What would be the best use for gorgeous slopes and lake basins ringing a beautiful sub-alpine valley in the southern Sierra Nevada?

Debates over how to use public land are common to this country’s history. In this case, the area in question is Mineral King, and the history of its potential uses is a long one.

Let’s start back in 1873, when one James Crabtree dreamed a dream of riches. In that vision, an Indian chief led him to a place where he should establish a mine. The resulting White Chief Mine soon inspired a rush of silver seekers and the name “Mineral King.”

Yet the land yielded nothing in the way of mineral wealth. The name stuck anyway, but it was rich scenery and cool mountain air that continued to draw people after the mines went bust.

Fast forward to 1926. An expansion of Sequoia National Park excluded Mineral King due to the old jumble of mining claims. Instead, it became the “Sequoia Game Refuge,” overseen by the U.S. Forest Service. People increasingly sought it out for recreation, idyllic scenery, and mild summer temperatures, and for the lovely lake basins to be explored.

Twenty years later, commercial downhill skiing became an option. Should the rocky basins and valley of Mineral King

Valley be transformed with lifts and lodges? Could wealth be wrested from the area this way, rather than by mining?

This on-and-off debate continued until a serious proposal made it to the national stage in 1965, a plan that included 14 ski lifts, two hotels, and a parking garage. People questioned the proposal. Should large roads be blasted through the national park to serve this non-park area? Could ski facilities survive the frequent avalanches that keep this area unusually free of forest?

A national discussion in the courts and public airwaves went on for a decade. It came to an abrupt end when one congressman stood up for preserving Mineral King. Fresno’s John Krebs sponsored a bill to add Mineral King to Sequoia National Park. Despite many local objections, the nation agreed with him, and the bill passed.

Still, talk over this area’s future did not end. This spring, the name “Mineral King” was again before Congress. Again the discussion involved what its best and highest use might be.

Once again the American people made a decision through their representatives, this time choosing the highest form of preservation for America’s public lands — wilderness designation. Named for the man who rose to defend Mineral King 40 years ago, the John Krebs Wilderness now protects its beauty, habitat, and wild experiences for generations to come.
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT IN THE PARKS

This summer you may start to see the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in action here. ARRA provides funds important, shovel-ready maintenance projects needed by the parks. Five ARRA projects here represent an investment of more than $11 million in these parks:

• The largest project entails replacing drinking-water tanks and improving fire suppression systems at headquarters. We are replacing a system from the 1930s and 1940s, and adding a generator, so that water systems can function during power outages.

• Crystal Cave will get quieter, more energy-efficient lighting via a photovoltaic system rather than the old generator. This benefits cave tours as well as the cave itself.

• Crews will rebuild storm-caused damage on the Kennedy Pass Trail in western Kings Canyon Park, where a severe rainstorm last summer carved a large gully on trail switchbacks. They will also rebuild trail damage from the Tehipite Fire and will clear fallen trees.

• A fifth project involves replacing mandatory compliance-monitoring components of the parks’ five wastewater treatment plants and 17 potable water systems.

FEES HELP YOUR PARKS!

Most of your entrance and camping fees stay here. The parks invest them in improving visitor facilities and protecting park resources. Fees have paid for repairing and upgrading roads, campgrounds, trails, picnic areas, and restrooms. They have improved visitor centers, updated exhibits, and modernized naturalist slide programs.

ENCEE Fee Options

• 7-day pass for Sequoia & Kings Canyon, and for Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument (GSNM): $20 per vehicle (private, non-commercial) or $10 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.

• 12-Month Pass for Sequoia & Kings Canyon, and for Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest/GSNM: $30 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year from month of purchase. Not valid at Crystal Cave.

• 12-Month: America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass: Cost $80. Valid for entrance fees at Federal recreation sites including National Parks, National Forests, FWS, BLM, & Bureau of Reclamation. Admits all passengers in a single private non-commercial vehicle where per-vehicle fees are charged, or the passholder plus up to 3 persons (age 16 & older) for per-person fee areas, for 12 months. Not valid at Crystal Cave.

• Seniors: America the Beautiful Interagency Pass: $10 one-time fee buys a lifetime pass for entrance fees for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or over. (Previously issued Golden Age passes remain valid.) Not valid at Crystal Cave.

• Accessibility: America the Beautiful Interagency Access Pass: Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Take appropriate documentation to any park visitor center. (Previously issued Golden Access passes remain valid.) Not valid at Crystal Cave.
Crystal Cave rocks!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1½ hours before the tour.

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

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the ½-mile trail (8.8 km) to the cave is steep and it’s 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations and Wild Cave Tours! Told led by the SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

Don’t miss this opportunity!

45-minute Cave Tours daily

Through 9/7: Weekdays 10:30 am - 4:30 pm every ½ hour. Saturdays & July 4th weekend (7/3-5) every ½ hour 10 am - 5 pm. Sundays 10:30 am - 3 pm. Until a new electrical line is complete, enjoy old-fashioned flashlight tours. Bring a light if you have one; lights will also be supplied.

Fees: Age 6-12 $6; age 13-61 $11; age 62 & up $10; under 6 & Golden Access Pass holders free. National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply at the cave. SNHA members get a discount! Through 7/6, ask about more new-member discounts.

1½ hour Discovery Tours

Weekdays only, late June through 8/28 (no tours 7/3), starting at 4:15 pm. Enjoy a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: $19.95 each (SNHA members $16.95).

FREE PARK ENTRANCE - June 20 & 21, July 18 & 19, and August 15 &16!

WHERE CAN i...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know where you are!

• WALK A PET - In the Parks: Not on any trails but it’s o.k. 100 feet from roads 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.

• GO CAMPING - In the 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.

California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• GO PICNICKING - See picnic symbols on back-page map. Due to bears, never leave food unattended! Most sites have tables, restrooms and fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills and Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powedercan, Lodgepole, and Crescent Meadow.

• HAVE A FIRE - In the Parks: Only in fire grills in campgrounds and some picnic areas. In National Forest: Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

• RIDE HORSERBACK Call regarding hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips.

• RIDE A BICYCLE - In the Parks: Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove).

In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. In both areas: Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

Junior Ranger Program - Free for All Ages

Earn a badge while helping to protect resources. If you are 5 to 8 years old, work for the Jay Award. Those 9 to 12 years old earn a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up your free Jr. Ranger booklet in any park visitor center and have fun!

Walks & Talks - Free ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Wukaschi, Grant Grove, the Foothills, and Cedar Grove. See pages 8-9, then check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see detailed schedules.

Visitor Centers & Park Stores - Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

Teachers - Bring your class to the parks! Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.

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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 management.

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 natural change**

Years ago, we tried to banish fire from the landscape, believing 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 from this. Fire suppression blocked important ecological processes and caused many problems. Two problems were glaring:

First, sequoias were not reproducing. We learned that fires create the conditions that sequoias need to regenerate: They create a fertile ash seedbed and they open the forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the seedlings.

Second, dead wood and small, dense white fir trees increased tremendously. Natural fires used to burn these away frequently. Now, after fire’s long absence, these fuels feed bigger blazes that are more dangerous for people, plants, and wildlife. They burn hotter and are harder to put out.

For over 40 years at Sequoia and Kings Canyon, we have studied fire and its effects on the land. Now, to protect human safety and benefit giant sequoia trees, the National Park Service works with fire to gain the benefits it brings.

When and where it’s appropriate, we may ignite prescribed fires or allow lightning-caused fires to spread naturally, reducing fuels and improving resource conditions. Strong evidence shows that change only hurts what we are trying to protect.

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

**Unnatural change: Alien invaders!**

Plants and animals evolve together in communities over time. Often they keep each other in check. When species get brought in from other places, the newcomers may multiply wildly since the competitors, predators and diseases they evolved with in their home communities are not here. They break links in the local web of life, badly disrupting species that depend on each other. Sometimes they completely replace native plants and animals.

Practice alien hygiene! Look for seeds and tiny animals attached to shoes, clothes, waders, equipment, tires, and pet fur. Wash mud from under cars and on tires before coming into the park. The natives will thank you!

**STAR THISTLE**

Two immediate threats:

- **Star thistle** is one of the most damaging non-natives in the state. Dense, thorny patches completely exclude native plants, and limit wildlife movements. Not yet established here!

- **New Zealand Mud Snails** take over waterways that they invade, eating most of the food. Due to their biology, just one snail can start a huge population! They stick on gear; check boots & waders thoroughly for this tiny invader. Common just east of the Sierra. Could easily be carried into the High Sierra.

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**WILDERNESS OVERNIGHTS**

Each park trail has a daily entry quota for overnight trips, and between late May and late September a wilderness camping fee of $15 is required. The quota and fee are used to help protect your wilderness environment and experience. (They are not required for day hikes, or for overnights in the adjacent Monarch and Jennie Lakes wildernesses in US Forest Service. However, a free fire permit is required for any open flame on USFS land.)

A permit is required for each overnight trip. Reserved and first-come, first-served permits are issued the morning of your trip or after 1pm the day before at the park permit station/visitor center nearest your trailhead (see pages 8 & 9). If the quota for your preferred trail is full, you can choose another trail for that day or another day to start, if space is available. Permits are not issued after mid-afternoon as minimum distances must be reached before you camp. Requests to reserve a permit for a certain date are accepted beginning March 1 and at least 2 weeks before your trip’s start date.

Reserved permits must be picked up either the afternoon before or by 9am on the day of departure. If delayed, call the Wilderness Office or you may lose the reservation. 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.

Wilderness Permit Reservations Sequoia & Kings Canyon N.P. 47050 Generals Highway #60 Three Rivers, CA 93271 1-559-565-3766; Fax 565-4239

For more details, visit Wilderness Information at www.nps.gov/visi/miningyourvisitwilderness.htm or call.

**HIGH SIERRA LODGE**

- **BEARPAW MEADOW CAMP** (DNCRPR) www.visitequoia.com Reservations required: 1-888-252-5757. Open mid-June to mid-September. This tent hotel is at 7800’ on the High Sierra Trail, an 11-mile hike from Giant Forest.
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY!

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 own hands. Keep alert. Read warnings and ask a ranger for advice.

Be Safe!

DROWNING: The #1 cause of death in national parks! Be extra careful along rivers and streams; falling in is as dangerous as swimming. Once in a river, getting out is as dangerous as swimming and slippery; swift, cold water usually saps your strength.

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 up to 5000 feet elevation. Red leaves with whitish berries in fall, bare in winter; shiny green leaves in groups of three in spring. If you touch any part of the plant, wash skin and clothes right away.

RATTLESNAKES are especially common in the foothills. Watch where you put your hands and feet! They are protected; do not feed them. Most bites result from teasing or handling. 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 from a 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 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. The peaks sometimes reach “unhealthy” state/federal standards, and can affect respiratory systems. Ozone forms from gases in car and factory exhaust.

Find your campground to Giant Sequoia National Monument – In Park: Hwy 180 East to Cedar Grove; Panoramic Point Road; & Redwood Mountain Road (unpaved). In Forest: Big Meadows; Quali Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin: all unpaved.

In Sequoia – Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle length 22’ (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. Alternative: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, & wider. Towing a car? Stay in the foothills; use the car to explore.

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

EMERGENCY CAR REPAIRS: For a tow: 565-3341 then press zero (24 hours). In Sequoia Park only, AAA available 24 hours for lock outs, jump starts, out-of-gas, minor repairs: call 565-4070.

MOTORCYCLES: Avoid oil buildup on pavement.

Rules of the road

GO SLOW FOR WILDLIFE! Never feed animals along the road. They often get hit by cars when they stay on roadsides hoping for handouts.

DON’T LOSE YOUR BRAKES: Frequent braking causes overheating and brake failure. Instead, always downshift when going downhill. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. The engine gets louder, but it will save your brakes.

AVOID OVERHEATING: Keep an eye on your engine temperature gauge or light. If it starts to go up, especially when going uphill, turn off the air conditioner and turn on the fan. If the engine fails, pull into a paved area, lift the hood, and wait awhile for it to cool. If the problem is vapor lock, this may take care of it.

FINISHING GASOLINE: No gas stations lie within park boundaries. Only Grant Grove market sells cans of emergency gas. Fill up in Three Rivers, Clingan’s Junction, or in the National Forest at: • Hume Lake Christian Camp 559-335-2000: Year-round 24 hours with credit cards. • Stony Creek Village 1-559-565-3909: Available 24 hours with credit card. Between Wukcheki & Grant Grove on the Generals Hwy. • Kings Canyon Lodge 1-559-335-2405: Call to confirm. Gas sales usually 9am-dark. 17 miles (27 km) north from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

PREVENT CAR FIRES: Hot brakes & mufflers can start fires. Stop only in paved areas, not on grasses.

NARROW, WINDING ROADS: In Kings Canyon & National Forests, use the easiest road. In Sequoia National Monument – In Park: Hwy 180 East to Cedar Grove; Panoramic Point Road; & Redwood Mountain Road (unpaved). In Forest: Big Meadows; Quali Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin: all unpaved.

LENGTH ADVISORY: On 12 narrow miles from Potwisha Campground to Sequoia 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.

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For maps and directions: Sequoia National Park & Kings Canyon National Park – Sequoia National Monument

Cougars roam throughout the park, but chances of seeing one are very small. They rarely attack people and pets, but be aware. Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely; never let them run ahead. If you see a cougar, the goal is to convince it that you are not prey and may be 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.

EXPLOR ME SAFELY: Avoid going alone. Tell someone your plans and return time. Keep your eyes and ears open for potential hazards above and around you. Slow down and share roads and trails with people and wildlife.

SAFEE D R INKING W AT ER: 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! Keep parks safe, natural, and free from illegal activities! Report suspicious activities: 1-888-NPS-CRIME.
#1 GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. Through 9/7. From Giant Forest Museum to Wukaschi and back; 3 stops along the way. About 35 minutes' ride one way.

**STOPS**
A. Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point
B. Lower Sherman Tree wheelchair-accessible trail Parking with disabled-placard only
C. Upper Sherman Tree – Main Trail & Parking Park here to walk down to tree.
D. Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)
E. Wukaschi Restaurant & Lodge

See bulletin boards for shuttle schedules. Be sure to check the departure time of the last bus that will get you back to your car.

#2 MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Through 9/7. Leaves Giant Forest Museum approximately every 20 minutes. Stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. 15-minute ride one way.

**STOPS**
A. Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point
B. Moro Rock Description below.
C. Crescent Meadow Description below.

GIANT FOREST-TO-VISALIA ROUTE: $15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or www.sequoiashuttle.com. Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 7am, 8am, 9am, & 1pm. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia on the hour from 2:30pm through 6:30pm. Runs through 9/7.

**MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW**
No drinking water is available along this 3-mile (5 km), dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. Through 9/7, take a shuttle to see it. Until 9/7, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited — except those with valid disabled-parking placards displayed. Highlights include:

**MORO ROCK:** A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

**TUNNEL LOG:** A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only “tree you can drive through” in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from Museum.

**CRESCENT MEADOW:** Summer wildflowers in a fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the ½-mile (1 km) route to Tharp’s Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 feet /4417 m, the highest peak in the 48 states). Shuttle stop.

**NEARBY TRAILS**
**TOKOPAH FALLS:** 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River, ending at granite cliffs and a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500 foot/152 m elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

**THE FOOTHILLS**
The Sierra’s lower elevations offer more biological diversity — different kinds of plants and animals — than the conifer forests or highcountry. Watch for ticks and poison oak (see page 5 for safety tips).

**HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC AREA:** Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

**MARBLE FALLS TRAIL** climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a lovely cascade. Park across from Potwisha Campground in the overflow parking area. Take the dirt road near site #14 across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

**PARADISE CREEK:** At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #26 across the hoofbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

**MINERAL KING**
See page 8 for information.
BEFORE EXPLORING: Review safety advice on page 3. You are on your own in the park — be safe!

GRANT GROVE

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 ½-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, ½-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 ½ mile (2.4 km) round trip.

NEARBY TRAILS & POINTS OF INTEREST

PANORAMIC POINT ROAD: This steep, narrow road leads to a High-Sierra vista. Go east through visitor-center parking, left around the meadow, right at the sign “Panoramic Point.” Walk ½ mile (.4km) up to viewpoint. Trailers/RVs not recommended. The 4-mile (6.4 km) round-trip Park Ridge Trail begins here.

BUENA VISTA PEAK: South of Kings Canyon Overlook on west side of Generals Highway, 7 miles (11 km) south of Grant Grove. Trail to 360° vista of Redwood Canyon, Buck Rock Lookout, and High Sierra. 2 miles (3.2 km) round trip.

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

THE KINGS CANYON & CEEDAR GROVE

Take time to see at least part of this spectacular gorge. Be very careful around the water!

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

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 5-minute walk to a powerful waterfall rushing through a narrow granite chute. 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Village road. Paved, relatively accessible.

ZUMWALT MEADOW: This 1.3-mile (2.4 km) trail offers high granite walls, lush meadows, and the winding Kings River. Park at trailhead ½ mile (7.2 km) east of the Cedar Grove Village road. Purchase a trail guide at the 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 1-1/2 miles (8.8 km).

TAKE A HIKE!

MIST FALLS: One of the park’s largest waterfalls. Allow 4-5 hours; 9 miles (14.4 km) round trip. Fairly flat at first; 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) to 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 forest and views from Cedar Grove Overlook. 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 for Park or Forest).

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 ½-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: A one-mile accessible trail and one-mile unpaved trail offer a look at how this meadow and forest are recovering after logging a century ago. Take Highway 180, 7 miles north of Grant Grove, turn into Princess Campground. Trail begins by the host’s site.

HUME LAKE: formed by a rare, historic, multiple-arch dam, supplied water to a flume that floated lumber 67 miles (108km) to Sanger. An easy 2 ½-mile (4 km) trail circles it. Page 9 lists facilities. Eight miles (12.8 km) north of Grant Grove on Highway 180, 3 miles (4.8 km) south on Hume Lake Road.
Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400’ (1950m) elevation. Home of the world’s biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and the map on page 12. See Highlights on page 6.

- Giant Forest Museum (NPS): Daily 9am-7pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest are at Lodgepole & Wolverton (don’t rely on cell phones).
- Beetle Rock Nature Center (NPS): Daily 6/27 to mid-August. Across the Generals Highway from Giant Forest Museum. Stop in, one and all! Activities for all ages.

CRYSTAL CAVE

One of the park’s highlights! See page 3 for details & schedule.

Lodgepole Area

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700’ (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For near-by picnic areas see page 3 & the map on page 12.

INFORMATION (NPS)

- Wilderness Permits: Required for backcountry overnight trips. Available in Lodgepole Visitor Center 7am-3:30pm. See page 4 for details. 1-559-565-3766.
- Visitor Center: Daily 7am-5pm. Bears of Sequoia movie; exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps; first aid; wilderness permits. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am-4pm. Pay phone. 1-559-565-4436.

FOOD, SHOPS & OTHER SERVICES (DNCR)

- Market, Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8pm. Groceries, pre-made sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, ice cream, film, souvenirs.
- Watchtower Deli: Daily 11am-6pm. Sandwiches, salads.
- Harrison BBQ & Grill: Daily 8am-7:45pm.
- Laundry: Same hours as Market. Last load in 1 hour before closing.
- Showers: Daily 8am-1pm & 3-7:45pm.
- U.S. Post Office: Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- Lodgepole Campground (NPS): Year round. Details on page 11.
- Pay Telephones: Outside visitor center & market (cell-phone signals are usually poor).

WOLVERTON MEADOWS

7200’ (2160 m) elevation. North of Sherman Tree 2 miles (3.2km).
- Wolverton BBQ (DNCR): Nightly through 9/6, weather permitting. All-you-can-eat served outdoors. Start time adjusts with sunset. 1-559-565-4070. Look for the after-dinner Twilight Walk.

Foothills Area

500-3500’ (457-1067 m) elevation. Characterized by chaparral, oaks, river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills offer year-round interest. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-6pm through 9/7. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 1-559-565-4212.
- Camping (NPS): At Potwisha (year-round) & Buckeye Flat (closed in winter). Details on page 11.
- Pay Telephones (cell phone signals are usually poor): Foothills Visitor Center near front door; Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Mineral King Area

7800’ (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (allow 11/2 hours to drive; closes 11/1). No RV’s, buses, or trailers, please. No electricity or gasoline. Beware: In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses and wiring in parked cars in the valley. Ask for information on how to avoid this problem. Check engine for damage before departing.

- Pay Telephones: Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area. Cell phone signals are extremely poor.
- Silver City Mountain Resort: Open late May thru 10/31. Cabins, chalets, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies, ice, no gasoline, no fishing licenses). Restaurant/store: Thursday-Monday 8am-8pm; Tuesday-Wednesday 8am-5pm pie & coffee only. Pay telephone. 1-559-561-3223; www.silvercityresort.com.
- Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

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LODGE & DINING ROOM (DNCR)

7200’ (2160 m) elevation. Year-round center for lodging & food services in Sequoia; 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the Sherman Tree.

FreE NATURE PROGRAMS

At GIANT FOREST & WUKSACHI

• Moro Vistas: Daily 11am. Meet atop Moro Rock. Give yourself time for the climb.
• Critter Talk: Daily 2pm. 30 min. In front of Lodgepole Visitor Center.
• Sherman Tree Talk: Daily 3pm. 20 min. Meet at Sherman Tree.
• Campfire Programs: 1 hour. At Lodgepole amphitheater on Friday, Saturday, Sunday evenings. At Wuksachi Lodge campfire circle on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

In THE FOOTHILLS

• Potwisha Campground Evening Program: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. 1 hour. At amphitheater.
• Wild About Bears: Daily 10:30am. 20 minutes. Foothills Visitor Center.
• Twilight Walk: Friday, Saturday. 1 hour. Meet in Buckeye Flat Campground at Paradise Creek Trailhead.
• Plan Your Visit: Morning map talks. Foothills Visitor Center.
• Exploring Oak Woodlands: Daily 11:45am. 20 minutes. At Foothills Visitor Center.

At MINERAL KING

• Evening Programs: Thursday through Saturday. At amphitheater next to ranger station.
• Saturday Afternoon Walks
• Short Talks: Friday, Saturday. 5pm.
• Sunday Morning Walks: 10am. 1 hour. Meet at Atwell Mill Campground.

Times of evening programs & walks vary according to topic, sunset time, & location.
Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600’ (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION


FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- Restaurant: Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm.
- Gift Shop & Market: Daily 8am-9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- Camping & Lodging: See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 8am to midnight.
- Post Office: Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- Stables - Horseback Riding: Details on page 3.
- Pay Telephones: Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Hume Lake Junction into the canyon is open until mid-November.

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.

INFORMATION

- Wilderness Permits (NPS): At Road’s End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- Restaurant: Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Daily 7am-2pm & 5-8pm. Lunch supplies at market.
- Gift Shop & Market: Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7am-9pm.

OTHER SERVICES

- Camping & Lodging: See pages 10-11.
- Showers: Daily 7am-1pm & 3-7pm.
- Pay Telephones: Inside lodge & ranger station.
- Horseback Riding: Details on page 3.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between park areas Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2, Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove: Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove: Hume Lake (year round; see Hume Lake below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS): 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee): Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- Hume Lake: Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market & snack shop. North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- Stony Creek Village (FS): On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Daily. Market 8am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); restaurant 4:30-7:30pm (8:30pm on Friday-Saturday). Showers/laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round; Stony Creek and Kings Canyon Lodge late spring through early fall. See page 3 for details.

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

See bulletin boards for details & more programs. Non-campers welcome at campsites!

In GRANT GROVE:

- Daily Grant Tree Walks: 2 pm. Meet at the start of the Grant Tree Trail.
- Nightly evening programs: Join us in the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for programs about various aspects of these parks. Time & topics vary; check locally.

In CEDAR GROVE:

- Walks, talks, & campfire programs: Activities take place regularly. Come learn more about these amazing parks.

- South Fork Clean Up, sponsored by Friends of the South Fork Kings. Call (916) 601-9954 for dates and information.
CAMPING DOs & DON’Ts: These rules protect the park & you!

NOTE: Rules may vary between the Park and the National Forest. Check page 3 for details.

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. Check bulletin boards for restrictions. In the national forest & monument you must get a free campfire permit from The Hume Lake District Office, Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove), or a Forest Service ranger.

ROADSIDE CAMPING?
It’s not permitted 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
You may not hold a site for some-one 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 vari-
ations in these limits & parking locations for extra vehicles.
7 TO 19: In summer, Crystal Springs (Grant Grove) has first-come, first-served sites for groups of 7-15. Canyon View in Cedar Grove hosts sites for 7-19. LARGER: Call in advance for information on requesting summer group tent-camping sites: For Sunset or Canyon View 1-559-565-4335 (5/1/10/31: 565-3792 for Canyon View). To reserve a group site in Dorst or in the national forest/monument: 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov.

TIME LIMITS ON CAMPING
Camping stays are limited to 14 days between June 14 and September 14, with 30 days total per year.

QUIET & GENERATOR HOURS
10pm-6am. Generator use: At Lodgepole & Dorst 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. Sites may not be level. Vehicles over 30 feet long can fit in a small number of sites.

LENGTH ADVISORY: On the Generals Highway in Sequoia Park, from Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum, advised vehicle length limit is 22 feet. See page 5 for other limits & warnings.

PRO-pane CANIS-TERS
Do not put 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, take care of camp-
grounds & resources, & meet great people! Learn about 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.
• LODGE GUESTS: Keep cabin doors closed any time you leave.
• BACKPACKERS: Store all food in a portable canister. Less than 3 pounds, it holds 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
• Wukshak Village (DNCR)
Reservations: 1-888-252-5757
Front Desk: 1-559-565-4070

* Silver City Mountain Resort *
Summer: 1-559-561-3223
Winter: 1-805-528-2730

KINGS CANYON PARK
• Grant Grove Lodge & John Muir Lodge (KCPS)
Reservations: 1-866-562-6966
Front Desk: 1-559-335-5500

• Cedar Grove Lodge (KCPS)
Reservations: 1-866-562-6966
Front Desk: 1-559-565-0100
www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com
May 16 to October 11. In the Kings Canyon. Motel, public show-
er, restaurant, laundry, store.

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST/ MONUMENT AREA
• Montecito Lake Resort (formerly Montecito-SEQUOIA Lodge)
Reservations: 1-800-227-9900
Front Desk: 1-559-565-5898
On Generals Hwy 9 miles (14.5 km) south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel, lodge, seasonal & children’s activities.

• Stony Creek Lodge (KCPS)
Reservations: 1-866-562-6966
Front Desk: 1-559-565-3909.
www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com

• Big Meadows Cabin (FS)
1-877-444-6777; www.recreation.gov. Open mid-June to mid-
October. An historic guard station in the National Monument between Grant Grove & Lodgepole.

• Kings Canyon Lodge (Private*)
Reservations: 1-866-535-2405
Open mid-April to mid-November.
On Hwy 180, 13 miles (21 km) east of Grant Grove.

* Note: The two facilities on private land cannot be evaluated, regulat-
ed, or endorsed by the National Park or National Forest.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS
Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley.Towns offer year-round lodging, camping, & services. Ask at visitor centers or check www.nps.gov/ seksi, click PLAN YOUR VISIT then link to LODGING.

WILDERNESS LODGE & PERMITS
See page 4 for details.
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.

FOOD STORAGE REQUIREMENTS:
- Always read & follow instructions on bulletin boards to help save a bear!
- See other rules on page 10.
STEPPED 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 - 1-1/2 hour. Road closed Nov 1 to late May.
- FROM GIANT FOREST TO:
  - Grant Grove - 1 hour.
- FROM GRANT FOREST TO:
  - Cedar Grove - 1 hour. Road closed mid-Nov to late April.
  - Fresno - 1-1/2 hours.
- Yosemite south entry via Hwy 41 - 3 hrs.

LIFE ZONES:
High Sierra - 9,000 to 14,500 feet. Summer: Warm to chilly days; nights down to low 30s. Winter: frigid.
Conifer zone - 5,900 to 9,000 feet. Summer: Warm days & cool nights. Winter: deep snow, cold days.
Foothills zone - 1,500 to 5,000 feet. Mild, wet winters; hot, dry summers. Cedar Grove is cooler than the foothills, but hotter than Grant Grove.