

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) **Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicles are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

- Official Map and Guide for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLES LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) **The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

Generals Highway between Potwisha and Last Hill (Giant Forest):

- Single vehicles over 40 feet long are prohibited.
- Combination vehicles over 50 feet long are prohibited.

On the Crystal Cave Road:

- All vehicular units with a cumulative length over 22 feet long are prohibited.

On the Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road, during the Park's Shuttle Bus season, when signed:

- Single vehicles over 22 feet long are prohibited.
- All combination vehicles are prohibited.

This exclusion shall not apply to the following vehicles:

- Government vehicles
- Park shuttle busses
- Vehicles with current/valid handicap placards displayed
- Vehicles with current/valid Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Motorhomes and trailers are prohibited in the following campgrounds:

- Atwell Mill
- Cold Springs
- Buckeye Flat
- Canyon View

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) **The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- (i) 15 MPH –
 - On the Generals Highway from just below Park Headquarters to the first curve past Park Headquarters and the Foothills Visitor Center where posted.
 - On the Generals Highway in the vicinity of the Giant Forest Museum where posted.
 - On the Generals Highway at the Lodgepole intersections, the Little Baldy Trailhead, the Dorst Campground entrance, and at Lost Grove where posted.
 - On the Mineral King Road through Silver City where posted.
 - On the Mineral King Road through Faculty Flat to just above the Mineral King Ranger Station where posted.
- (ii) 25 MPH –
 - On the Generals Highway from park headquarters through Giant Forest to the General Sherman Tree area where posted.
 - On the Mineral King Road where posted.
 - On the Crystal Cave Road where posted.
 - On the Crescent Meadow / Moro Rock Road where posted.

- On Highway 180 where it passes through Grant Grove Village where posted.
- On the Redwood Saddle Road where posted.
- (iii) 30 MPH – • On the Generals Highway from the end of Highway 198 to the Ash Mountain Entrance Station where posted.
- On the Generals Highway from the Ash Mountain Entrance Station to Park Headquarters where posted.
- (iv) 35 MPH – • On the Generals Highway from the General Sherman Tree to the Red Fir Gate where posted.
- On the Wolverton Road where posted.
- On Highway 180 from the Big Stump Entrance Station to Grant Grove Village and from Grant Grove Village to the north park boundary where posted.
- On Highway 180 from the park boundary through the Cedar Grove area to Roads End where posted.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

- **The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zone, have been designated for bicycle use:**
 - The Shepherd Saddle Road from the government corrals to the park boundary.
 - The Park Ridge Fire Road from near the Panoramic Point parking lot to the Park Ridge Fire Lookout.

36 CFR §4.31 - HITCHHIKING

- **Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:**
 - The hitchhiker must be off the paved roadway on the shoulder, and visitor safety and traffic flow must not be adversely affected.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES. AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:

Public Use Limits:

- **The Pinewood Picnic Area is closed to all use from dusk to dawn, except by permit.** *The Giant Forest area has a long history of bear problems that goes back to at least the 1920's. It typically was one of the worst areas in the park for bear problems of every type: bears breaking into cars, cabins, and the cafeteria; bears bluff charging visitors; bears stealing food; and occasionally bears injuring visitors. When the buildings were removed the human food source was eliminated and the bear problem decreased significantly. The bears, however, did not leave the area and they will be attracted to food items in the Pinewood Picnic Area. Keeping food items away from bears at night is more difficult than during the day because staff is not on duty to patrol and provide food storage information, and trash may not be properly disposed of.*

- **The Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road, when the Park's shuttle bus system is in operation and closure signs are posted, is closed to single vehicles over 22 feet long and all combination vehicles.**

The closure provides increased visitor safety by decreasing the chances of motor vehicle accidents; and reducing emergency response times by limiting the number of large vehicles on this narrow rough road, while still providing access opportunities to all park visitors.

- **The Mineral King Road is closed to motorized vehicles, except where provided by permit, deed of right-of-way, or administrative use, from November 1 until the Friday preceding Memorial Day Weekend at the Mineral King Road Gate near the Sequoia National Park boundary.**

The purpose of this gate is to deter access to illegal marijuana growing, to insure public health and safety, and to protect natural and cultural resources.

Closures:

- **The following roads are closed to public vehicular traffic during the winter months:**
 - The Mineral King Road, above the Conifer Gate at milepost 17.64, from November 1 until the Friday preceding Memorial Day weekend.
 - The Middle Fork Road from Hospital Rock to Buckeye Flat Campground and to the old corral area at the Middle Fork Trailhead.
 - The Crystal Cave Road.
 - The Crescent Meadow / Moro Rock Road.
 - The Redwood Saddle Road.
 - The Panoramic Point Road.
 - All roads within the Cedar Grove area.

These roads are closed due to snow accumulations and/or muddy conditions, and there is no winter maintenance on these roads to keep them passable to vehicular traffic. Trash collection service, water, and other visitor services are not available along these road corridors during the winter months. Staff to meet these needs, provide for visitor services and resource protection throughout the winter months is cost prohibitive. Unlimited vehicular access on an unmaintained road during the winter months can adversely affect the condition of the road surface, damaging it, and increasing both the time and cost needed to recondition the road in the spring

- **All roads within the Dillonwood Grove area beyond locked gates.**

Dillonwood is a recent acquired property with Sequoia National Park. The area was a small community is owned by the park. All properties are currently under evaluation for use. The roads, buildings and use areas are not maintained. For visitor safety, the area is closed to vehicular traffic.

- **The following areas are closed to public entry, except when accompanied by a park official, or when entry is authorized by the Superintendent:**
 - All facilities and buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal, and domestic water. The roads that service these facilities are also closed to public access when gated and posted.

These facilities are closed to public entry to ensure both employee and visitor safety.

- All park helibases and helispots.

The reason for this closure is for both employee and visitor safety. Operations involving helicopters,

especially during takeoffs and landings, are regarded as hazardous. Standard operating practices set forth in both the Department of Interior Manual and the Interagency Helicopter Operations Guidelines require that the access of persons and their movement around helicopter operations be strictly controlled.

- **The following former roads, which are located in proposed wilderness or being considered for wilderness suitability, are closed to public vehicular traffic, including bicycles:**
 - The Colony Mill Trail from the Crystal Cave Road to the Sequoia National Park boundary.
 - The North Fork / West Boundary Trail from Yucca Flat to Hidden Spring.
 - The Redwood Canyon Trail.

These former roads, which are located in proposed wilderness or being considered for wilderness suitability, have been closed by locked gates and/or boulder placements to protect natural and cultural resources from illegal activities and the effects of uncontrolled vehicle tracks. It is also necessary to protect the backcountry experience of park visitors seeking solitude and quiet. The Colony Mill Trail, the North Fork / West Boundary Trail, and the Redwood Canyon Trail are located in an area proposed for wilderness designation, and are presently being managed as wilderness. The Wilderness Act prohibits wheeled vehicle access.

- **Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks:**

Buses must shut down their engines when not underway. Idling shall not exceed 5 minutes. Buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required Pre Trip Vehicle Inspection.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by park visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. This regulation conforms to the state bus regulations.

36 CFR §7.8 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS, SEQUOIA and KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

- (d) **When cattle drives are permitted to occur in the park, dogs can be used to drive the cattle. Dogs must be controlled so that they do not kill, injure or molest humans or wildlife and may be destroyed if necessary for public safety or protection of wildlife, or other park resources.**
- (e)(2) **Snowmobile use will be limited to providing access to private property within the exterior boundaries of the park area, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued only to owners of such property.**