

# Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

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## Welcome to Mineral King

### Considerations

- Many of the trails that lead out of the valley are impacted by snow and ice. Check at the Ranger Station for updates or try the self-guided Nature Trail that begins in Cold Springs Campground.
- River currents are powerful. Do not swim and use caution while crossing streams.
- Marmots gnaw on vehicle insulation under the hood, hoses and wires. Check at the Ranger Station for more information before parking at trailheads in the valley.



## Ranger-led Programs

### Friday, June 12

- **4:00pm Viewing the World Through a Bears Nose!**  
20 minute talk / Meet at the Ranger Station Campfire Circle  
An American Black Bear uses its nose to discover the world around it. They have developed a powerful and sensitive sense of smell that they use as we would our eyes. Learn how this knowledge can keep you and Sequoia's bears safe.
- **5:00pm When Marmots Attack!**  
20 minute talk / Meet at the Ranger Station Campfire Circle  
Yes! Marmots will feast on your vehicle. Come discover how to protect the delicacies that lay underneath the hood of your car and why marmots find them so delicious.

### Saturday, June 13

- **1:00pm The Mystery of Winter**  
2 hour walk / Meet at the Mineral King Ranger Station  
Bring a hat, walking shoes, water, and sunscreen, or a rain jacket. Join Ranger Alysia Schmidt for a lovely walk through the Mineral King Valley. Find clues along the way that divulge winter's influence on this glorious landscape and its inhabitants. Be sure to prepare for the weather.
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- **7:30pm Campfire Traditions: Wildfire Tales and Forest Repair**  
1 hour / Ranger Station Campfire Circle  
Fire in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks consists of surges of powerful flames that move rapidly up from the foothills but calm to a whisper upon reaching the great forests. Dress up in fire gear with Ranger Alysia Schmidt as she spins exciting tales and explains the importance of fire for the survival of forest plants and animals.

### Sunday, June 14

- **10:00am Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests**  
1 hour walk / Meet at Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign  
Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the world. Learn to identify and discuss the Giant Sequoia and its neighbors while discovering the history of Atwell's Mill.  
All programs are free and open to the public.

