WEEKDAY TRAFFIC DELAYS ~
Starting in mid-August, major repairs to the Generals Highway should begin. The roadway involved is in Sequoia Park, between Hospital Rock Picnic Area and the Giant Forest, and includes Amphitheater Point overlook. Planned work schedule: Monday-Thursday, 6am-4:30pm, and Friday 6am-noon. Uphill traffic will start through on the hour, then downhill traffic will pass. Aim to be at the work zone 10 minutes before the hour. While waiting, put the car in park and keep your foot off the brake so that brakes don’t overheat! Occasional night work and schedule changes may be necessary. Last restrooms before the construction are at Hospital Rock and at Giant Forest Museum. Thank you for your patience as we work to rebuild this failing historic road.

NEW SHERMAN TREE TRAILS ~
New parking lots and trails now lead to the General Sherman Tree. You’ll find the main route to the tree off the Wolverton Road between the Sherman Tree and Lodgepole. From there you walk “down” to the tree. A handicapped-accessible parking area and trail are along the Generals Highway; from there you walk “up” to the tree on a gentler slope, but you need a permit to park there (ask at a visitor centers if you need one). See Highlights on page 6 for details on getting to this giant tree. Soon new trailside exhibits will complete the scene.

“NEW” VISITOR CENTER ~
Finally, Kings Canyon National Park has a visitor center of its own. New exhibits at the former Grant Grove Visitor Center showcase not only the big trees, but the expansive High Sierra and the huge canyon that gave the park its name. Funded by entrance fees, donations, and grants, the exhibits even include interactive computer programs about local air quality. Stop in and learn about preserving the three great natural landscapes of this park.

BIG TREE CLOSES BIG STUMP ~
A very large, very hollow sequoia threatened to fall on the old Big Stump park entrance station on Highway 180 – and on visitors waiting to enter the park! This meant cutting down the tree or moving the station. Since these parks exist to protect sequoias, the station was moved to the Big Stump Picnic Area. Until a better site can be built for a new entrance station, take your picnic basket to Columbine (or see the park map for other picnic areas). If you want to explore an area that was logged in the last century, try Converse Basin, north of Grant Grove in the National Forest.

DON’T MISS THE FAMILY NATURE PROGRAM (through August 20th) & CELEBRATE SEQUOIAS (September 9th)!
- Check out the nature programs and exhibits at Beetle Rock Education Center, across the road from the Giant Forest Museum, between 10 am and 4 pm (see page 3 and Nature Programs, page 8).
- The 8th Annual “Celebrate Sequoias Festival” returns to Princess Campground on Saturday, 9/9, with walks, living history, arts & crafts, kid’s activities, and expert insights on the awesome sequoias.
Know your parks

Doubtless you expect giant trees and huge canyons — and you won’t be disappointed. Yet the whole of this place is even greater than the sum of its great parts!

Rising from 1300’ to 14,494’, these parks protect a spectacular elevational range. This span from low to high means dramatic shifts from hot foothills to shady forests to the cold High Sierra. It means extraordinarily diverse plants and animals living in extremely varied conditions. It means steep roads and trails that climb mountains, and cold rivers that plunge down from their heights.

There is diversity, too, in the caretakers of this landscape. Bordering these two national parks is a national monument, which is part of a national forest. A U.S. Geological Survey Field Station conducts research here. The Sequoia Natural History Association sells books and maps at visitor centers and contributes to education and research. The Sequoia Fund supports significant park projects.

Other partners, public and private, cooperate with the Park Service to meet a challenging mission — providing for public enjoyment while keeping the parks unimpaired for future generations. You are an equally important partner! Experience these parks fully: Learn all you can and join in preserving them. Together we can meet this inspiring goal:

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

FEES HELP YOUR PARKS!

Part of your entrance and camping fees stay in the park to improve the experience here. Congress allows the parks to invest these funds in projects that enhance visitor facilities and protect park resources.

Fees have paid for repairing roads, campgrounds, trails, picnic areas, and restrooms. They have funded updated exhibits, improved visitor centers, and modernized naturalist slide programs. See page 4 for more of these projects!

On January 1, 2006, park entrance fees increased to $20. This will permit even more of these repairs and improvements.

ENTRANCE FEE OPTIONS

- **7-day pass** for Sequoia, Kings Canyon, & the Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest (Giant Sequoia National Monument): $20 per vehicle or $10 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.
- **Annual pass** for Sequoia, Kings Canyon, & the Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest (Giant Sequoia National Monument): $50 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year from month of purchase.
- **National Parks Pass**: $10 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.
- **Golden Eagle Pass**: $65 pass not only for national parks, but also for entrance fees at all federal recreation areas including monuments, historic sites & wildlife refuges. Valid for one year from month of purchase.
- **Golden Age Passport**: One-time $10 fee buys a lifetime pass for park entrance fees for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or over.
- **Golden Access Pass**: Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens & permanent residents. Take appropriate documentation to any park visitor center.
Crystal Cave Rocks!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Foothills and Lodgepole visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours in advance of your tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance on Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see map on page 12). Maximum vehicle length is 22′ (6.7 m).

Use restrooms at the parking lot; there are none at the cave. Wear sturdy shoes; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep. Bring a jacket; the cave is 50°F (10°C). No strollers, baby backpacks, or tripods. Not wheelchair accessible.

Wild Cave Tours and group reservations available! Tours operated by SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

WALKS & TALKS Free ranger-led walks or talks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Wukelschi, Grant Grove, Cedar Grove, & the Foothills. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

VISITOR CENTERS Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. They also sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, & other items. Remember: All your purchases at visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8 & 9 for hours and locations.

TEACHERS: BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS! Rangers offer fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th-grade classes in spring & fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, & other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date for your class, call 1-559-565-4303.

FIELD CLASSES & SEMINARS See the exciting list of options for you on the back of the Sequoia Natural History Association insert found in this paper.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM People of all ages earn a patch while learning to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award! Purchase a Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions & have fun!

Hey kids—Bring your family to Beetle Rock Nature Center & receive a free sticker (one per kid)!

Open daily through August 20, 10 am to 4 pm. See page 9 “Nature Programs” for more details. Stop by!

45-minute cave tours (check details above)

Daily on the half hour, 10:30am -4:30pm, through 9/5. Starting 9/6, weekend tours at 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, & 4pm; weekdays at 11am, noon, 2pm, & 3pm. Additional tours may be added at 10am & 5pm on Saturday & holidays.

See SNHA insert in this paper for tour fee information!

1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours

6/24 -9/1 at 4:15pm Monday through Friday. Try an in-depth, 1-1/2 hour tour of this amazing cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: $18.95 each ($17.95 seniors, $16.95 SNHA members).

WHERE CAN I...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Some activities may be illegal in the Park but legal in the Forest. See page 2 to learn more, and use a map to know where you are!

• WALK A PEC? In Parks: Not on trails but it’s ok in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). In National Forest: Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don’t leave pets in hot cars.

• FEED WILDLIFE? Not in either area! Animals become unnaturally dependent. Some can be dangerous and may have to be killed. Some can carry disease. Roadside beggars get hit by cars.

• GO CAMPING? In Parks: Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. In National Forest: In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road & no further.

• HAVE A FIRE? In Parks: Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. In National Forest: Fire permits are required outside picnic area grills & campgrounds. Get one at Grant Grove Visitor Center or the USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

• COLLECT THINGS? Not in Parks: Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. In National Forest: Gathering a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. In both areas: Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.

• DRIVE OFF-ROAD? Not in either area. Stay on roads.


• GO FISHING? In both areas: Permitted during the season; a California fishing license is required for ages 16 & up. Get copies of park-specific regulations at any visitor center.

• RIDE A BICYCLE? In Parks: Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail. In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. In both areas: Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People under 18 must wear a helmet.

• GO PICNICKING? See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Grizzly Falls, Halstead, & Powellcan.

Note: Big Stump Picnic Area in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park is temporarily closed while serving as the park entrance station. The original station had to be moved due to a dangerous leaking sequoia. Ask at visitor centers for details.

• RIDE HORSEBACK Rides by-the-hour, backcountry spot trips, & guides.

Cedar Grove  1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season
Grant Grove  1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season
Horse Corral (at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest south of Grant Grove) 1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell
Mineral King - closed. 1-559-565-3035
Expect Change

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

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

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

Fire: A Long-Lost Partner

Have you ever accused someone of something only to discover that you were wrong? In parks and forests nationwide, we have learned that an accused vandal is actually an important partner. That partner is fire.

Years ago, we tried to banish fire from the landscape because we believed it was destructive. In sequoia groves, that meant putting out lightning-caused fires that naturally start as frequently as every 5 to 20 years.

As time passed, we saw unanticipated consequences for park resources. It turned out that fire suppression blocked important ecological processes and caused many problems. Two stand out:

First, sequoias were not reproducing. We learned that fires are critical to sequoia regeneration. They create a fertile ash seedbed and open the forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the seedlings.

Second, a vast accumulation of dead wood and small, dense white fir trees now increase wildland fire hazards. Natural fires used to burn away these excess fuels. Now, after fire’s long absence, these fuels cause bigger blazes that are more dangerous for people, plants, and wildlife. They burn hotter and are harder to put out.

To protect human safety and benefit giant sequoia trees, the National Park Service has taken steps to end this misunderstanding about fire. For over 40 years at Sequoia and Kings Canyon, we have studied fire and its effects on the land. When and where it’s appropriate, we ignite prescribed fires and allow lightning-caused fires to spread naturally and improve resource conditions.

We see strong evidence that working with this powerful natural partner is better than resisting it – we are successfully reducing fuels and stimulating sequoia growth with the help of fire.

Why is this important? The National Park System exists to conserve resources “unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Early rangers thought that aggressive fire suppression met this goal. A more complete understanding of fire tells us that excluding this important natural partner only hurts what we are trying to protect.

WILDERNESS OVERNIGHTS

Each park trail has a daily entry quota for overnight trips. There is also a backcountry camping fee between mid-May and late September. These help to protect the wilderness environment and your experience. (Permits and fees are not required for park day hikes or for overnights in the US Forest Service Monarch and Jennie Lakes wildernesses.)

A permit is required for each solo or group. First-come, first-served permits can be issued the morning of your trip or after 1pm the day before at the park ranger station nearest your trailhead (see pages 8 & 9). If the quota for your desired trail is full, you can choose another trail or another day to start. Permits are not issued late in the day as minimum distances must be reached before you camp.

Permits on hold must be picked up between the afternoon before and 9am on your day of departure. If delayed, call the ranger station or you may forfeit your permit on hold.

Camping in the park’s “front-country” is permitted only in campgrounds; camping or sleeping in vehicles is not allowed in parking lots, pull-outs, picnic areas, or trailheads in the park.

Requests to put a permit on hold for a certain date are accepted beginning March 1 and at least 3 weeks before your trip’s start date.

Wilderness Permit Reservations Sequoia & Kings Canyon N.P.
47050 Generals Highway #60 Three Rivers, CA 93271 1-559-565-3766 Fax 1-559-565-4239
Get a free copy of Backcountry Basics at visitor centers or by mail for details on wilderness, or see www.nps.gov/seki/bcinfo.htm.

BACKCOUNTRY LODGES

• BEARPAW MEADOW CAMP (DNCR) www.visitsequoia.com Reservations for next summer (required) are taken starting January 2: 1-888-252-5757. Open mid-June to early September, weather permitting. This tent hotel is at 7800‘ on the High Sierra Trail, an 11-mile hike from Giant Forest.

Fees work for the parks

For each dollar collected at the entrance station, 80 cents supports projects here in these parks! So far, these funds have built a bicycle path; repaved roads; fixed campground sinks, tables, parking, and fire grates; improved picnic areas; and made restrooms handicapped accessible. New exhibits and a film funded by fees and donations are now open at Grant Grove in the newly named Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

A future project is a shuttle transportation system for the Giant Forest area to reduce parking problems, vehicle traffic, and pollution in the parks.

Fire in the Sierra usually hugs the ground. Its low flames clear dangerous built-up fuels. Without this, the fuels would feed intense, hard-to-control wildfires. The natural burn pattern includes occasional hot spots. These leave important openings in the forest — the sunny, bare places where sequoia trees regenerate best. ©NPS Photo

Fee area restroom built with fee dollars.
Natural areas present hazards. Rocks roll, trees topple, and limbs drop without warning. Wild animals, uneven ground, and changing weather can pose dangers. People may create other hazards through campfires, traffic, snowplay, and poor decisions.

Water is the main cause of death here. Many drowning victims were walking or climbing near rivers and unexpectedly fell in. The Park Service works to reduce risks, but your safety is in your hands. Keep alert. Read warnings and ask a ranger for advice.

PLAGUE: Please do not feed or touch ANY park animals. Fleas on rodents can carry plague. Deer mice feces can carry hantavirus.

POISON OAK: This common shrub grows in the foothills up to 5000 feet elevation. Red in fall with whitish berries, shiny green leaves grow in groups of three. If you touch any part of the plant, wash skin and clothes right away.

POSSIBLE TICKS: Common in foothill grasses; check yourself after a walk. Their bite is painless, but a small percentage carry Lyme disease. Remove them carefully with tweezers; seek a doctor’s advice.

GIARDIA IN WATER: This protozoan in lakes and streams can cause intestinal distress. Iodine and other chemicals may not be as reliable as heat in killing bacteria or Giardia, but can be effective if used properly. Boil drinking water at least 3 minutes.

HYPOTHERMIA: This life-threatening condition can occur year-round. Stay dry and snack often. If others don’t respond to the need for warmer clothes or are stumbling, forgetful, or extremely tired and drowsy, get warm sugary drinks into them immediately. Get them into dry clothing, sleeping bags, and shelter.

RATTLESNAKES are especially common in the foothills. Watch where you put your hands and feet! They are protected here; do not kill them. Most bites result from teasing or handling them. Very few people die, but tissue damage can be severe. If bitten, avoid panic; call a ranger or 911.

LIGHTNING: If you see dark clouds or lightning or hear thunder, get inside a large building or a vehicle (not convertible), if possible. Do not stand under trees or in shallow caves. Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape such as standing on a ridge, on Moro Rock, or in open meadows. Stay away from open water, wire fences, and metal railings, which can carry lightning for a long distance.

WEST NILE VIRUS is passed by bites from infected mosquitoes. Human illness is not common, but take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

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

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

NARROW, WINDING ROADS

In Sequoia & King's Canyon National Forest, there are narrow, winding roads. These roads can be challenging and require extra caution.

- Slow down and give wildlife the right of way.
- Don't lose your brakes.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Be prepared for unexpected hazards.
- Always be alert and follow traffic rules.

THE RIGHT OF WAY – & LIFE!

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DON'T LOSE YOUR BRAKES

Frequent braking overheats brakes, causing them to fail. Instead, always downshift when going downhill. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. When you downshift, use the brakes. The engine gets louder as it slows you down, but it will save your brakes.

TRAFFIC DELAYS - SEQUOIA

On weekdays starting mid-August on the Generals Highway between Hospital Rock Picnic Area and the Giant Forest, slow down in work areas. See page 1 and check visitor centers for current information.

LET OTHERS PASS

Slower vehicles must use paved turnouts to let traffic pass.

PREVENT CAR FIRES

Hot brakes & mufflers start fires in dry grass. Do not stop in grassy areas; use paved turnouts only.

STAY ON PAVEMENT

Park & travel on pavement only.

GASOLINE

No gas stations are within the park itself. Only Grant Grove market sells cans of emergency gas. Fill up in Three Rivers, Clingman’s Junction or in the National Forest at:

- Stony Creek Village 1-559-565-3909: Available 24 hours with credit card. Between Wukisachi & Grant Grove on the Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge 1-559-335-2405: Call to confirm availability. 17 miles (27 km) north from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

BICYCLES

Ride only on roads (not trails), single file with traffic, and wear light colors after dark. People under 18 must wear a helmet.

LENGTH ADVISORY

On 12 narrow miles from Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum in Sequoia Park, advised maximum vehicle length is 22 feet (6.7m). Maximum limit on the Generals Highway is 40 feet (12 m) for single vehicles, 50 feet (15 m) for vehicles plus a towed unit. Alternatives: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, & wider. If you are towing a car, camp in the foothills & use the car to explore.

EMERGENCY CAR REPAIRS

For a tow: 565-3341 then press 9, then 4. Be aware of your surroundings.

MOTORCYCLES

Avoid oil buildup in uphill lanes.

CELL PHONES rarely work well in these mountains. Don’t rely on them, but note where pay phones are available.

COUGARS roam throughout the parks, but chances of seeing one are very small. They rarely attack people, but be aware. Hike alone. Watch children closely; never let them run ahead. If you see a cougar, it is possible to convince it that you are not prey and maybe dangerous to it:

- Don’t run. Cougars associate running with prey and give chase.
- Try to appear as large as possible. Don’t crouch or try to hide.
- Hold your ground or back away slowly while facing the lion.
- Pick up children.
- If the lion acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!
- Report any cougar sightings.


SAFE DRINKING WATER: The parks’ 13 water systems are tested to ensure that they meet state and federal standards. Annual Consumer Confidence Reports are available at visitor centers.

OPERATION NO-GROW

- Prevent illegal marijuana growing.
- Protect visitor & employee safety.
- Preserve your natural resources.
- Keep your parks safe and free from illegal activities! Report suspicious activities to 1-888-NPS-CRIME.
**GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:**

The largest tree have changed! The tree you can drive through in these parks. A by-pass is available for larger vehicles. 

**BIG TREES TRAIL:**

A fairly level, partially paved two-mile loop through the heart of the sequoia grove, beginning at the Sherman Tree. Use the main parking area off the Generals Highway. This 3-mile (5 km), begins at the Giant Forest Museum on the Generals Highway and explores the southwest portion of the grove. Not recommended for trailers or RVs. Some highlights include: 

**MORO ROCK:**

A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 feet /91 m elevation gain). A spectacular view of the Great Western Divide and the western half of the park. 2 miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. 

**CRESCENT MEADOW:**

Lies at the end of this road. Excellent summer wildflowers. Stay on designated trails; walk only on fallen logs to access fragile meadows. Several trails start here, including the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp’s Log, summer home of the first settler in Giant Forest, and the High Sierra Trail, which runs 71 miles (114 km) to Mt. Whitney (14,494 feet /4417 m; highest peak in the lower 48 states). 

**AUTO LOG:**

Once you could drive a car onto this fallen giant sequoia but rot in the log has put an end to the tradition. 

**NEARBY TRAILS**

**TOKOPAH FALLS:**

1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River, ending below the impressive granite cliffs and waterfall of Tokopah Canyon. Spectacular in early summer, but watching for ticks and poison oak. 

**LITTLE BALDY:**

Ascends 700 vertical feet (213 m) in 1.7 miles (2.7 km) to a rocky summit with a grand view. Starts at Little Baldy Saddle, 9 miles (14 km) north of the General Sherman Tree on the Generals Highway. Allow 3 to 4 hours round trip. 

**MINERAL KING**

The winding, steep road to this valley ends at 7800’ (2380 m), the park’s highest road. Many trails lead to even higher country and excellent — if hilly — hiking. Some passes may remain snowy well into summer; ask a ranger for information. No gasoline or electricity is available along this road. Be sure to learn about marmots, as they often damage cars in early summer. Road open Memorial Day weekend through October 31. 

**AGATE FALLS:**

This trail climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a lovely cascade. Park near site #26 in Buckeye Flat Campground and cross the footbridge over the Middle Fork. The trail then follows Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for just over 1-1/2 mile (1.6 km) before growing faint. 

**MIDDLE FORK:**

Leading through chaparral to highcountry, the first miles offer views of Moro Rock and Castle Rocks. Take the Buckeye Flat Campground road and turn left on the dirt road before the campground. Go 1.3 miles (2 km) to a parking area. Panther Creek Falls is 3 miles (5 km) beyond that. Park at Hospital Rock if Buckeye Flat is closed; it will be open by 5/20. 

**SOUTH FORK**

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**HOSPITAL ROCK:**

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**LADYBUG:**

Hike along the South Fork of the Kaweah in the upper foothills (moderately steep). From the campground, cross the river via footbridge. The trail ends 3 miles (5 km) up at one of the lowest-elevation sequoia groves. 

**GARFIELD:**

A relatively steep 5 mile (8.3 km) one-way climb to Garfield sequoia grove. Start on the south side of the river in the campground. 

**THE FOOTHILLS**

These lower elevations host more different kinds of plants and animals than the rest of the park. Watch for ticks and poison oak on footpaths trails. 

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GRANT GROVE

Before taking to the trails, review safety advice on page 5. Carry a map and water. Orient yourself before heading out and tell someone where you are going.

GENERAL GRANT TREE: One of the world’s largest living trees. President Coolidge proclaimed it the Nation’s Christmas Tree in 1926. It is also a National Shrine, the only living memorial to those who died in war. Visit historic Gamlin Cabin and the Fallen Monarch along this 1/3-mile (5 km) paved trail. A trail guide is sold at the visitor center. North and west of the visitor center 1 mile (1.6 km).

NORTH GROVE LOOP: This lightly traveled, 1-1/2 mile (2.4 km) trail provides a close look at the Big Trees and a quiet walk through conifer forest. Starts at lower Grant Tree parking area.

DEAD GIANT LOOP: Speculate on what killed this sequoia, and enjoy a picturesque view of an historic mill pond. Follow the old road from the lower Grant Tree parking area for about a mile. The trail branches off, creating a 1-1/2 mile (2.4 km) round trip.

NEARBY TRAILS & POINTS OF INTEREST

PANORAMIC POINT ROAD: Spectacular vista of the high Sierra. Go east through the visitor center parking lot, left around the meadow, then right at the intersection signed “Panoramic Point,” 2.3 miles (3.7 km).” Walk 1/4 mile (.4 km) up to the viewpoint. Trailers and RVs strongly discouraged on this steep, narrow road. The 4.7-mile (.75 km) round-trip Park Ridge Trail begins here.

BUENA VISTA PEAK: Begin just south of Kings Canyon Overlook on Generals Highway, 7 miles (11 km) southeast of Grant Grove. 360° vista of Redwood Canyon, Buck Rock Lookout, and the high Sierra. 2 miles (3.2 km) round trip.

REDWOOD CANYON: The world’s largest grove of giant sequoias. Acres of rejuvenating forest result from 30 years of prescribed fires, showing the positive relationship between fire and sequoias. Across the Generals Highway from the Quail Flat/Hume Lake junction (6 miles/9.6 km south of Grant Grove), turn south/west at Redwood Saddle. Go right for 2 miles (3.2 km) on a bumpy dirt road.

BIG BALDY: Great views and a look down into Redwood Canyon from this ridge. The trail winds 2 miles (3.2 km) to the summit at 8,209 feet (2502 m). From Grant Grove, drive 8 miles (13 km) south on the Generals Highway to Big Baldy Trailhead. Elevation gain 600 feet (183 m); round trip 4 miles (6.4 km).

KINGS CANYON OVERLOOK: For a view to the northeast of the high Sierra wilderness, stop at this overlook about 6 miles (9.6 km) south of Grant Grove.

REDWOOD MOUNTAIN OVERLOOK: Six miles (9.6 km) south of Grant Grove, on the Generals Highway, it looks west over one of the world’s largest sequoia groves. Studies here proved the strong relationship between fire and sequoia reproduction.

KINGS CANYON & CEDAR GROVE

The road into this spectacular gorge is open late April to mid-November. Be very careful around the river!

CANYON VIEW: The “U” shape of Kings Canyon, apparent from this viewpoint, reveals its glacial history. 1 mile (1.6 km) east of Cedar Grove Village turnoff.

KNAPP’S CABIN: During the Roaring ’20s, Santa Barbara businessman George Knapp commissioned lavish fishing expeditions here, using this small cabin to store gear. A short walk from a turnout 2 miles (3.2 km) east of Cedar Grove Village road.

ROARING RIVER FALLS: A shady, five-minute walk to a powerful waterfall rushing through a narrow granite chute. 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Village turnoff. Relatively accessible; fairly level. Repaving in progress.

ZUMWALT MEADOW: This 1.5-mile (2.4 km) trail offers high granite walls, a lush meadow, and the meandering Kings River. Park at trailhead 4-1/2 miles (7.2 km) east of the Cedar Grove Village turnoff. Purchase a trail guide at the trailhead or visitor center. Allow 1 hour.

ROAD’S END: Here where the pavement ends are high granite walls and trails to the river, Muir Rock, and the High Sierra. East of the Village turnoff 5-1/2 miles (8.8 km).

TAKE TIME FOR A HIKE

MIST FALLS: Follow the river to one of the park’s largest waterfalls. Allow 4-5 hours; 9 miles (14.4 km) round trip. Fairly flat at first; a 600-foot elevation gain in the last 2 miles (3.2 km). Park at Road’s End.

DON CECIL TRAIL: The main route into the canyon prior to the 1939 completion of Highway 180. It starts .2 miles (.3 km) east of the village, climbs a north-facing slope past Sheep Creek Cascade (1 mile/1.6 km up); good views. Lookout Peak (13-mile/21-km round trip, 4000 foot/1220 m elevation gain) has a great panorama. Strenuous; allow all day.

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

USFS NATIONAL FOREST

Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest (see page 2).

CONVERSE BASIN: Virtually every mature sequoia in this huge grove was felled early in the 1900s. Walk the 2-mile (.3 km) Boole Tree loop to see a monarch they spared (6 miles north of Grant Grove), or the 1/2-mile (.8 km) loop to the Chicago Stump, a tree cut for exhibit at the 1893 World’s Fair (2 miles north of Grant Grove).

INDIAN BASIN: Logged a century ago, this recovering forest and meadow look quite different today. A one-mile, newly constructed accessible trail extends another unpaved mile. Take Highway 180 7 miles north of Grant Grove; turn into Princess Campground. Trail begins by the host’s site near the dump station.

HUME LAKE, formed by a rare, historic multiple-arch dam, supplied water for a flume to float lumber to Sanger, 67 miles (108 km) below. An easy 2 1/2-mile (4km) trail circles it. Page 9 lists recreational options there. 8 miles (12.8 km) north of Grant Grove on Highway 180; 3 miles (4.8 km) south on Hume Lake Road.

BUCK ROCK LOOKOUT: A 1916 tower, still used for spotting fires, offers 360° views. Approximately 6 miles (9.6 km) off Big Meadows and 14.5 miles then Forest Road 1304.
**GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE**

6400’ (1950m) elevation. Home of the world’s biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See page 6 for highlights. Check page 3 and your map (back page) for picnic areas.

- **GIANT FOREST MUSEUM (NPS)**: Daily 8am-6pm through 9/3 then 8am-5pm through 9/30. Starting 10/1, 9am-4:30pm. Explore exhibits about the amazing Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480.

- **Family Nature Center at Beetle Rock (NPS)**: Daily 10am-4pm through 8/20. Programs and exhibits for all ages. See page 3 for a fun coupon! Near the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot.

**CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily tours**

This cavern is one of the highlights of the park! Tickets are not sold at the cave! See page 3 and the SNHA insert for details and schedule.

**Lodgepole Area**

6700’ (2040 m) elevation. This development is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map (back page). Lodgepole Village offers:

**INFORMATION (NPS)**

- Visitor Center: Daily 7am-6pm through 9/3; 7am-5pm through 9/30; then 9am-4:30pm. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am-3:30pm. Exhibits on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. See the new ‘Bears of the Sierra’ movie. 1-559-565-4436.

- **Wilderness Permits**: Required for backcountry overnight trips. Daily 7am-3:45pm at visitor center through 9/30, then self-issue outside the visitor center. 1-559-565-4408.

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop**: Daily 8am-8pm until 9/3, then closed for the season. Sandwiches, salads.

**FOOD & SHOPS (DNCR)**

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop**: Daily 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 9am-6pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, sandwiches, ice cream.

- **Harrison Grill**: Daily 8am-5pm until 9/3, then weekends only 9am-6pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, & barbeque.

- **Watchtower Deli**: Daily 11am-6pm until 9/3, then closed for the season. Sandwiches, salads.

**OTHER SERVICES**

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS)**: Open all year. Details on page 11.

- **Laundry & Showers (DNCR)**: Daily. Laundry 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 8am-5:45pm. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing. Showers 8am-7:45pm through 9/3, then 9am-5:45pm. Showers closed daily 1-3pm for cleaning.

- **Post Office**: Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3135. Check bulletin boards for more programs and details! Watch for signs & share the road.

**GIANT FOREST**

7200’ (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (64 km) north of Giant Forest. In the General Sherman Tree. The center for lodging and food services in Sequoia Park.

**FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCR)**

- **Dining Room**: Daily 7:10am, 11:30am-2:00pm & 5-10pm through 9/3. Starting 9/4: 7:30-9:30am; 11:30am-2pm; 5-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 1-559-565-4070.

- **Gift Shop**: Daily 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 8am-7pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.

- **Wolfsack Lodge**: See page 10 for details.

**WOLVERTON MEADOWS**

7200’ (2160 m) elevation. This open grassy area is just 2 miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

- **Wolvertin BBQ (DNCR)**: Friday-Sunday weather permitting through 9/3. All-you-can-eat barbeque, served outdoors starting at 6pm.

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**FREE NATURE PROGRAMS**

- **Check bulletin boards for more programs and details! Watch for a campfire program of special photographs on August 20.**

**GIANT FOREST, LODGEPOLE, DORST & WUKSACHI**

Through 8/19; some programs continue into September.

- **Daily 4:30pm - Sherman Tree Talk**: Tales about the largest tree in the world! Meet at base of the tree. Plan at least 20 minutes to walk from parking lot. 30 minutes.

- **Daily 11am - Moro Vistas**: Meet a ranger on top of Moro Rock. Plan at least 15 minutes to climb the historic staircase! 30 minutes.

- **Daily 1pm - Beetle Rock Rollick**: Kids! Discover a secret about Sequoia. Activities vary daily. At Beetle Rock Education Center, next to the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot. 1 hour.

- **Daily 2:30pm - Realm of Giants**: Explore the world’s largest trees. Meet in front of Giant Forest Museum. 1-1/2 hours.

- **Nightly - Lodgepole Campfire**: Learn more about the park! Lodgepole Campground Amphitheater. 1 hour.

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**MINEAR KING** - Programs given through 9/4.

- **Daily 10am & 3pm - Ranger’s Choice**: 15-minute talk; Foothills Visitor Center.

- **Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - Potwisha Campfire**: Meet at the campground amphitheater for family fun. Check locally for times and program descriptions. 1 hour.

- **Sábado 10am & 3pm - Potwisha Campfire**: Disfrute la frescura del atardecer en compañía de un guardaparque bilingüe, caminando las orillas del río Kaweah. Ofrecido en inglés y español. Se reúnen en el anfiteatro de Potwisha Campground, y deben traer foco. 1-1/4 hora.

- **Sábado / Saturday 6:30pm - Caminita Crepuscular / Twilight Walk**: Distrute la frescura del atardecer en compañía de un guardaparque bilingüe, caminando las orillas del río Kaweah. Ofrecido en inglés y español. Se reúnen en el anfiteatro de Potwisha Campground, y deben traer foco. 1-1/4 hora.

**THE FOOTHILLS - Programs given through 9/4**

- **Thursday & Saturday - Campfire Traditions**: Thursday at Silver City Resort, Saturday at ranger station amphitheater. 1 hour.

- **Friday evening - Night Hike or Campfire Traditions**: 1 hour.

- **Friday & Saturday 4pm - Meet Mineral King!**: Fridays at Cold Springs Campground entrance, Saturdays at Atwell Mill Campground entrance. 20 minutes.

- **Saturday 1:30pm - Fun for Kids or Extraordinary Happenings**: 1 hour.

- **Sunday 10am - Ranger’s Choice**: Atwell/Hockett trailhead parking lot. 1 hour.

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**MINERAL KING - Programs given through 9/3**

Check bulletin boards for times, locations, & other details.

- **Thursday & Saturday - Campfire Traditions**: Thursday at Silver City Resort, Saturday at ranger station amphitheater. 1 hour.

- **Friday evening - Night Hike or Campfire Traditions**: 1 hour.

- **Friday & Saturday 4pm - Meet Mineral King!**: Fridays at Cold Springs Campground entrance, Saturdays at Atwell Mill Campground entrance. 20 minutes.

- **Saturday 1:30pm - Fun for Kids or Extraordinary Happenings**: 1 hour.

- **Sunday 11am-3pm - Alles Cabin Open House**: Check locally for dates.
**Cedar Grove Area**

**CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE**

4600’ (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir. In summer the area offers picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), as well as:

- **INFORMATION & CAMPING (NPS)**
  - Visitor Center: Daily 9am-5pm through 9/4, then closed for season.
  - Wilderness permits: At Road’s End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village.
  - Camping (NPS): Details on page 11.

- **FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)**
  - Restaurant: Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/3, starting 9/4/20 through 9/30 then 8am-2pm & 5-7pm.
  - Lodging: See page 10 for details.
  - Showers & Laundry: Daily 7am-9pm through 9/3, then 8am-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Get shower key at market. Shower closed 1-3pm daily for cleaning.

**Grant Grove Area**

**GRANT GROVE VILLAGE**

6600’ (2088 m) elevation. This was originally the General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect the giant sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), the village offers:

- **INFORMATION**
  - Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-6pm through 9/3, then 8am-5pm. New exhibits and 15-minute orientation movie! Books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-5pm through 9/3, then 8am-4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

- **FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)**
  - Restaurant: Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/3, then 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm).
  - Gift Shop: Daily 8am-9pm through 9/3, then 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm).
  - Market: Daily 8am-9pm through 9/3, then 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

- **OTHER SERVICES**
  - Camping & Lodging: See page 10-11 for details.
  - Showers (KCPS): Daily 11am-4pm.
  - Post Office: Hours may vary. Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm. Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

- **INFORMATION & CAMPING**
  - Visitor Center: Daily 8am-6pm through 9/3, then closed for season.
  - Wilderness permits: At Road’s End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm through 9/4.
  - Camping (NPS): Details on page 11.

- **FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS**
  - Restaurant: Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/3, starting 9/4/20 through 9/30 then 8am-2pm & 5-7pm.
  - Gift Shop & Market: Salads, sandwiches, bear canisters, souvenirs, film, supplies. Daily 7am-9pm through 9/3, then 8am-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Get shower key at market. Shower closed 1-3pm daily for cleaning.

**HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)**

**USFS: National Forest & Monument**

**HUME LAKE**

- **Boat & Bicycle Rentals, Swimming, Fishing:** Private facilities open to public at Hume Lake, 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market: Sunday-Thursday 7am-11pm; Friday 7am-9pm; Saturday 7am-7pm. Snack bar: 11am-11pm daily. Reduced hours starting 9/5. Call for details: 1-559-335-2000.

- **Gasoline Sales**
  - See page 5 Rules of the Road - Gasoline for hours of Hume Lake, Stony Creek, and Kings Canyon Lodge.

**FREE NATURE PROGRAMS**

These programs are offered through August 20; some will continue into September. Check visitor centers & bulletin boards for additional activities, details, and schedules.

**IN GRANT GROVE**

- **Daily 2pm - Grant Tree Walk:** Stroll this paved trail beneath the giant trees. Meet at Grant Tree parking lot. 1 hour, 1/3 mile.
- **Daily 3:30pm - Ranger’s Choice:** Let us introduce you to some of the area’s special features on an easy walk or talk. Check bulletin boards for topics. 1 hour.
- **Nightly - Evening Campfire:** Spend time under the stars learning about these parks. Meet at campground amphitheater. Check bulletin boards for times. Watch for a special program of fabulous photographs on August 20!

**IN CEDAR GROVE**

- **Daily Ranger Walks:** Join us in exploring the natural and cultural wonders of the canyon, such as Zumwalt Meadow, Kanawyer’s Camp and Coppermine, and the Kings River. 1-2 hours.
- **Wednesday through Saturday - Evening Campfires:** Enjoy an hour together at the amphitheater near Cedar Grove Visitor Center.
CAMPING DOs & DON'Ts: These rules protect the landscape & you! 

NOTE: Some rules vary from the Park to the National Forest. Check page 3 & bulletin boards.

**KEEP FOOD FROM BEARS!**
It's required all year! Learn how to do it correctly — see below.

**CAMPFIRE RESTRICTIONS**
Gather only dead & down wood; do not cut limbs from trees. Better yet, bring wood or buy it at a market. Fires must be out cold before you leave.

In the national forest & monument you must get a free campfire permit from the Hume Lake District Office, Grant Grove Visitor Center, Big Stump entrance station, or a Forest Service ranger.

**CAMPGROUND OR ROADSIDE CAMPING?**
In the park, camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. In the National Forest & Monument roadside camping is permitted unless posted otherwise. Ask a ranger for possible locations.

**NO HOLDING CAMPSITES**
In first-come, first-served campgrounds, you may not hold a site for someone who has not arrived. Sites not occupied for 24 hours are considered abandoned; property may be impounded.

**GROUP SITES & MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES**
UP TO 6: Many campgrounds allow only one vehicle & six people per site. Check locally for slight variations in these limits. Parking is available for extra vehicles.

6 TO 18: At Crystal Springs in Grant Grove there are first-come, first-served sites for groups of 7-15 & at Canyon View in Cedar Grove for 7-18, for $5.

LARGER: Call in advance for information on reserving group tent-camping areas in the parks: Dorst 1-800-235-2267; Sunset 1-359-765-4335; Canyon View 1-359-765-3793. In the national forest monument: call 877-444-6777 or go to www.reserveusa.com.

**TIME LIMITS ON CAMPING**
Camping is limited to 14 days between June 14-September 14, with 30 days total per year.

**QUIET HOURS**
20pm-6am. At Lodgepole & Dorst use generators only 8-11am & 5-8pm. At other campgrounds 9am-9pm only. Music should be audible in your campsite only.

**RVS & TRAILERS**
No hookups are available. Dump stations: See chart on page 11. Trailers are permitted in all but four park campgrounds; check the chart on page 11. Many sites are not suitable for trailers or RVs. Vehicles over 30 feet long can fit in a small number of sites.

Length advisory: On Generals Highway in Sequoia Park, from Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum, a vehicle length limit of 22 feet is advised. See page 5 for other limitations & warnings.

**PROPANE CANISTERS**
Do not throw propane or other fuel canisters in park trash cans or leave them in the parks. Take them with you when you leave.

**BE A VOLUNTEER HOST!**
Live in the park, help care for campgrounds & resources, & meet great people! Learn about these & other volunteer opportunities; contact the Park Volunteer Coordinator, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271-9651.

**YOU MUST STORE ALL FOOD!**
Bears quickly learn to get food from cars, picnic tables, and backpacks.

They then become destructive and sometimes aggressive. They want our food, not us, but people can get hurt. Too often these bears must be killed. This is why you may be fined if you do not store food properly.

• **DRIVERS:** Never leave any food or scented item in cars. Take Infant seats out of cars; the smells they absorb may attract bears.

• **CAMPERS:** Store food day and night in the metal boxes provided (see page 11 for box sizes; avoid bringing coolers that won’t fit). Store all food, coolers, related items, and anything with an odor (even if it’s not food) -- including unopened cans and bottles. Latch the box completely. Food not stored properly will be impounded. Where boxes are not provided, store food in the car trunk (seal food to reduce odors). If the car has no trunk, put everything on the floor, cover it well, and close the windows. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in bear-proof containers or store it like food.

• **PICKNICKERS:** Guard your food at all times.

• **LODGGE GUESTS:** Keep cabin doors closed any time you leave.

• **BACKPACKERS:** Store all food in a portable canister. Less than 3 pounds, it holds us up to 5-day’s food for one and fits in a pack. Metal boxes in a few backcountry locations offer backup storage. Rent or buy a canister at park visitor centers or markets. Bears defeat most attempts to hang food in trees.

• **EVERYONE:** Don’t let bears approach you or your food. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks in their direction (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance but be persistent. If a bear does get food, never try to take it back.

**LODGING**

**SEQUOIA PARK**

• Wawaka Village (DNCPF)
  Reservations: 1-559-252-7775
  Front Desk: 1-559-765-4070

• Silver City Mountain Resort
  Summer: 1-559-252-4223
  Winter: 1-805-528-2730

**KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK**

• Grant Grove Lodge & John Muir Lodge (KCPS)
  Reservations: 1-866-542-6966
  Front Desk: 1-559-335-5500

• Cedar Grove Lodge (KCPS)
  Reservations: 1-866-542-6966
  Front Desk: 1-559-335-0100
  www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com
  Mid-May to mid-October in the Kings Canyon. Motel, restaurant, public showers, gifts, laundry.

**SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST/MONUMENT**

• Montecito-Sequoia Lodge
  Reservations: 1-800-227-9900
  Front Desk: 1-559-365-3388

• Stony Creek Lodge (KCPS)
  Reservations: 1-866-542-6966
  Front Desk: 1-559-365-3909
  www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com
  Open late May through October. On Generals Highway between Grant Grove & Lodgepole. Hotel, restaurant, market, showers, gas.

• Historic Guard Station (FS)
  Open mid-June into October, weather permitting. A cabin in the National Monument between Grant Grove & Lodgepole.

• Kings Canyon Lodge (Private)
  Reservations: 1-559-335-2405
  Open mid-April through mid-October. On Hwy 180, 13 miles (21 km) east of Grant Grove.

* Note: These two facilities on private land are not evaluated or regulated by the Park or Forest.

**NEIGHBORING TOWNS**

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging, camping, & services. Ask at visitor centers or click “Plan your visit” on the park website, www.nps.gov/seki, & link to “Lodging.”

**WILDERNESS LODGES & PERMITS**

See page 4 for details.
### CAMPGROUNDS

#### FOOD STORAGE
Avoid bringing items that won’t fit.

Symbols on the chart tell the size of bear-proof food-storage boxes available in each campground:

- # One small box per site (47” long x 17” deep x 16” high);
- ✦ One large box per site (at least 47” long x 33” deep x 28” high);
- ✠ A mix of box sizes;
- ✠✠ Additional boxes available for sites to share.

#### IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK (NPS)

##### FOOTHILLS AREA
Lowest in elevation, therefore warmest and below the sequoia groves.

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#### MINERAL KING AREA
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#### IN KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK (NPS)

##### GRANT GROVE AREA
Down in the Kings Canyon itself.

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#### IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST / GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT (FS)

##### HUME LAKE AREA
*Reservable in summer: see Summer Reservations above.

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LIFE ZONES

- **High Sierra**
  - 9,000 to 14,500 feet.
  - Summer: Warm to chilly days; nights down to low 30s. Winter: frigid.
- **Conifer zone**
  - 5,000 to 9,000 feet.
  - Summer: Warm days & cool nights. Winter: deep snow.
- **Foothills zone**
  - 1,500 to 5,000 feet.
  - Mild, wet winters; hot, dry summers.
  - Cedar Grove is cooler than the foothills, hotter than Grant Grove.

STEEP ROADS

- Grades of 5-8%.
- Downshift to avoid overheated or failed brakes. See page 5.

DRIVING TIME IN GOOD WEATHER

FROM FOOTHILLS TO:
- Giant Forest: 1 hour.
- Lodgepole: 1 hour.
- Visalia: 1 hour.
- Mineral King: 1 1/4 hours.
- Road closed Nov 1 to May 26.

FROM GIANT FOREST TO:
- Grant Grove: 1 hour.

FROM GRANT GROVE TO:
- Cedar Grove: 1 hour.
  - Road open mid-April to November.
- Fresno: 1 1/2 hours.
- Yosemite’s south entry via Hwy 41: 3 hours.

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