



# Spring 2024 Trip Planner



Park Maps Available on Pages 4-5

Road Conditions: (559) 565-3341, (Press 1, Then 1)

## Welcome to the Land of Giants

Rising from 1,300 feet (396 m) to 14,494 feet (4,418 m), the highest elevation in the lower 48 states, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks protect a spectacular elevational range. Dramatic shifts from warm foothills to cool forests to the cold High Sierra can be found here.

The extremely varied conditions in the parks make it home to a wide diversity of plants and animals. The parks encompass steep roads, trails that climb mountains, and cold rivers that plunge down from epic heights. This is not one, but two national parks—Sequoia and Kings Canyon—managed by the National Park Service as one unit.

Look for evidence of past fires and storms. The 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned along much of the Generals Highway. Record-breaking precipitation in winter 2022-2023 fell on burned slopes that had been cleared of vegetation. The resulting mudslides caused significant damage to park highways and roads.

Crews continue to work on repairs in 2024. Road construction is likely to cause driving delays through the spring. In addition, some roads are still closed for the winter season. Please have patience as the parks work to safely maintain roads and continue recovery from past damage.



**Current Conditions**

[www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm)

### Important Information

**Free Public Wi-Fi**  
Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

**EMERGENCY — DIAL 911**  
Emergency calls can be made on any cellular network, even if you do not have service for regular calls.

**Gasoline and Charging Stations**  
There is no gas or charging station available in the parks. Gas may be available in Sequoia National Forest. Call ahead of time to check: Hume Lake (559) 305-7770 or Stony Creek Lodge (877) 828-1440.

**Road Closures** (subject to change)

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road is closed until snow melts off
- Panoramic Point Road
- Highway 180 into Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Redwood Mountain Road
- Crystal Cave Road

**Vehicle Emergencies and Towing**  
The parks do not tow or repair vehicles. If you are blocking traffic, call 911 or contact the emergency communications center at (559) 565-3341, ext. 9.



See page 8 for Generals Highway construction information.

Find a Visitor Center		
Visitor Center	Park Area	Until May 24
Foothills Visitor Center	Foothills	9 am to 4:30 pm
Giant Forest Museum	Giant Forest	9 am to 4:30 pm
Kings Canyon Visitor Center	Grant Grove	9 am to 4:30 pm

## Getting Around the Parks

Drive Distances and Times					
	Foothills Visitor Center	Grant Grove Village	General Sherman Tree	Giant Forest Museum	Travel times can be longer than noted in this chart due to Generals Highway construction (see page 8) or when chain requirements are in effect due to snow or ice (see page 8).
Foothills Visitor Center		26 mi (42 km) or 87 mi (139 km)* 50 min – 120 min	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes	
Grant Grove Village	26 mi (42 km) or 87 mi (139 km)* 50 min – 120 min		29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes	31 mi (49 km) 65 minutes	
General Sherman Tree	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes		2 mi (3.5 km) 10 minutes	
Giant Forest Museum	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes	31 mi (49 km) 65 minutes	2 mi (3.5 km) 10 minutes		

\* Via Routes 180, 63, 216 and 198 when Generals Highway is closed due to construction (see page 8) or snow.

Vehicle Length Restrictions and Recommendations	
Road	Length Limit
<b>Generals Highway:</b> Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground	24 feet <sup>1</sup> 7.3 m
<b>Generals Highway:</b> Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest	22 feet <sup>1</sup> 6.7 m
<b>Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow Road</b>	22 feet <sup>2</sup> 6.7 m

<sup>1</sup>Recommendation, <sup>2</sup>Restriction (longer vehicles not allowed)

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**Bienvenue!** Demandez des informations imprimées en français.

**Willkommen!** Fordern Sie gedruckte Informationen in deutscher Sprache an.

**Benvenuti!** Richiedi informazioni stampate in italiano.

**Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**  
(559) 565-3341

**Mailing Address**  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs  
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**Web**  
nps.gov/seki

**Free Public Wi-Fi**  
Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

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# Services and Facilities

## Sequoia National Park

### Foothills

- Foothills Visitor Center**
- Park Store (SPC)
  - Free public Wi-Fi
  - Picnic area nearby



### Giant Forest

- Giant Forest Museum**
- Park Store (SPC)
  - Self-issue wilderness permits



### Lodgepole Village

- Village Shops**
- Market and gift shop: through May 9, 10 am to 5 pm; starting May 10, 9 am to 6 pm.
  - Lodgepole Grill (*tentatively opens May 10*): 9 am to 6 pm



### Wuksachi

- Wuksachi Lodge**  
Lobby open 24 hours
- Gift shop: 8 am to 5 pm



- Wuksachi Lodge's Peaks Restaurant & Pizza Kitchen**
- Open to the public
  - Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
  - Lunch: 11:30 am to 3 pm
  - Dinner: 5 pm to 10 pm
  - Bar open for lunch & dinner



To inquire about lodging availability, call (559) 625-7700 or visit [www.visitsequoia.com/lodging](http://www.visitsequoia.com/lodging)

SPC = Sequoia Parks Conservancy

## Kings Canyon National Park

### Grant Grove Village

- Kings Canyon Visitor Center**
- Park Store (SPC)
  - Free public Wi-Fi
  - Self-issue wilderness permits



### Village Shops

- Market: 9 am to 5 pm
- Gift shop (*some weekends*): hours vary
- Post office: weekdays, 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm



- Grant Grove Restaurant**
- Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
  - Lunch: 11:30 am to 3 pm
  - Dinner: 4 pm to 8 pm



**John Muir Lodge**  
Lobby open 24 hours



# Experience Wilderness



Wilderness is untrammeled, natural, and undeveloped. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are 97% designated Wilderness. Magnificent glacial canyons, broad lake basins, lush meadows, and sheer granite peaks—hallmarks of the most rugged portion of the High Sierra—form the core of the largest expanse of contiguous wilderness in California, which is visited and valued by people from around the world. With a wilderness permit solitude is just a long hike away.

## Wilderness Permits

Until May 24, all overnight wilderness permits are self-issued in-person at a self-issue permit station.

Due to winter storm damage in early 2023, access to some entry points to wilderness are different than past years.

### Self-issue Wilderness Permitting Stations for Overnight Travel

Permits are available 24 hours a day at kiosks outside the stations below. Open hours are listed if assistance is needed.

Area	Permit Station	Open Hours if assistance is needed
Foothills	Wilderness Office <i>Follow the path south of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office across the rear parking lot.</i>	Variable from 8 am to 4 pm
Giant Forest/Lodgepole	Giant Forest Museum	See page 1
Grant Grove	Kings Canyon Visitor Center	See page 1

Due to road damage from 2022-2023 winter storms, Mineral King and Cedar Grove access is limited. Check with staff at an open permit station for the most current information.



**Food Storage**  
Storing all food in an animal-resistant storage container is highly recommended. These containers weigh less than 3 pounds (1.3 kg), hold up to 5 days of food, and fit in a backpack. Rent containers at park visitor centers.

**Rental Cost**  
\$5 for three nights  
\$2 per additional night

## Wilderness Safety

**Water**  
Park waterways may contain bacteria, including Giardia. Properly filter or treat water before drinking.

**Hypothermia**  
Hypothermia can occur year-round. Stay warm and eat snacks. Symptoms include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech, and fumbling hands. If symptoms appear, drink warm sugary drinks, and get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, or shelter.

**Hiking at Altitude**  
Most trails in the parks are above 5,000 feet (1,524 m) in elevation. People unaccustomed to high altitudes may need to acclimate to low oxygen levels, which can cause shortness of breath and dehydration. Plan for a slow ascent and drink lots of water.

**Leave a Detailed Itinerary**  
Create a detailed itinerary of your backpacking trip. Your itinerary should include your start date, time, name of trailhead, camping locations, and your estimated return date. Leave this itinerary with a trusted responsible person.

**Emergency - Dial 911**

## Park Fees

Pay your entrance fee at park entrance stations. Annual and lifetime passes cover this fee. Pass and photo ID are required for access.

**7-day Passes**

Single Vehicle.....	\$35
Motorcycle.....	\$30
Individual.....	\$20

## Sequoia and Kings Canyon Pass

Annual Pass ..... \$70  
(access only to Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs)

## Interagency Annual and Lifetime Passes

Annual Pass.....	\$80
Lifetime Senior Pass.....	\$80 (for US Residents / Citizens aged 62+)
Annual Senior Pass.....	\$20 (for US Residents / Citizens aged 62+)
Annual Military Pass.....	Free (for active-duty military and dependents)
Lifetime Military Pass.....	Free (for Gold Star family members or veterans)
Access Pass.....	Free (for people with permanent disabilities)

## Other Passes Honored

Golden Age, Golden Access, Volunteer, and 4th Grade (Every Kid Outdoors)

## The Fees You Pay Make a Difference!

- The parks use these funds for projects that protect and improve visitor services such as:
- Maintaining campgrounds
  - Educating students
  - Improving accessibility
  - Fare-free Sequoia Shuttle

# Camping

Reservations are required except for 20 sites at Azalea Campground that are first-come, first-served until May 8. Campsites hold up to six people and each site has a picnic table, fire ring with grill, and a metal food storage box. Check-in and checkout are at noon.

**Campsite Fee**  
**\$32 per night**

## Camping Information

**Toilets**  
Open campgrounds have flush toilets.

**Quiet Hours (No Generator Use)**  
Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am.

**Dump Stations**  
Potwisha Campground, year-round  
Lodgepole Campground, opens May 22)

**Campfires**  
Campfires must be out cold before you leave your campsite.

**Roadside Camping**  
Roadside camping is not permitted in the parks. Camp only in designated campground sites.

**Propane and Fuel Canisters**  
Please recycle fuel canisters at home.

**No Shows**  
Sites that remain vacant by noon on the second day of a reservation may be released for new reservations.

## Kings Canyon National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Azalea	Until May 8: 20 first-come, first-served sites. May 8 – May 21: 20 reservable sites. Campsites are not cleared of snow.

*Payment for first-come, first-served sites at Azalea is through the Recreation.gov app. Download the app before arrival. Payment can be made when no internet connection is available.*

**Open May 22:** Crystal Springs and Sunset Campgrounds, and all sites at Azalea Campground.

## Sequoia National Park Campground Options

Potwisha	Open year-round
Lodgepole	Scheduled to open May 22

All other campgrounds are closed.  
*See map on pages 4-5 for campground locations.*  
*Campgrounds are subject to closure due to weather or natural events.*

# Sequoia National Forest

Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument have over 1.1 million acres (4,452 sq. km) of recreational opportunities. The forest offers 52 developed campgrounds, more than 1,147 miles (1,846 km) of trails, over 314,448 acres (1,273 sq. km) of wilderness, 222 miles (357 km) of Wild and Scenic Rivers, 2,617 rivers and streams, world-class whitewater rapids, 158 ponds and lakes, boating, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more.

## Services and Facilities

**Sequoia National Forest, Hume Lake District**  
Office located in Dunlap, CA.  
Open 8 am - 4:30 pm,  
Monday through Friday  
(559) 338-2251 or visit their website:  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/sequoia/recrea/reccid=79569>

### Campgrounds

**Closed through May 9**

- Big Meadows
- Hume Lake
- Landslide
- Princess
- Tenmile
- Stony Creek
- Upper Stony Creek
- Fir Group
- Cove Group

**Wilderness Camping**  
Contact the Hume Lake Office.

**Dispersed Camping**  
Dispersed camping is available, but restrictions apply. Contact the Hume Lake Office of Sequoia National Forest for more information. Permits for portable stoves or fires are required and are available online at:  
[permit.preventwildfiresca.org](http://permit.preventwildfiresca.org)

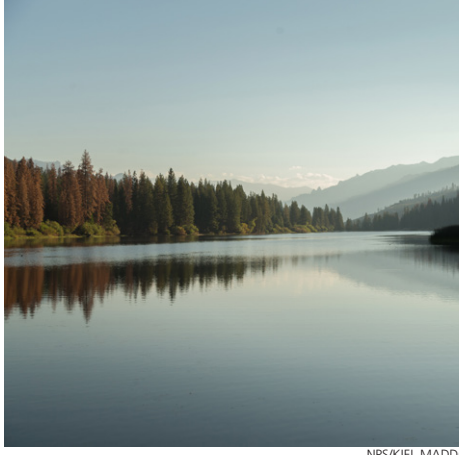
**Montecito Sequoia Lodge**  
(559) 565-3388  
**Closed through May 13**  
When open, this lodge has cabins, a restaurant, a hotel, and Wi-Fi.

**Hume Lake Village**  
(559) 305-7770  
Gas pumps are not always open. Call ahead before traveling here.

**Stony Creek Lodge**  
(559) 565-3909  
**Closed through May 8**  
When open, this area has room rentals, a market, and a gas station.

**Boyden Cavern**  
Boyden Cavern is closed until Highway 180 reopens in summer.

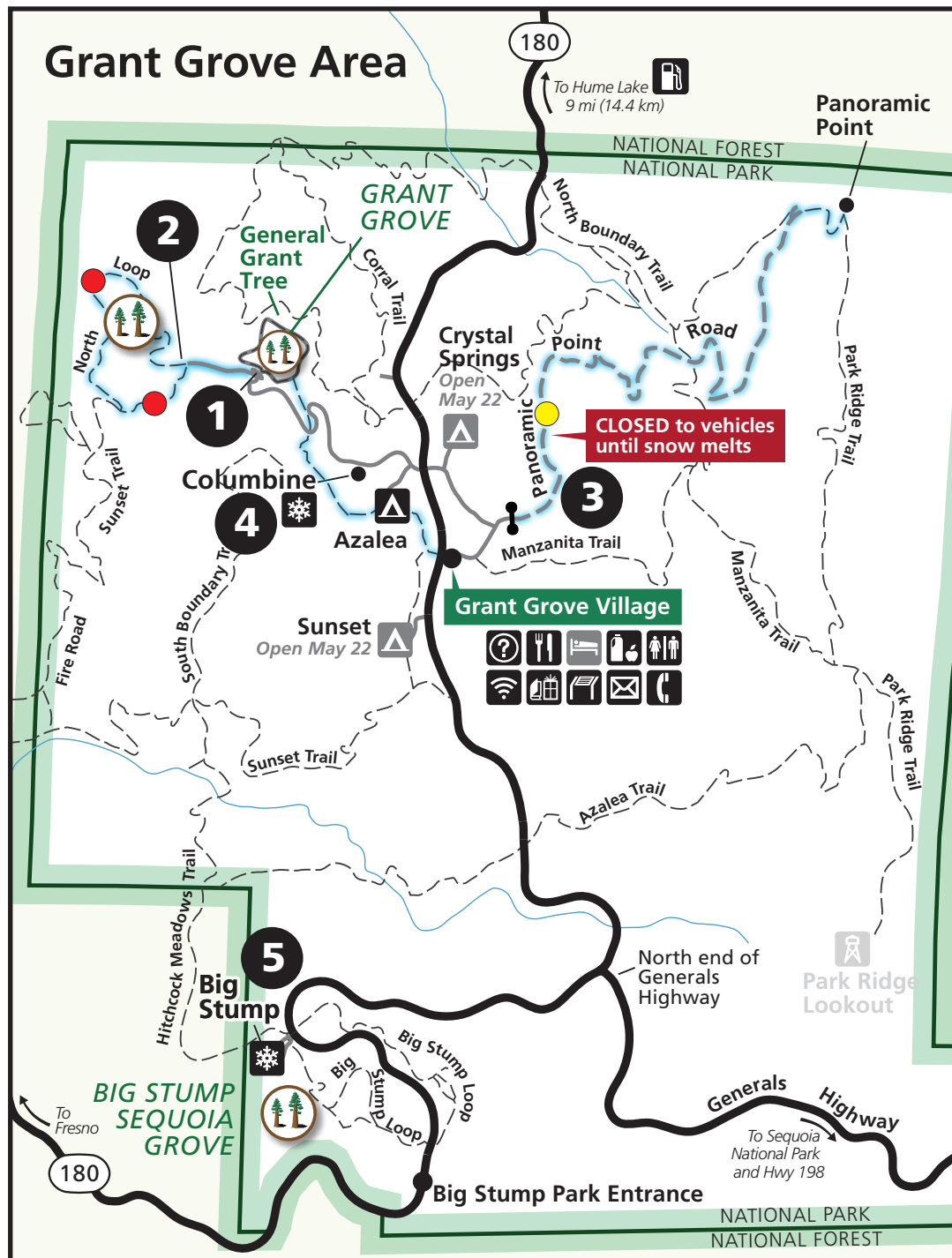
**Highway 180**  
Highway 180 is closed past the Hume Lake Road junction. Walking, hiking, and biking are not allowed on closed California highways.



## National Parks vs National Forests

	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Sequoia National Forest
<b>Pets</b>	Pets are not allowed on trails. Pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m) are allowed in parking lots, picnic areas, and campgrounds.	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
<b>Collect Resources</b>	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, animals, and cultural artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use. Collecting artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards is prohibited.
<b>Hunting</b>	Not in the parks. You are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering the parks.	Only seasonally with a license. Call 559-243-4005 or learn more online: <a href="http://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting">wildlife.ca.gov/hunting</a>
<b>Snowmobiling</b>	Not allowed.	Get over-snow-vehicle (OSV) route information at USFS Hume Lake Office in Dunlap.
<b>Cutting Wood</b>	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest Forest Service office for guidance and a permit.
<b>Dispersed Car Camping</b>	Not allowed within the parks.	Restrictions apply.

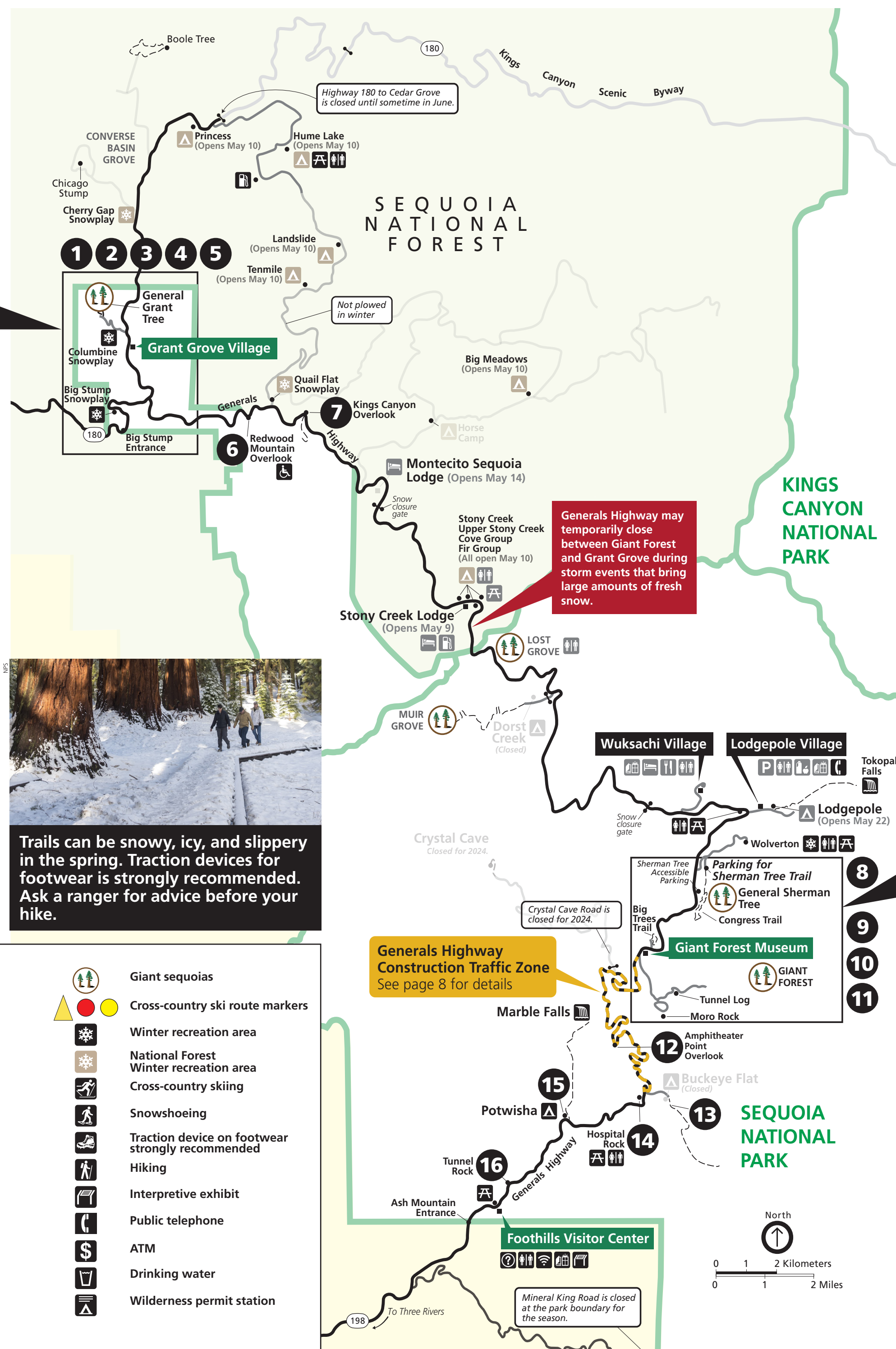
# Ranger Recommendations for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks



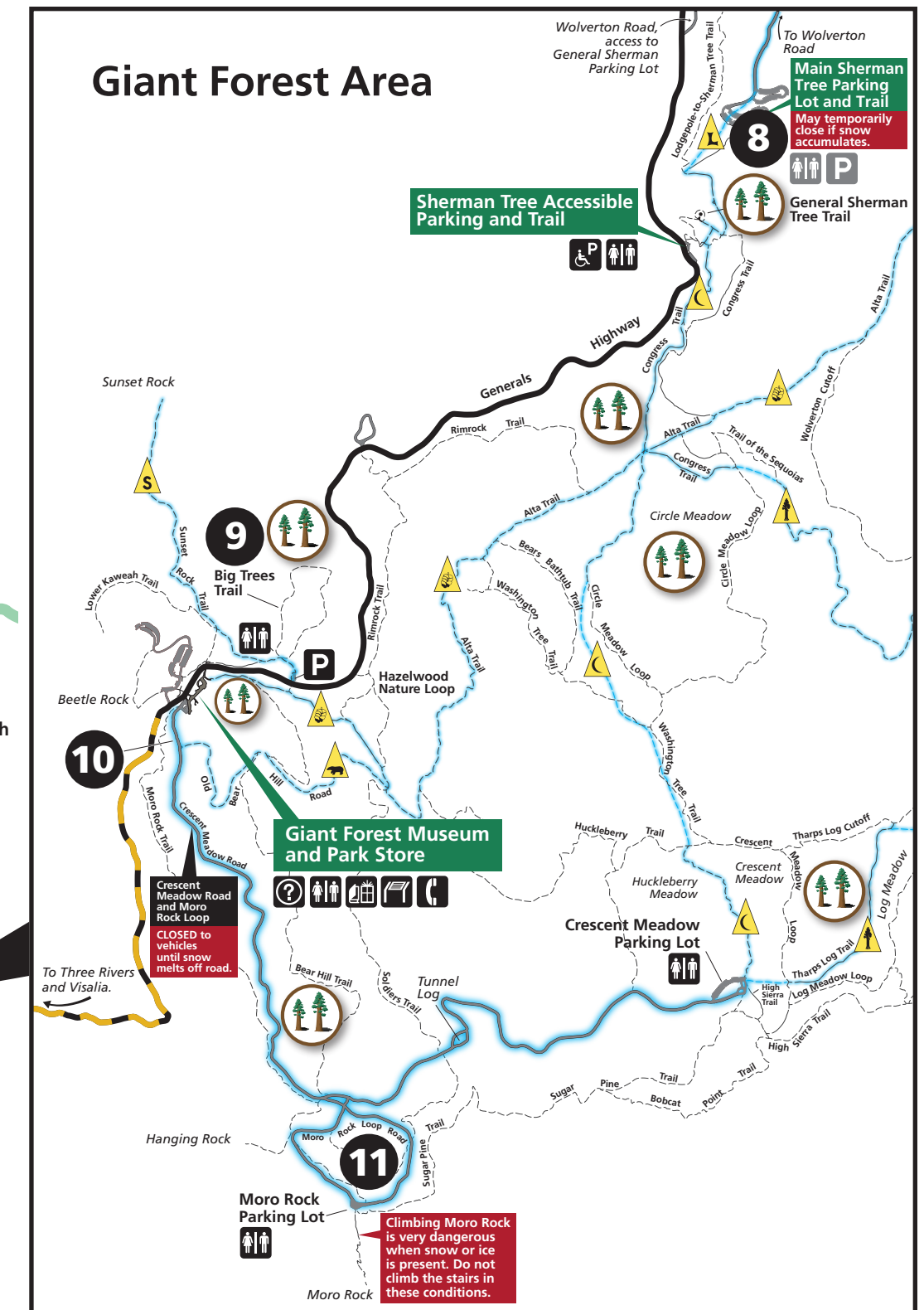
Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
1	General Grant Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
2	North Grove Trail (loop)	1.9 miles 3.1 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
3	Panoramic Point Road	4.2 miles 6.8 km	Kings Canyon Visitor Center Parking Lot
4	Columbine Snowplay Area	Snowplay	Columbine Picnic Area
5	Big Stump Snowplay Area	Snowplay	Big Stump Picnic Area
6	Redwood Mountain Overlook	Viewpoint	Just west of Redwood Mountain Road
7	Kings Canyon Overlook	Viewpoint	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area

### Key

	Main road		Visitor center		Giant sequoias
	Secondary road		Lodging (year-round   seasonal)		Cross-country ski route markers
	Road subject to winter closure		Book and souvenir shop (year-round   seasonal)		Winter recreation area
	Winter recreation route Cross-country ski and snowshoe		Wi-Fi		National Forest Winter recreation area
	Trail		Wheelchair accessible		Cross-country skiing
	Park boundary		Food service and drinks (year-round   seasonal)		Snowshoeing
	National Park Service		Bar		Traction device on footwear strongly recommended
	US Forest Service		Post office		Hiking
	Ranger recommendation		Picnic area		Interpretive exhibit
	National Park campground (year-round   closed)		Gas stations		Public telephone
	National Forest campground (seasonal, see page 3)		Scenic viewpoint		ATM
	Parking lot (year-round   seasonal)		Point of interest		Drinking water
	Restroom (year-round   seasonal)		Fire lookout		Wilderness permit station
	Market and snacks (year-round   seasonal)		Waterfall		



Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
8	General Sherman Tree Trail	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Main Sherman Tree Parking Lot
9	Big Trees Trail (loop)	1.5 miles 2.4 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
10	Crescent Meadow Road (to end of road)	5.2 miles 8.3 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
11	Moro Rock Loop Road	0.9 miles 1.4 km	Junction with Crescent Meadow Road
12	Amphitheater Point Overlook	Viewpoint	Parking area along Generals Highway
13	Paradise Creek Trail (to creek crossing)	3.6 miles 2.9 km	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
14	Hospital Rock	Cultural site	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
15	Marble Falls Trail	6.4 miles 10.3 km	Potwisha Campground, near site #14
16	Tunnel Rock	0.1 mile 0.2 km	Parking area along Generals Highway



# Keep Yourself and the Parks Safe



## Snow Play Safety

- When sledding:
- Slide feet first
  - Consider wearing a helmet
  - Don't slide near rocks, trees, branches, or people
  - After sliding, move out of the path of others coming after you
  - Avoid hard-packed snow or ice. Speed and direction can become out of control.



## Changing Weather

Check weather forecasts before coming to the parks and keep an eye on the sky while here. Weather conditions can change quickly and unexpectedly. If clouds are rolling in or precipitation starts falling, consider returning to the trailhead earlier than planned.



## Be Mountain Ready

When away from your vehicle, it is important to be prepared. Carry multiple layers of clothing, a warm hat, warm gloves, a rain jacket, and warm and waterproof footwear. Manage your clothing to avoid getting hot and sweaty while also not getting too cold. Wet clothes will not keep you warm – they often make you colder.



## Tree Hazards

Branches and trees may fall, whether dead or alive, and when there is no wind. Keep eyes and ears open. Run if you hear cracks or snapping from roots, trunks, or branches. Don't linger under dead, cracked, or broken hanging branches or trees with rotten bases.



## River Safety

Drowning is the primary cause of death in the parks. Rivers present a great danger due to their swift currents and slippery rocks. Do not leave children unattended.



## Drones

Launching, landing, or operating remotely piloted aircraft (such as model airplanes, quadcopters, or drones) is prohibited.



## Firearms

It is illegal to discharge a firearm within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks or to bring one into any federal building. Hunting and trapping are illegal in the parks.



## Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in the parks. Pets in designated areas must be kept on a maximum 6-foot (1.8 m) leash at all times. Pick up and dispose of all pet waste. Do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles.



## Venga Preparado

Cuando esta alejado de su vehículo es importante estar preparado. Lleve varias capas de ropa, un gorro abrigado, guantes abrigados, una chaqueta impermeable y calzado abrigado e impermeable. Maneja tu ropa apropiadamente para evitar el calor y el sudor y al mismo tiempo no pasar demasiado frío. Ropa mojada no te mantendrá caliente, te hacen sentir frío.



## Jugando en la Nieve

Cuando estas en el trineo:

- Deslizar pies primero
- Considere usar un casco
- No deslizar cerca de piedras, arboles, ramas, o gente
- Después de deslizar, por favor despejar el camino para evitar los que siguen detrás.
- Evite nieve compacta o hielo. Puede perder control de su velocidad y dirección.



## Armas de fuego

Es ilegal disparar armas de fuego en los parques, así como introducirlas en cualquier edificio federal. Es ilegal cazar y atrapar animales en los parques.



## Drones

Está prohibido lanzar, aterrizar y operar aeronaves de piloto remoto, como modelos de avión, cuadricópteros y drones.



## Cambios de Clima

Por favor de revisar el clima antes de venir a los parques y estar atento a cambios en el clima cuando estes en el parque. El clima puede cambiar rápido e inesperadamente. Si se nubla o si empieza a llover, considere regresar al comienzo del sendero antes de lo planeado.



## Mascotas

No se permiten mascotas en ningún sendero de los parques. Pueden tenerse mascotas en las áreas designadas, con una correa de máximo 6 pies (1.8 m) en todo momento. Recoja y deseché todos los desechos de su mascota. No deje desatendidas sus mascotas ni adentro de vehículos que puedan sobrecalentarse fácilmente.



## Peligros con los árboles

Pueden caer ramas y árboles, ya sea muertos o vivos, y cuando no haya viento. Tenga los ojos abiertos y escuche con atención. Corra si escucha crujiidos o chasquidos de raíces, troncos o ramas. No se entretenga debajo de ramas muertas, rajadas o rotas y colgantes, ni de árboles con la base podrida.



## Seguridad en ríos

El ahogamiento es la causa principal de muerte en los parques. Los ríos representan un gran peligro debido a las rápidas corrientes y a las rocas resbalosas. No deje desatendidos a los niños.

# Keep Wildlife Wild

## You Are in Black Bear Country

Even in winter bears can still be active, particularly in the foothills. Bears will grab unattended food and break into cars when food is visible. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to human food as well as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, cleaning supplies, and child safety seats. Bears that have had human food can become bold and persistent in attempts to obtain human food and may have to be killed. A fed bear is a dead bear. Food storage is the key to protecting humans and bears.

## Wildlife Viewing Safety

### Wildlife Viewing

Viewing wildlife is an amazing opportunity that comes with responsibility. Give animals room to move. Stay a minimum distance of 25 yards (23 m) from most wildlife and 50 yards (46 m) from predators like bears and mountain lions. In general, if a wild animal reacts to your presence, you are too close. Remember that wildlife are wild and can be unpredictable when they are disturbed or surprised. Use binoculars or a zoom lens from a safe distance and move back if an animal approaches you. *Keep Wildlife Wild* and observe from a safe distance.



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### Black Bears

If you see a black bear, don't let it approach you, your food, picnic area, or campsite. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks towards it. Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Report to the nearest ranger.

### Mountain Lions and Bobcats

These animals normally run away when seen. However, if you see one and it does not run away, follow these tips for a safe encounter:

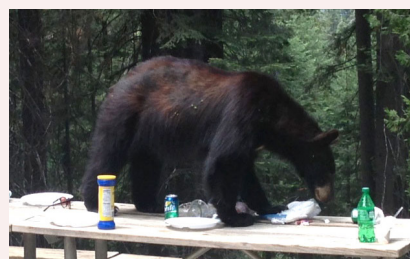
- Do not run; running may trigger a pursuit.
- Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible, do not crouch down.
- Hold your ground, or back away slowly, while facing the animal.
- If it acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones and sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!
- Report all sightings.

### Food Storage

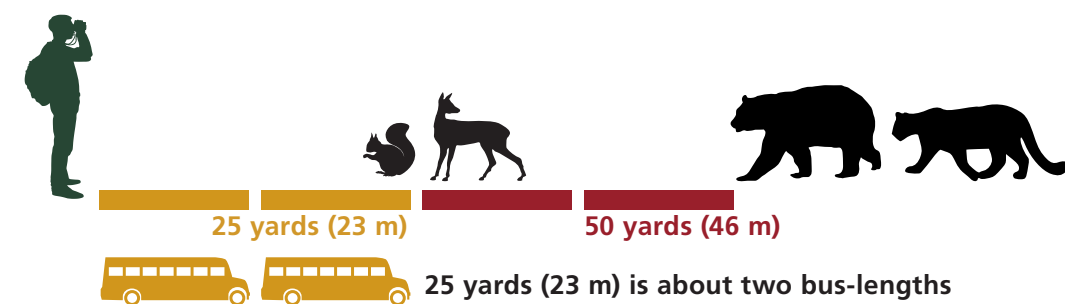
Metal food storage boxes are provided to properly store food and odorous items when not in use. Store all food, coolers, and anything with an odor, including flavored drinks. If a food storage box is unavailable, food items must be stored inside your car trunk or low in the vehicle, out of sight, and with all windows closed. Always keep a clean campsite and deposit all trash in dumpsters. While picnicking, never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.



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# Accessibility: Parks for All



## Accessibility Guide

Looking for information about accessibility accommodations for people with disabilities? Ask for a free Accessibility Guide at any park visitor center or download it online.



[www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm)



## Assistive Listening Devices

At Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove, assistive listening devices and audio description are available for the park film. Ask at the information desk for a receiver.



## Braille Park Map

Borrow a Braille version of the official park map at park visitor centers. Outdoor exhibits along the Grant Tree Trail have Braille text and tactile features. Kings Canyon Visitor Center and Hospital Rock Picnic Area have tactile interpretive exhibits.



## Borrow a Wheelchair

Borrow a manual wheelchair at Kings Canyon Visitor Center or at Giant Forest Museum. Be prepared to provide your address and phone number. Wheelchairs may be used anywhere in the parks but must be returned to where they were borrowed by closing time.

## Exploring in the Digital Age

We have an app for that! Download these apps to help plan your visit, find the perfect hike, or reserve a campsite. Need Wi-Fi to download? Find free public Wi-Fi at Foothills and Kings Canyon Visitor Centers.



## National Park Service (NPS) App

Find maps, information, and an events calendar on this app. Once downloaded, search for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and download content for offline use.



## UniDescription App

This app translates the map of the parks into acoustic media, designed for people who are blind, visually impaired, print dyslexic, or who prefer learning through sound.



## Recreation.gov App

This app is your on-the-go solution for making reservations or purchasing passes. Return to your favorite spot or find a new one by searching for the location that is right for you.

# Bienvenido al país de los gigantes

A una altitud de 1,300 pies (396 m) a 14,494 pies (4,418 m), la mayor elevación en los 48 estados contiguos, estos parques protegen una espectacular cordillera elevada. Dentro de nuestros límites se encuentran impresionantes transiciones, desde las cálidas estribaciones hasta los bosques frescos y la fría High Sierra. En esos parques tienen su hogar diversas plantas y animales, que viven en condiciones extremadamente variadas. Los parques abarcan empinados caminos, senderos que trepan por las montañas y ríos que se desploman desde alturas épicas. En sus recorridos, busque evidencias de incendios y tormentas pasadas.

El incendio KNP ardió a lo largo de casi toda el Generals Highway en 2021; después, el invierno de 2022-2023 trajo una precipitación sin precedentes. La lluvia y la nieve que cayeron en las laderas quemadas causaron daños significativos a las carreteras y caminos del parque. Ahora hay cuadrillas trabajando en la reparación pero es probable que la construcción de caminos cause demoras en el tráfico durante todo el verano. Tenga paciencia mientras trabajamos para restablecer el acceso seguro a los parques.

# Manténgase usted mismo y el parque a salvo



## Jugando en la Nieve

Cuando estas en el trineo:

- Deslizar pies primero
- Considere usar un casco
- No deslizar cerca de piedras, arboles, ramas, o gente
- Después de deslizar, por favor despejar el camino para evitar los que siguen detrás.
- Evite nieve compacta o hielo. Puede perder control de su velocidad y dirección.



## Venga Preparado

Cuando esta alejado de su vehículo es importante estar preparado. Lleve varias capas de ropa, un gorro abrigado, guantes abrigados, una chaqueta impermeable y calzado abrigado e impermeable. Maneja tu ropa apropiadamente para evitar el calor y el sudor y al mismo tiempo no pasar demasiado frío. Ropa mojada no te mantendrá caliente, te hacen sentir frío.



## Armas de fuego

Es ilegal disparar armas de fuego en los parques, así como introducirlas en cualquier edificio federal. Es ilegal cazar y atrapar animales en los parques.



## Drones

Está prohibido lanzar, aterrizar y operar aeronaves de piloto remoto, como modelos de avión, cuadricópteros y drones.



## Cambios de Clima

Por favor de revisar el clima antes de venir a los parques y estar atento a cambios en el clima cuando estes en el parque. El clima puede cambiar rápido e inesperadamente. Si se nubla o si empieza a llover, considere regresar al comienzo del sendero antes de lo planeado.



## Mascotas

No se permiten mascotas en ningún sendero de los parques. Pueden tenerse mascotas en las áreas designadas, con una correa de máximo 6 pies (1.8 m) en todo momento. Recoja y deseché todos los desechos de su mascota. No deje desatendidas sus mascotas ni adentro de vehículos que puedan sobrecalentarse fácilmente.



## Peligros con los árboles

Pueden caer ramas y árboles, ya sea muertos o vivos, y cuando no haya viento. Tenga los ojos abiertos y escuche con atención. Corra si escucha crujiidos o chasquidos de raíces, troncos o ramas. No se entretenga debajo de ramas muertas, rajadas o rotas y colgantes, ni de árboles con la base podrida.



## Seguridad en ríos

El ahogamiento es la causa principal de muerte en los parques. Los ríos representan un gran peligro debido a las rápidas corrientes y a las rocas resbalosas. No deje desatendidos a los niños.

# Conserve la fauna silvestre

**Está en tierra de osos.** Los osos se apoderan de la comida desatendida y entran a la fuerza en los autos donde ven alimento. Los osos tienen un refinado sentido del olfato y se sienten atraídos por la comida de los humanos, así como por el desinfectante de manos, los cosméticos, los artículos de tocador, la basura, los artículos de limpieza y los asientos de seguridad para niños. Los osos que han probado alimento humano pueden volverse agresivos y peligrosos, y tienen que ser sacrificados. Un oso alimentado es un oso muerto. Guardar los alimentos es la clave para proteger a humanos y osos.

## Observación de la fauna y seguridad

### Observar la fauna

Observar la fauna es una oportunidad maravillosa que implica responsabilidades. Dé espacio a los animales. La mejor forma de estar a salvo al observar la fauna es darles a los animales espacio para moverse. Manténgase a por lo menos 25 yardas (23 m) de distancia de la mayoría de los animales y a 50 yardas (46 m) de depredadores, como osos y pumas. En general, si un animal salvaje reacciona a su presencia, usted está demasiado cerca. Recuerde que los animales salvajes pueden ser impredecibles cuando se sienten perturbados o

sorprendidos. Use binoculares o una lente de zoom a una distancia prudente y retroceda si el animal se le acerca. *Conserve la fauna silvestre* y obsérvela desde una distancia prudente.

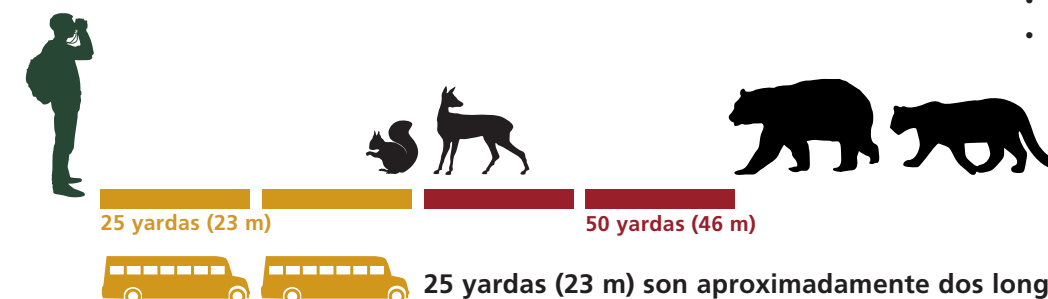
### Los osos negros

Si ve a un oso negro, no permita que se le acerque a usted, a su comida ni a su área de picnic o de campamento. Agite los brazos, haga ruidos fuertes y arroje piedras pequeñas en su dirección. Mantenga una distancia prudente, pero sea persistente.

### Los pumas y los gatos monteses

normalmente corren cuando son vistos. Sin embargo, si usted ve a un puma o un gato montés y éstos no corren, siga estos consejos para que el encuentro sea seguro:

- No corra; correr podría provocar una persecución.
- Recoja a sus niños.
- Trate de aparecer lo más grande posible; no se acucille.
- Manténgase firme o retroceda lentamente, dándole la cara al animal.
- Si el animal actúa agresivamente, agite los brazos, grite y arroje piedras o palos en su dirección.
- ¡Si lo ataca, defiéndase!
- Reporte todas las observaciones.



## Condiciones actuales



## Guía de accesibilidad

Encuentre la guía de accesibilidad gratuita en cualquier centro de visitantes del parque o en línea.

## Información importante

**Wi-Fi pública gratuita**  
Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

**EMERGENCIAS: LLAME AL 911**

**Estado de las carreteras**  
(559) 565-3341, (oprime 1, después 1)

## Normas viales

**Gasolina**  
Dentro de los límites del parque no se dispone de gasolineras. Hay gasolina disponible dentro del Sequoia National Forest:

- Hume Lake (559) 305-7770
- Stony Creek Lodge (559) 565-3909

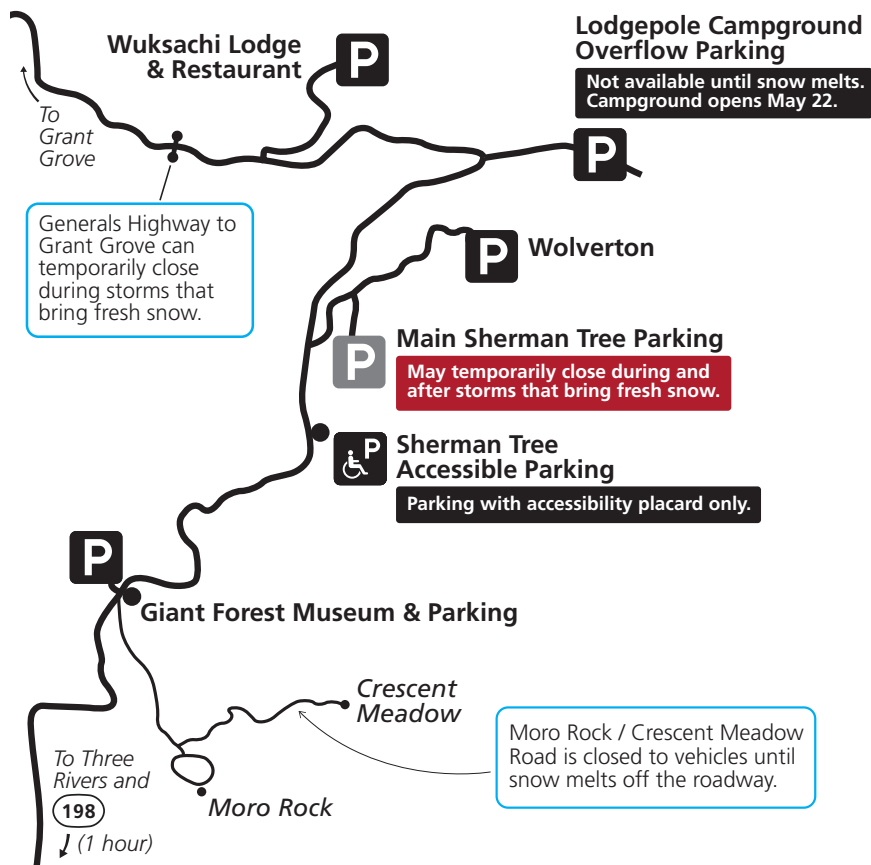
## Cierre de carreteras

- Highway 180 a Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road (Cerrado cuando hay nieve)
- Crystal Cave Road
- Redwood Mountain Road



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# P Parking in Giant Forest



# Generals Highway Construction

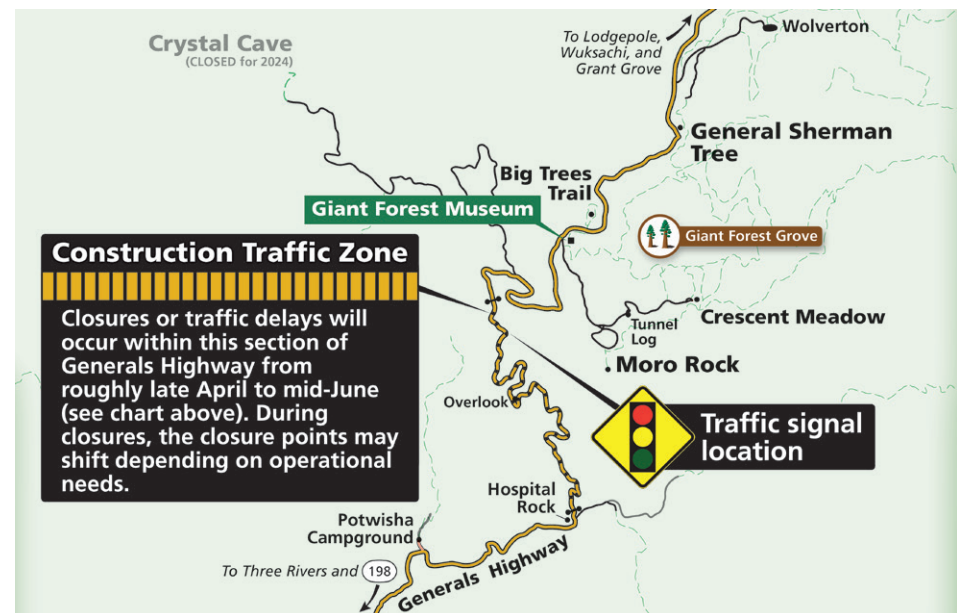


In order to complete important safety repairs to Generals Highway, there will be road closures and

traffic delays tentatively scheduled to begin April 29. See the map below for the section of road affected.

	April 29 – May 23 (subject to change)	May 24 – June 21* (subject to change)
Day(s)	Road Closure Times	Traffic Delays Only
Sunday	No Closures	Short traffic signal delays
Monday	8:30 am – 12 noon 1 pm – 5:30 pm	8 am – 6 pm Up to 30-minute delays
Tuesday – Thursday	8 am – 6 pm	Short traffic signal delays before 8 am and after 6 pm
Friday	8:30 am – 12 noon 1 pm – 5 pm	
Saturday	No Closures	Short traffic signal delays
When closures are not in effect, traffic signals will cause short delays		

\* On Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, there will only be short traffic signal delays.



## Driving in Snow

Any storm in the mountains can bring fresh snow and ice to roadways and trails. Driving conditions in Giant Forest or Grant Grove can be very different than conditions on lower elevation roads.

Black ice is common when temperatures are above freezing during the day and below freezing at night. Drive slowly.

Whenever snow or ice is present on roadways, tire chain requirements can be in effect.

## Chain Requirement Levels

Chains can be purchased or rented from businesses in nearby towns.

### R-1

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

if your vehicle has at least two snow-tread tires\* on the drive wheels. *Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.*

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo tiene al menos dos neumáticos para nieve en las ruedas motrices. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

### R-2

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

if your vehicle is AWD/4WD with snow-tread tires\* on all four wheels. *Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.*

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo es AWD/4WD con neumáticos para nieve en las cuatro ruedas. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

### R-3

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on all vehicles. No exceptions.

Se deben instalar cadenas para llantas o dispositivos de tracción en todos los vehículos. Sin excepciones.

\*Snow-tread tires say "MS," "M+S," "M/S," "mud and snow," or have an image of a snowflake inside a three-peaked mountain on the sidewall of the tire.



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