarch Wildernesses in Sequoia National Forest: Permits aren't required if you don't enter the parks. Register at Jennie Lakes trailheads. The USFS requires a free fire permit for any open flame; these are available online at preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit/ or at the USFS Hume Lake District Office.

Check weather forecasts before your trip and know that mountain weather can be unpredictable. Learn about minimum impact guidelines for traveling in park wilderness.



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, get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, or shelter.



Can I...	In National Parks	In National Forests
Walk my leashed pets?	Pets are not allowed on trails, including paved trails. They are allowed in parking lots, roads, picnic areas, and campgrounds. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
Collect things to take home?	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, or animals, and cultural artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use. Collecting artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards is prohibited.
Hunt?	Not in the parks. You are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park.	Only during the season with a license. Call 559-243-4005 or visit https://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting for more information.
Drive off-road?	Not in the parks. Stay on roads.	Get off-highway-vehicle (OHV) route information at USFS Hume Lake office in Dunlap.
Cut wood?	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest Forest Service office for guidance and a permit.

Usted es responsable de su seguridad

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

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

Seguridad en el río



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

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

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

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



Peligros relacionados con los árboles

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



Virus del Nilo Occidental y picaduras de garrapatas

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



Serpientes de cascabel

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



Roble venenoso

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

Explore de forma segura

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



Calidad del aire

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



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.

Que esperar

Para proteger su seguridad, la de nuestros empleados y nuestros socios, hemos realizado cambios que afectarán su visita. Para obtener actualizaciones actuales, consulte los letreros en las estaciones de entrada y otras áreas, nuestra aplicación móvil gratuita y en línea en www.nps.gov/seki.

En una emergencia

Llame al 911 desde un teléfono público del parque o desde su teléfono celular si tiene servicio. No se necesitan monedas. Si no hay un teléfono disponible, comuníquese con un empleado del parque pero mantenga una distancia segura.

Teléfonos públicos

- Foothills Visitor Center
- Potwisha Campground
- Hospital Rock Picnic Area
- Lodgepole Market
- Kings Canyon Visitor Center (cerca de los baños)
- Cedar Grove Visitor Center
- Cedar Grove Market & Lodge



El Castle Fire de 2020 quemó y mató a varias secuoyas en Board Camp Grove. NPS / Anthony Caprio

Aplicación móvil

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



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.

Podemos romper este ciclo almacenando cuidadosamente nuestros alimentos y cosas que despidan olor.

¡Guarde su comida!

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



Parking in the Giant Forest

In summer, parking may be difficult to find in popular areas. Free park shuttles stop at each of the locations shown on the right frequently, between 8 am and 6 pm. Masks are required for all riders, regardless of vaccination status. Shuttle service may be limited, so consider the tips below when planning your trip.

If you have a couple hours

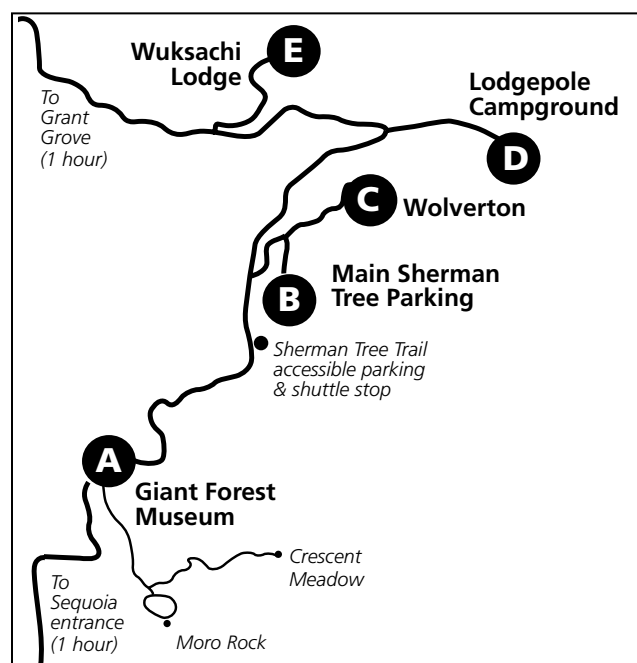
If you'd like to visit the General Sherman Tree, park at the Main Sherman Tree Trailhead and Parking.

If you'd like to visit Giant Forest Museum, park in the lots on the opposite side of the highway. Information and a Park Store are available here, though exhibits may be closed.

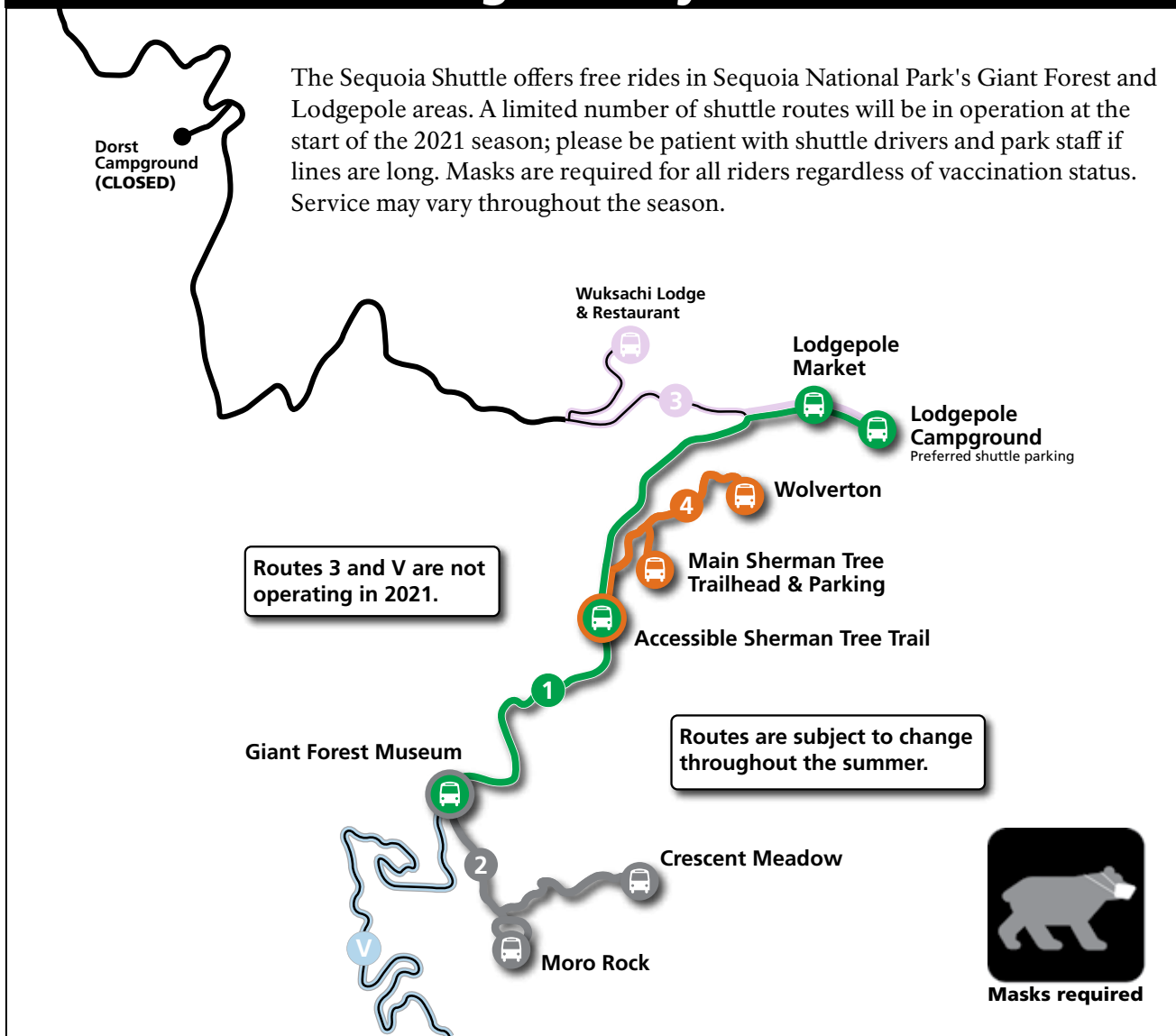
If you have a half or full day

Park at our large lots at Wolverton or Lodgepole Campground and ride the shuttle to your destinations. The last shuttles that will return you to your vehicle are at 6:00 pm.

- 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 12 noon.
- 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.



Shuttle Service Begins May 26



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.
- Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle length on this narrow, winding road is 22 feet (6.7 m).
- Mineral King Road: RVs and trailers are not advised. Campgrounds do not offer RV sites.
- Panoramic Point Road: RVs and trailers are not permitted.

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: Starting in mid-May, gas is available 24 hours with credit card. Other services are listed on page 9. The village is between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on the Generals Highway. 559-565-3909.

Emergency Car Repairs

For a tow, there are companies that offer 24-hour towing (including lock outs, jump starts, emergency gas). Please contact a provider of your choice. If you have an emergency and do not have phone service, please go to a visitor center and ask a ranger for help.