

Gas Up Outside the Parks

There are no gas stations within park boundaries. 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.
- Other stations are closed for the winter.

Rules & Recommendations

Always Carry Chains that fit your tires and comply with signs to use them. Buy or rent chains outside the parks. Snow tires are often required; most cars have them. Check the side of your tires: If you see *M/S*, *M+S*, or a snowflake symbol embedded in the rubber, it's a snowtire.

Expect Icy Roads

Slow down. Sudden speed or stopping causes skids. Allow 6 seconds of stopping distance between cars. Check antifreeze, battery, wipers, chains and road conditions before you come: 24-hour recorded information 1-559-565-3341 (press 1, then 1 again).

Get Snow Off Car Roofs

It may slide onto the windshield and block the driver's vision.

Snowplows Rule

Plows may operate day & night, moving with or against traffic. If you see one, watch for signals from the plow operator. Slow down but do not stop.

Don't Lose Your Brakes

Frequent braking 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.

Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

Bicycles

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

Go Slow for Wildlife!

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

Winter Road Closures

All dates depend on weather:

Generals Highway between the parks:

- From Wuksachi Lodge (in Sequoia) north to Hwy 180 (in Grant Grove) will be plowed until January 6, conditions permitting. If snowfall is heavy, it can take several days to plow. Starting January 6, it will remain open as long as there is no snow. Once it snows, it will not be plowed until April 15. If the road melts clear earlier than that, it may open.

In Kings Canyon & National Forest:

- Hwy 180 to Cedar Grove in the Kings Canyon: Closed for winter by Caltrans at the Hume Lake junction. Reopens in late April.
- Panoramic Point Road: Closes with snow. Motorhomes/trailers not permitted.
- Redwood Mountain road (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved. Closed for winter.

In Sequoia National Park:

- Parking in Giant Forest area: Across from the Giant Forest Museum. Closest restroom & some additional parking at Sherman Tree (no parking by the Sherman Tree on Generals Hwy during shuttle operations 12/26-1/1).
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Closed by snow. Vehicle-length limit is 22'; no trailers or towed units. See more information on page 6.
- Crystal Cave Road: Closed until mid-May. Maximum vehicle cumulative length 22' (6.7m).
- Mineral King Road: Closed. Steep, winding, not completely paved. RVs & trailers not recommended (not permitted in campgrounds). For access past the first gate, contact the Foothills Visitor Center. Details on page 6.
- South Fork & Middle Fork roads: Partially unpaved. Slippery when wet. Middle Fork closes in winter (park at Hospital Rock).

Vehicle Length Limits

- Maximum on Generals Hwy from Hospital Rock Picnic Area and Giant Forest Museum: 22 feet.
- Between Potwisha Campground and Hospital Rock, advised maximum vehicle length is 22 feet.
- Maximum limit on other parts of the Generals Highway is 40 feet for single vehicles, 50 feet for vehicle + towed unit.

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

Driving Times

When roads are clear and open:

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1 hour
Lodgepole	1 hour minimum
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King (MK)	1½ hours
closed until late May	

From Giant Forest to Grant Grove

via Generals Hwy 1 hour
open until 1/6, weather permitting

From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
closed until spring	
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours
(via Hwy 41)	

**Consider recycling
this guide & your map.**

**You can leave them at
visitor centers or
park entrance stations.**

The Generals Highway winding up through the winter-green foothills

