

Review safety tips on page 10. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry a map or trail guide (sold at visitor centers). Ask about free ranger-led programs!

The Foothills

Foothills Visitor Center

Exhibits on the foothills, which host more different plants and animals than the rest of these parks combined! Hours on page 2.

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a cascade. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food to keep it away from bears.

Marble Falls Trail climbs 3.7 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a waterfall. Park across the highway from Potwisha (no non-camper parking in campground). Near site #14, follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

Paradise Creek

At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #28 across the footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek (not the Middle Fork) for 1 mile (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

Exhibits explore the giant sequoias and our history in the Giant Forest sequoia grove. Hours on page 2.

Big Trees Trail

A level, 1-mile (1km) paved loop with trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start at Giant Forest Museum. Parking at the trail is only for cars with placards. 1 hour round trip.

Congress Trail

A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) through the heart of the grove. Begins at the Sherman Tree.

General Sherman Tree

Two trails lead to the world's largest tree. A free shuttle stops at each one:

- **Main Trail** - This trail has some stairs. It runs 1/2 mile down to the tree; the walk back is uphill. Drive two miles north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot on the Generals Hwy for those with disabled placards only). Turn right on-

Wolverton Road; follow signs.

 **Wheelchair-accessible trail** from Generals Hwy to Sherman Tree. Starting in May, parking there is for those with disabled placards only. If you have no placard but can't make the hill on the main trail, ask at a visitor center for a temporary permit.

Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road

No drinking water is available along this 3-mile dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. See page 12 for details on weekend/holiday closure of this road. Highlights:

- **Moro Rock** - A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile staircase to the top (300-foot elevation gain). Spectacular view of the towering Great Western Divide. Two miles from Generals Highway.
- **Tunnel Log** - A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. Bypass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles from the Museum.
- **Crescent Meadow** - Sequoias tower over this fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows.

Several trails start here: including the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia; and the High Sierra Trail (60 miles/97 km to Mt. Whitney (14,494 feet/4417 m), highest peak in the lower 48 states.

Lodgepole

Lodgepole Visitor Center

Exhibits, films, and Crystal Cave tour tickets. Daily 9am-4:30pm. Details, page 2.

Tokopah Falls Trail

1.7 miles (2.7 km) to cliffs & a waterfall. Be careful! Start in Lodgepole Campground. 500-foot/152-meter elevation gain; allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

Little Baldy

Ascends 700 vertical feet in 1.7 miles (2.7 km) to a rocky summit and grand view. Start at Little Baldy Saddle, on the Generals Hwy 9 miles north of General Sherman Tree. Allow 3 to 4 hours round trip.

Mineral King

See page 8 for details.

See Sequoia By Shuttle

Lodgepole-Wuksachi-Dorst Route

Free. Hourly; leaves Lodgepole on the hour 9am - 6pm. Leaves Dorst hourly 9:30am - 6:30pm (9:30am, 10:30am, etc.).

Giant Forest Route

Free. Giant Forest Museum to Lodgepole, stopping at the Sherman Tree. Every 15 minutes 9am - 6pm. 1/2-hour ride one way.

Wolverton - Sherman Tree Route

Free. Stops at main trail & at accessible trail on Generals Hwy every 20 minutes from 9am - 6:30pm.

Moro Rock - Crescent Meadow Route

Free. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes 9am - 6pm. 15-minute round trip. Moro Rock stop only on outbound trip. Road closed to private vehicles on weekends & holidays (page 12).

Giant Forest - Visalia Route

\$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or sequoiashuttle.com. 2-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest every hour from 6am - 10am. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia every hour from 2:30pm - 6:30pm.



In-park shuttle questions: 559-565-4436.

All buses are wheelchair-accessible. 