

Gasoline Stations

No gas stations are within the park boundaries. Fill up in Three Rivers (5 miles from Hwy 198 park entrance), Clingan's Junction (20 miles from Hwy 180 park entrance), 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: Closed as of noon, 10/6. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: 1-559-335-2405. Closes before 11/12. Gas usually sold 9am-dark. 17 miles (27 km) from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

Rules & Recommendations

Chains May be Required at Any Time

Snow tires are often required; most cars have them. Check the side of the tire for M/S, M+S, or a snowflake symbol. Nearby stores rent or sell chains.

Don't Lose Your Brakes

Downshift on downhills. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. The engine gets louder as it helps to slow you down and 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

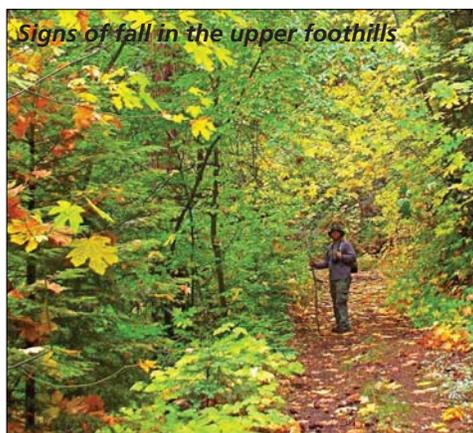
Hot brakes & mufflers can easily start car and forest fires. Stop *only* on paved areas, not on grasses.

Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

Don't pull into grassy areas; this can start fires.

Bicycles

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



Courtesy of Dawn Ryan

Vehicle Length Limits

Vehicles longer than 22' are not recommended between Potwisha Campground and Giant Forest Museum in Sequoia National Park due to Federal Highways advisories.

Vehicles longer than 24' are not recommended between Foothills Visitor Center and Potwisha Campground in Sequoia National Park.

Alternatives: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider. If towing a car, camp in the foothills and use the car. See page 4 for camping (there are limited campsites for RVs over 30 feet).

Road Closures & Restrictions

Weather conditions may affect closing dates.

Generals Highway (the main park road) between Sequoia & Kings Canyon: Snow may close the road between Wuksachi Lodge and Montecito Resort (8 miles south of Hwy 180) for weeks at a time. The lodges remain open.

When it snows, plows clear roads in priority order, starting with the Generals Hwy from Hwy 198 to Wuksachi, and from Hwy 180 to Grant Grove Village and the park's north boundary. Roads may close during plowing, and parking may be limited.

In Kings Canyon & National Forest/Monument:

- Hwy 180 to Cedar Grove & Road's End: Lower gate (below Kings Canyon Lodge) closes 11/12 at noon. Upper gate (below Hume Lake Road junction; Hume Lake remains open) closes 12/1 at noon.
- Panoramic Point Road: Motorhomes/trailers not permitted. Closes with snow.
- Redwood Mountain Road (NPS) & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Rutted, unpaved, unplowed. Close with snowfall.

In Sequoia:

- Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m). Open for cave tours through 11/30 then closed for the season.
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers/towed units (except those with valid disabled-parking placard or current local wilderness permit). Open through 11/12; possibly later, if weather permits.
- Mineral King Road: RVs/trailers not recommended (not allowed in those campgrounds). Road closes at noon on 10/27.
- South Fork & Middle Fork roads in the foothills: Partly unpaved; slippery when wet. Middle Fork Road closes when wet.

Construction Delays



Delays on park roads

See bulletin boards at visitor centers, visit www.nps.gov/seki, or contact the park for updates and details. Beware of narrow, rough roads in construction areas. Always use low gear on downhills. Thank you for your patience and caution!

Generals Highway Reconstruction

This project affects portions of the main park road between Eleven Range (south of Giant Forest) and Wolverton Road (north of the Sherman Tree, south of Lodgepole), through October.

Schedules will shift and occasional night closures may be needed (check locally for changes) but, except on weekends and holidays, expect delays up to one hour from 6:30am to 6:30pm through Oct.:

- in the Giant Forest area; and
- south of (downhill from) Giant Forest.

Giant Forest Museum parking

For up to two weeks during mid-to-late October, the small lot next to the museum will be closed for repaving. Ask about other ADA parking options.



Driving Times if no delays

See above for information on delays.

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1 hour minimum
Lodgepole	1½ hour minimum
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King (closes 10/27)	1½ hours

From Giant Forest to:

Grant Grove via Generals Hwy	1 hour
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From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove (closes 11/12)	1 hour
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite	3 hours
(south entry via Hwy 41)	