

Gasoline Stations

No gas stations within the park boundaries. Only Grant Grove market sells cans of emergency gas. Fill up in Three Rivers, Clingan's Junction, or at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770. Year-round 24 hours with credit card. 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. Through mid-Oct. 24 hours with credit card. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: 1-559-335-2405. Opens after 4/27. Gas sold 9am-dark, usually. 17 miles (27 km) from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

Recommendations

Don't Lose Your Brakes

Frequent braking or keeping your foot on the brake pedal 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.

Emergency Car Repairs

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

Prevent Car Fires

Hot brakes & mufflers can easily start fires. Stop only on paved areas, not on grasses.

Avoid Overheated Engines

Keep an eye on your temperature gauge. If it starts to go up or the light comes on, especially on the 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.

Go Slow for Wildlife!

Never feed animals by the road. Cars often hit them if they wait for handouts on roadsides.



Driving Times in good weather

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1½ hour minimum
Lodgepole	1½ hour minimum
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King	1½ hours

(MK Road closed Nov. 1 - late May)

From Giant Forest to:

Grant Grove via Generals Hwy	1 hour
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(Hwy opens April 1, conditions permitting)

From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
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(Road open May 4 to mid-November)

Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours

(via Hwy 41)

Narrow Winding Roads

In Kings Canyon & National Forest:

- Panoramic Point Road: Motorhomes/trailers not permitted.
- Redwood Mountain (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): unpaved.

In Sequoia:

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units. When shuttle operates (through 9/9; see page 6), single vehicles more than 22 feet long are prohibited. Closures: On weekends, holidays, & week of July 4th, private vehicles are prohibited on the road. Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard.
- Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle cumulative length 22' (6.7m).
- Mineral King Road: RVs & trailers not recommended (not permitted in campgrounds). Prohibited: single vehicles over 40 feet long, combination vehicles over 50 feet.
- South Fork & Middle Fork roads: Partially unpaved. Slippery when wet.

Rules of the Road

Use Turnouts to Let Others Pass

Bicycles

Ride on roads, not trails. Obey traffic rules. Wear light colors at night. Under 18: helmet required.

Construction Delays



See bulletin boards at visitor centers for updates and details. Thank you for your patience.

Generals Highway Reconstruction

Amphitheater Point to Deer Ridge (1.5 miles between Hospital Rock & Giant Forest). Delays through 8/2012. Schedules may change:

- **Monday-Thursday, some Fridays:** Delays up to 1 hour 8am-5pm; 20-minute delays 6-7am & 5-9pm. Road closed 9pm-6am with one opportunity to pass through at 11:30pm.
- **Saturday, Sunday:** 20-minute delays on weekends and other non-working hours.
- **Wednesday, July 4th:** 20-minute delays.

Length limit: Vehicles longer than 22' cannot travel between Hospital Rock and Giant Forest Museum due to Federal Highways limits; long vehicles cannot make the tight curves in the one-lane construction zone.

New Cedar Grove Bridge

Bridge between Hwy 180 and Cedar Grove Village closed through 11/2012. Access the village and lodge via detour on Northside Road. Large vehicles & trailers use Lewis Creek Trailhead as a turnaround.

Other Road Repairs

Expect intermittent delays on weekdays through summer in several areas of the parks. North of Wuksachi at Halstead Meadow, expect 10-minute delays. Some areas may have brief closures.

Be Careful

Beware of narrow, rough roads in construction areas. Slow down. Use low gear on downhills.

Vehicle Length Limits

- Hospital Rock Picnic Area to Giant Forest Museum on Generals Highway: Maximum is 22 feet cumulative length due to a very narrow single-lane road in the construction zone.

Alternatives: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider. If towing a car, camp in the foothills and use the car.

- Potwisha Campground to Hospital Rock Picnic Area: Advised maximum vehicle length is 22 feet. Maximum limit on other parts of the Generals Hwy is 40 feet for single vehicles, 50 feet for vehicle + towed unit.

- See *Narrow Winding Roads*, above left, for additional restrictions and guidelines.