

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. 9 miles (14 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Other stations are closed for the winter.

Rules & Recommendations

Chains May be Required at Any Time

Always carry chains that fit your tires and obey 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 the plow operator for signals; they often cannot stop. 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: 559-565-3341 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 age 18: helmet required.

Go Slow for Wildlife!

Never feed animals by the road. Cars often hit wildlife that waits for handouts on roadsides.

Winter Road Closures

All schedules depend on weather conditions:

Generals Highway between the parks:

- **From Wuksachi Lodge (in Sequoia) north to Hwy 180 (in Grant Grove):** The road may close during and after snowstorms. If enough heavy snow falls, the road may remain closed through March 27; after that it is plowed 6am - 6pm. This is subject to change.

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, conditions permitting, as far as Yucca Point at noon 4/10, and down to Cedar Grove at noon on 4/24.
- **Panoramic Point Road:** Closes with snow. Motorhomes/trailers not permitted.
- **Redwood Mountain road (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS):** Unpaved, rough. Closes with snow.

In Sequoia National Park:

- **Parking in Giant Forest area:** Across from the Giant Forest Museum. Restroom open 24 hours. Sherman Tree parking along Generals Highway and, unless snow falls, off the Wolverton Road (follow signs).
- **Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow:** Open until snowfall closes it. See more on page 6.
- **Crystal Cave Road:** Closed until mid-May.
- **Wolverton Road & Snowplay Area:** If snow falls, the road is plowed Friday-Sunday plus Wednesdays and some holidays. Area is open other days if road is passable and safe without plowing. See page 6 for details.
- **Mineral King Road:** Scheduled to open 5/20, conditions permitting. For access past the first gate, contact the Foothills Visitor Center.
- **South Fork & Middle Fork roads:** Partially unpaved. Slippery when wet. Middle Fork closed in winter (park at Hospital Rock).

Vehicle Length Limits

On Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park:

- **Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum:** longer than 22 feet not recommended.
- **Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground:** longer than 24 feet not recommended.

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:

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| 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**
Snowfall may close it through 3/27

From Grant Grove to:

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| Cedar Grove | 1 hour closed until late April |
| 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 green foothills of winter

