



The Generals Highway in Giant Forest

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.

Several other park roads have length limits. See "Winding Narrow Roads" on this page.

Rules & Recommendations

Don't Lose Your Brakes

Keep a foot on the brake for too long, and brakes may fail. Instead, always downshift when going downhill. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. Expect the engine to sound louder.

Prevent Car Fires

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

Colder Nights Mean Snow or Ice

Watch for ice in shade or where the road looks wet. Once it snows, chains may be required at any time.

Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

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.

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 may hit them.

Winding Narrow Roads

Generals Highway between the parks:

- Portions may remain closed this fall due to the Rough Fire. Open when conditions permit.

In Kings Canyon (NPS) & National Forest (USFS): *Many roads in the area may be closed due to the Rough Fire. Some will not reopen prior to winter closures. Page 7 has update links.*

- Hwy 180 to Cedar Grove in the Kings Canyon: Closed for the season due to fire.
- Panoramic Point Road: Motorhomes/trailers not permitted. Closes with snow.
- Redwood Mountain Road (NPS) & Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved, rough, unplowed. Closes with snow.
- Redwood Mountain (NPS) & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved, rutted, unplowed. Closes with snow.

In Sequoia National Park:

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: *Weekends through 9/27: Road closes to private vehicles 9am to 7pm at the latest; use the shuttle (page 6), walk, or bicycle. Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units. Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard or a current local wilderness permit. No drinking water available along road. Closes with snow.*
- Crystal Cave Road: Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m). Closes for the season late October.
- Mineral King Road: RVs/trailers not recommended (not allowed in those campgrounds). Closes at noon, 10/26.
- South Fork & Middle Fork roads: Partially unpaved; slippery when wet.



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

From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours

(via Hwy 41)

Note: GPS may misdirect travellers in this area. Follow signs, use maps, or ask.

Gas Up Outside the Parks

No gas stations lie within the park boundaries. Fill up in Three Rivers (5 miles from Hwy 198 park entrance), Clingan's Junction (20 miles outside the Hwy 180 park entrance), or in USFS areas at:

- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. 24 hours with credit card. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770. Closed temporarily due to the Rough Fire. Year-round 24 hours with credit card. 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: not available.

Fire Restrictions in Effect

The restrictions below may change, depending on conditions. Always check locally for updates, or see www.nps.gov/seki/naturescience/fire-restrictions. Keep everyone safe!

- *No wood or charcoal fires below 6,000 feet in elevation in all park areas, including Buckeye Flat, Potwisha, and South Fork campgrounds; and picnic areas in Ash Mountain and Hospital Rock. Gas, propane, alcohol, and tablet/cube stoves are permitted in all park areas.*

- *No smoking below 6000 feet, except in enclosed vehicles or at campgrounds that still permit wood or charcoal fires. Do not drop cigarette butts and matches outdoors.*

Note: Fire restrictions are stronger in nearby USFS lands and campgrounds.