

The large 2015 Rough Fire burned in this area. Exploring it may seem inviting, but burned-out stumps and ash areas are unstable. Dead standing trees can fall at any time. Stay on trails to avoid crushing new growth, and give the plants and animals a chance to recover.

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

## Grant Grove

**Kings Canyon Visitor Center** - See page 2.

### Grant Tree Trail

General Grant, one of the world's largest trees, grows by 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/1.6km from the visitor center: north on Hwy 180 then follow signs. Shuttle stop through 9/5.

### North Grove Loop

This 1 1/2-mile (2.4 km) trail offers a close look at Big Trees and a quiet forest walk. Start at Grant Tree bus/RV parking. Shuttle stop through 9/5.

### Panoramic Point Road

A narrow road to a trail to a beautiful Sierran vista. Trailers/RVs prohibited. Go east through visitor-center parking; follow signs to the paved, 1/4-mile accessible trail to an overlook. Park Ridge Trail (4 miles/6.4 km round-trip) begins here.

### Big Stump Basin & Picnic Area

Late 19<sup>th</sup>-century logging left stumps here, including the giant Mark Twain Stump you can climb on. Slabs of this tree are in museums in New York and London. 1.5 miles, easy. Shuttle stop through 9/5.

### 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 Hwy from Quail Flat/Hume Lake junction; 7 miles south of Grant Grove. Turn right (west) at Redwood Saddle; 2 miles to parking lot. Loop trails up to 10 miles long.

### Area Overlooks & Views

- **McGee Vista Point:** Sunset views. North of Grant Grove Village 3 miles on Hwy 180.
- **Kings Canyon Overlook:** View of the high country. On Generals Hwy, 7 miles south of Grant Grove.
- **Redwood Mountain Overlook:** Look west over one of the world's largest sequoia groves. South of Grant Grove 6 miles on the Generals Hwy.

## Kings Canyon & Cedar Grove

See where the 2015 Rough Fire burned along the road. Many drought-weakened trees here succumbed to insects.

### 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 4 1/2 miles east of Cedar Grove Village road. Buy a trail guide at the visitor center. Allow 1 hour.

## National Forest / Monument

Giant Sequoia National Monument is part of Sequoia National Forest next to these parks. Page 9 details how national parks and forests differ. A few areas remain closed due to effects of the Rough Fire; watch for signs & ask for updates.

### Converse Basin

North of Grant Grove 2 miles. Most sequoias in this huge grove were cut early in the 1900s.

### Hume Lake

Formed by a rare, historic dam, the lake supplied water to a flume that floated lumber 67 miles to Sanger. An easy 2 1/2-mile trail circles it. Page 9 lists facilities. Six 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.

## 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 9:20am through 5:16pm, these buses make a 20-25 minute loop, stopping at:
  - just north/across the parking lot from Kings Canyon Visitor Center, in front of the gift shop;
  - John Muir Lodge (closest stop to Panoramic Point);
  - Crystal Springs Campground;
  - Grant Tree/North Grove parking;
  - Azalea Campground;
  - Sunset Campground;
  - Big Stump Picnic Area (on Hwy 180 near entrance);
  - back to the gift shop.

Buses come to each stop every 15 to 35 minutes (only one is 45 minutes). Last bus leaves the gift shop at 4:45pm.

- **Big Trees Transit:** Highway 180 to Grant Grove (orange) - \$15 round trip (no additional park entrance fee). Reservations strongly recommended; www.big-treestransit.com. Questions: 1-800-325-RIDE (7433). Buses leave Fresno at 7am and 9am, stopping at the Fresno Greyhound and Amtrak stations, Fresno



Through Sept. 5

State University, the Fresno Airport, Sanger Depot Museum, and Squaw Valley / Clingan's Junction. The entire ride to the giant sequoias in Grant Grove takes 2-1/2 hours. Buses leave Grant Grove for the valley at 3:30pm and 5:30pm, making the same stops as they did on the way up.