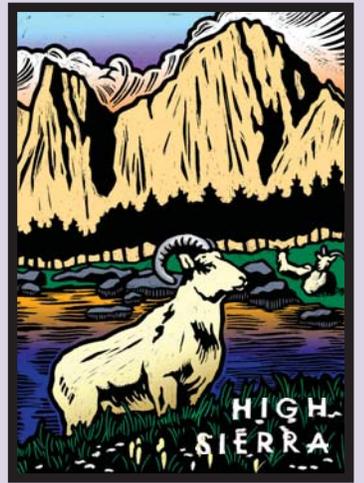


# Visitor Guide: Late Summer 2015

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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks & Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument



## Celebrate. Timeless. Memories.

Help celebrate three inspiring anniversaries this year!

- Sequoia National Park marks 125 years of protecting this landscape and the people who love it.
- The small, exquisite General Grant Grove National Park also became a park in 1890, just two weeks after Sequoia did.
- Fifty years later, Congress designated Kings Canyon National Park and swept little Grant Grove into an expansive wilderness park of Sierran peaks and canyons. It's been 75 years since then.

In all the years since, these parks have dazzled generations of us with their beauty and challenges. They've taught us to look closer, think bigger, and celebrate even the toughest aspects of Nature's nature.

As you help the parks to celebrate, also help them to face one of nature's challenges that has become acute — drought:

- Be aware that a tossed match, campfire sparks, a hot muffler, or overheated brakes can easily start a fire. Please make every effort to keep that from happening.
- Because campfire restrictions serve to protect this forest, explore other ways to share meals and time with friends and family in the serenity of this place (see back page).
- Conserve water in the parks and beyond. The more we save, the more goes to the life around us, and the longer we can enjoy park facilities that have limited water sources.
- Admire the ability of life to persist and, where it does not, the ability of other life to pick up where it left off. Enjoy the cackling, drilling

**This September, join us for several anniversary events, including:**

**The Dark Sky Festival**  
September 11-13  
Celebrate the dramatic night views that grace these parks.

**Sequoia Anniversary Date** September 26  
Special activities will commemorate this and other important park milestones!

woodpeckers that gain new feeding places when trees succumb. Celebrate that cavity nesters such as flying squirrels, the rare Pacific fisher, owls, and many other animals will make their nests in dead trees.

Embrace the celebrations *and* challenges! Enjoy the fascinating nature of the wild lands, skies, and history of these majestic parks.

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