

Review all safety advice on page 10. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry a map or trail guide (sold at visitor centers). Orient yourself before going and tell someone your plans. Always store food properly before leaving your car or campsite.

## Grant Grove

### Kings Canyon Visitor Center (NPS)

Exhibits/film in English & Spanish. Details, page 2.

### Grant Tree Trail

General Grant, one of the world's largest living trees, stands along this 1/3-mile (.5 km) paved trail. It is also a living national shrine. A guide is sold at the visitor center & the trailhead. Northwest of the visitor center 1 mile (1.6 km). From the visitor center, go north on Hwy 180 then follow signs (1.6 miles).

### North Grove Loop

This 1½-mile (2.4 km) trail offers a close look at Big Trees and a quiet forest walk. Start at Grant Tree overflow-parking area.

### Panoramic Point Road

A narrow road up to a Sierran vista. Trailers/RVs prohibited. Go east through visitor-center parking & follow signs to the paved, relatively accessible trail to an overlook. Park Ridge Trail (4 miles/6.4 km round-trip) begins here.

### Redwood Mountain Sequoia Grove

Rutted dirt road to one of the world's largest Big Tree groves (road graded in May). Research here revealed the positive link between sequoias and fire. Across Generals Highway from Quail Flat/Hume Lake junction (7 miles south of Grant Grove). Turn right (west) at Redwood Saddle; go 2 miles to parking lot. Loop trails up to 10 miles long.

### Big Baldy Ridge

Great views over Redwood Canyon from the top at 8209'; elevation gain 600' (183m). Round trip 4 miles (6.4km). From Grant Grove, go 8 miles (13km) south on Generals Highway to trailhead.

### Overlooks & Views Nearby

- **McGee Vista Point:** For sunset views and a look out over the Central Valley, drive about 3 miles (5km) north of Grant Grove Village on the Generals Highway.
- **Kings Canyon Overlook:** To look north-east across the top of the Kings Canyon to the High Sierra, drive about 7 miles south of Grant Grove on the Generals Highway.

- **Redwood Mountain Overlook:** About 6 miles (9.5 km) south of Grant Grove, across the Generals Highway from the Quail Flat junction, this overlook faces west over one of the world's largest sequoia groves.
- **Kings Canyon Overlook:** For a view of the High Sierra, drive about 7 miles south of Grant Grove on the Generals Highway.

## Kings Canyon & Cedar Grove

**Drought alert & fire caution:** Limited water may affect facilities this summer, and the landscape is extremely dry. Please help conserve water and be extra careful with fire!

As you take Hwy 180 into the canyon, stop at Junction View turnout (on the westbound side).

### Cedar Grove Visitor Center (NPS)

Bookstore, maps, park items. Hours on page 2.

### Canyon View

The "U" shape of this canyon, apparent from this viewpoint, reveals its glacial history. 1 mile (1.6 km) east of Cedar Grove Village Road.

### Knapp's Cabin

During the Roaring '20s, a California businessman stored gear in this small cabin for lavish fishing trips. East of the village 2 miles.

### Roaring River Falls

A very short, shady walk to a powerful waterfall rushing through a granite chute. East of the Village 3 miles. Paved, accessible with assistance.

### Zumwalt Meadow

This 1.5-mile (2.4 km) loop passes high granite walls, lush meadows, and the Kings River. Parking is 4½ miles east of Cedar Grove Village. Buy a guide at trailhead or visitor center. Plan for 1 hour.

### Mist Falls

One of the park's largest waterfalls. Don't get close to the edge! Allow 4-5 hours; 9 miles (14.4 km) round trip from Road's End. 600' elevation gain in the last 2 miles.

### Hotel Creek Trail

Starts 0.2 mile north of the market at the intersection with the pack-station road. Climbs through chaparral to forest and views from Cedar Grove Overlook. 5 miles (8 km) round trip; 1200'/365 m elevation gain. Strenuous; allow 3-4 hours. Return via Lewis Creek Trail for an 8-mile (12.9km) loop.

## National Forest (USFS)

Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, a part of Sequoia National Forest that neighbors these parks. Check page 12 for road information, and see page 9 for some information about how the national parks and the national forests differ.

### Converse Basin

Virtually every mature sequoia in this huge grove was felled early in the 1900s. Walk the 2-mile (3.2 km) Boole Tree loop, 6 miles north of Grant Grove to a monarch they spared, or the ½-mile (0.8 km) loop to the Chicago Stump, cut for exhibit at the 1893 World's Fair (2 miles north of Grant Grove).

### Indian Basin

A one-mile accessible trail & one-mile unpaved trail. On Highway 180, go 7 miles north of Grant Grove; turn into Princess Campground. Drive past the dump station to the trailhead parking area.

### Hume Lake

Formed by a rare, historic dam, the lake supplied water to a flume that floated lumber 67 miles (108km) to Sanger. An easy 2½-mile (4 km) trail circles it. Page 9 lists facilities. Eight miles (12.8 km) north of Grant Grove on Highway 180; 3 miles (4.8 km) south on Hume Lake Road.

### Buck Rock Lookout

A 1916 tower, still used for spotting fires, offers 360° views. Approximately 6 miles (9.6 km) off Big Meadows Road 14S11, then take Forest Road 13S04.



Spring snack for a black-bear cub. This photo and the sequoias on the front page were winners in a photo contest: browse Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks official page on Facebook. Photo courtesy of Kiel Maddox.