



Grant Grove Ranger Programs May 17 - 25



Sunday, May 17

- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
- * 4:00 PM Tree ID

Monday, May 18

- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

Tuesday, May 19

- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

Wednesday, May 20

- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

Thursday, May 21

- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

Friday, May 22

- 10:00 AM Buena Vista Peak Hike
- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
- * 4:00 PM Young John Muir
- * 8:30 PM Campfire Program:
Kings Canyon, Bottom to Top

Saturday, May 23

- 10:00 AM Panoramic Point Walk
- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
- * 4:00 PM Tree ID
- * 8:30 PM Campfire Program:
Bears All Around

Sunday, May 24

- 8:30 AM Bird Walk
- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
- * 4:00 PM The Secret Life of Plants
- * 8:30 PM Campfire Program:
A Visit with John Muir
- 9:00 PM Exploring the Night Sky

Monday, May 25

- 10:00 AM Trees or Timber?
- * 2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

* Accessible program 

Program Descriptions

Bird Walk: Meet at the visitor center to carpool to the Big Stump picnic area to look for some of the birds who make their summer homes in Kings Canyon National Park. Beginning birders are welcome, but since bird watching involves lots of standing quietly, *this walk is not recommended for children under 8 years old*. 2 hours, 1 mile.

Buena Vista Peak Hike: An inspiring view awaits you at the end of this moderate hike. Meet in front of the visitor center to caravan to the Buena Vista trailhead, 7 miles south of Grant Grove. 2 hours, 2 miles round-trip.

Campfire Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Amphitheater for a 1-hour talk or slide show about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon so special.

Exploring the Night Sky: This 1½ hour program explores our historical and cultural understanding of the night sky from ancient through modern times. Meet in front of the visitor center to caravan up to Panoramic Point. 2½ mile drive, ½ mile walk.

Grant Tree Walk: Why have people been coming to see the giant sequoias for over 100 years? Join a ranger for an easy walk through the Grant Grove to learn about the big trees. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. 1 hour, 3/8 mile.

Panoramic Point Walk: Look out over the canyons of the Kings River and learn the story behind this spectacular scenery. Meet in front of the visitor center to caravan up to Panoramic Point. 2 hours, 2½ mile drive, ½ mile walk.

Secret Life of Plants: It's a jungle out there! Discover the ways plants compete for sun, soil, water and air, and uncover their secrets of survival in this ½ hour talk. Meet in front of Kings Canyon Visitor Center.

Tree ID: There's more to this forest than just Giant Sequoias. By the end of this ½-hour program, you will be an expert in the identification of half a dozen Sierran trees. Meet in front of the Kings Canyon Visitor Center. Up to ¼ mile walk.

Trees or Timber? When these giant sequoias were cut down, lumberjacks didn't have chainsaws and logging trucks. Meet at the Visitor Center to carpool to the Big Stump Picnic Area, where you will learn about the history of logging in the sequoia groves and see how the forest has recovered in the past 100 years. 1 mile; 2 hours.

Young John Muir: Ranger Frank Helling shares ½ an hour of first-person stories from John Muir's boyhood and youth. Meet in front of the visitor center.

All Ranger Programs are Free
Programs are designed for all ages except where noted