Exploring Kings Canyon National Park & nearby forest lands

Review safety advice (page 10). Be careful near rivers. Always store food properly before leaving your car or campsite. Carry a map. Be careful with fire!

Grant Grove

Kings Canyon Visitor Center - See page 2.

Grant Tree Trail
General Grant, one of the world's largest trees, grows along this 1/3-mile (.5 km) paved trail. The tree is also a living national shrine. Trail guides are sold at visitor centers & the trailhead. One mile from the visitor center; go north on Hwy 180 then follow signs (1.6 miles). Shuttle stop through 9/7.

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. Shuttle stop through 9/7.

Panoramic Point Road
A narrow road to a trail to a Sierran vista. Trailers/RVs prohibited. Go east through visitor-center parking; follow signs to the paved, 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. 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.

Area Overlooks & Views

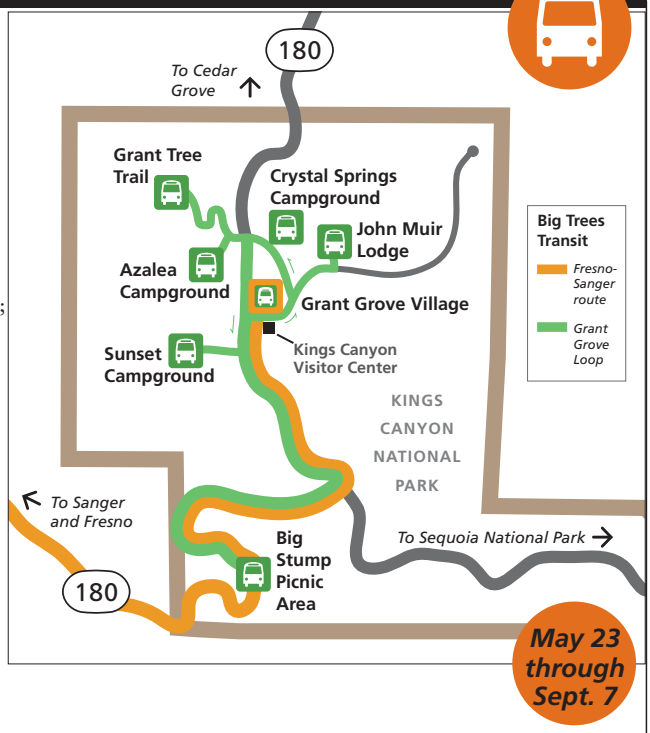
- **McGee Vista Point:** Westerly/sunset views; 3 miles north of Grant Grove Village on the Generals Highway.
- **Kings Canyon Overlook:** View NE across the Kings Canyon to the High Sierra. On Generals Highway, 7 miles south of Grant Grove.
- **Redwood Mountain Overlook:** Faces west over one of the world's largest sequoia groves. South of Grant Grove 6 miles, across Generals Highway from Quail Flat junction.

See Grant Grove By Shuttle

See bulletin boards at shuttle stops for schedules. Each bus can carry two bicycles and is wheelchair-accessible; some can kneel.

- Grant Grove Loop (green): Free. Daily 9:15am through 4:50pm, these buses make 7 stops every 50 minutes in the following order:
  - just north of the market across from Kings Canyon Visitor Center;
  - John Muir Lodge (closest stop to Panoramic Point);
  - Crystal Springs Campground;
  - Grant Tree parking area;
  - Azalea Campground;
  - Sunset Campground;
  - Big Stump Picnic Area (on Hwy 180 near entrance);
  - then back to the visitor center.

The loop takes 20-25 minutes. Buses come to each stop every 50 minutes, except from 12:30am - 1:30pm. Last bus leaves the market at 4:50pm.



- Big Trees Transit:
Highway 180 to Grant Grove (orange) - $15 round trip (no additional park entrance fee). Reservations required; bigtreestransit.com. Questions: 1-800-325-RIDE (7433). Buses leave Fresno at 7am, 9am, 1pm, and 3pm, stopping at the Fresno Greyhound and Amtrak stations and the airport, Sanger City Hall, and Squaw Valley/Clingan's Junction. The entire ride to Grant Grove's giant sequoias takes 2-1/2 hours. Buses leave Grant Grove for the valley at 9:30am, 11:30am, 3:30pm, and 5:30pm.

Kings Canyon & Cedar Grove

Many drought-weakened trees have succumbed to insects here. Please conserve water and be careful with fire!

The road to this gorgeous canyon stops at Road's End. Visitor center, trails, campgrounds, horseback riding. Get trail maps at visitor centers. The River Trail may be closed through June.

Roaring River Falls
A very short, shady walk to a waterfall rushing through a granite chute. East of Cedar Grove 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 road. Buy a trail guide at the visitor center. Allow 1 hour.

National Forest around Grant Grove (USFS)

Explore Giant Sequoia National Monument, a part of Sequoia National Forest next door to these parks. Ask for a trail handout at the visitor center, and see page 12 for road information. Page 9 has details on how national parks and forests differ.

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

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