

Lodging

For facility hours, see pages 8-9.

Three park areas have lodging, as do several locations in the nearby national forest:

In these National Parks (NPS)

IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

• Wuksachi Lodge

All year. Reservations 1-888-252-5757; www.visitsequoia.com. North of Lodgepole two miles at 7200'. Lodge, restaurant, lounge, gifts.

IN KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Reservations 1-877-436-9617; www.visitsequoia.com. Lodging in two areas:

• Grant Grove Cabins & John Muir Lodge

All year. Hotel, cabins, restaurant, market, gifts at 6500' elevation. 1-559-335-5500. Details, page 9.

• Cedar Grove Lodge in the Kings Canyon

Closed for the season. Motel, restaurant, market at 4600' elevation.

Sequoia National Forest (USFS)

The following may be closed or limited due to fire; call for updates.

Montecito Sequoia Lodge (FS permittee)

All year. Reservations 1-800-227-9900; 1-559-565-3388; www.mslodge.com. On Generals Hwy 9 miles south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel, seasonal & children's activities. Details, page 9.

Stony Creek Resort (USFS permittee)

Closed for the season. Mid-May to mid-October. Reservations 1-800-227-9900; www.sequoia-kings-canyon.com. On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Hotel, gasoline, market, showers, laundry.

Big Meadows Cabin (USFS)

July to mid-October. 1-877-444-6777; www.recreation.gov. Historic station south of Grant Grove.

On Private Land within Park

* **Note:** *This lodge, on private land surrounded by national park, cannot be evaluated, regulated, or endorsed by these agencies.*

* Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

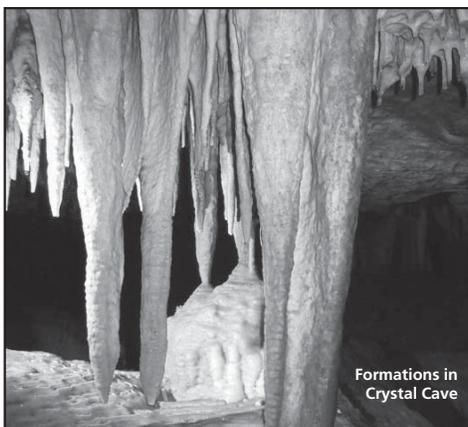
Open into late October. www.silvercityresort.com; 1-559-561-3223. Cabins, supplies, showers. No gas. Store, restaurant/bakery.

Neighboring Towns

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging & camping. Ask at visitor centers or see www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit.

Programs & Tours - Fall 2015

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Formations in Crystal Cave

Crystal Cave Tours

NOTE: Tickets sold *only* at Lodgepole & Foothills visitor centers, *not* at the cave. Buy tickets at least 1½ hours in advance.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198; 3 miles south of Sherman Tree (map, page 8). It is narrow and winding; maximum vehicle length on the road is 22'. Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes; the ½-mile trail (0.8 km) to the cave is steep. Wear a jacket; it's 50°F (10°C) inside. No bags/packs of any kind, strollers, or tripods; no flash/lighted photography/video. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group, wild-cave, & school tours: 1-559-565-3759. Tours depend on weather and other conditions, and are subject to change.

Family Cave Tour Daily - 45 minutes

September 8 - 27:

- Weekends: 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
- Weekdays: 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm

September 28 - October 18:

- Weekends: 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
- Weekdays: 11am, 1pm, 2pm

October 25 & November 1:

- Weekends: 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm

Fees: Age 5-12 \$8; 13-61 \$16; 62 & up \$15. Ask about veteran, military & SNHA member discounts! National Park & Interagency passes do not apply.

Halloween Tours! - 1½ hours

October 23, 24, 30, & 31:

- Weekends: 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Join our team of experienced cave naturalists for spooky family fun and historic "ghosts!"

Fees: \$25 per person. Limited to 30 people ages 8 and older. National Park & Interagency passes do not apply.

Free Ranger Walks & Talks

Join us in the Foothills, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole! Some programs continue into the fall, so check bulletin boards for schedules. Snowshoe walks start when snow gets deep.

Junior Ranger Program - free

For ages 5 to 105! Pick up a free booklet at any visitor center, finish the activities for your age group, & earn your badge. See Junior Caver tours, left.

Sequoia Field Institute (SFI)

Over 50,000 visitors yearly explore the parks and Lake Kaweah with SFI guides. These experts help you see, paint, photograph, or write as you walk, ski, snowshoe, boat, and enjoy! SNHA members may get a discount on SFI activities: 1-559-565-4251; sfi@sequoiahistory.org

Touring on Horseback

Closed for the season. Hourly rides, spot trips, guided trips. Opening and closing dates depend on weather conditions.

Cedar Grove Mid-May to mid-October 12 1-559-565-3464 summer, 1-559-337-2413 off season

Grant Grove Mid-June to early September 1-559-335-9292 summer

Horse Corral Late May through September: At Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest (USFS) 1-559-565-3404 summer, 1-559-679-3573 cell

Interested in volunteering?

Log in to volunteer.gov and enter keywords "Sequoia and Kings Canyon" to see available opportunities. Or call the volunteer office: 1-559-565-4232. Volunteers are needed for invasive plant control, special events, and routine clerical and maintenance tasks. Individuals and groups welcome!

Teachers & Parents, Take Note!

Expand your classroom: Invite a ranger to your class, visit the parks with your school group, download lesson plans, and participate in distance learning. All education programs are standards-based and free! Visit nps.gov/seki/learn/education.

