

Lodging

For facility hours, see pages 8-9.

You can find lodges in three areas within these parks, and in several locations in the neighboring national forest:

In these National Parks

IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK (DNC):

• Wuksachi Lodge

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

IN KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

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

• Grant Grove Cabins & John Muir Lodge

All year. Hotel, cabins, food service, market, gifts at 6500'. Register at John Muir Lodge. 559-335-5500

• Cedar Grove Lodge in the Kings Canyon

Motel, eatery, market at 4600'.

Sequoia National Forest

Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee)

All year. Reservations 1-800-227-9900; desk 1-559-565-3388; www.mslodge.com. On Generals Hwy 9 miles (14.5 km) south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel, seasonal & children's activities.

Stony Creek Resort (FS permittee)

(KCPS) Mid-May to early October. Reservations 1-866-522-6966; www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com. On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Hotel, gasoline, pizza, market, showers, laundry.

Big Meadows Cabin (FS)

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

On Private Land in Park/Forest

* **Note:** These two lodges on private land surrounded by national park or forest cannot be evaluated, regulated, or endorsed by these agencies.

* Silver City Mountain Resort (private)

Late May to late October. www.silvercityresort.com; 1-559-561-3223. Cabins, supplies, showers. Store, restaurant/bakery. No gasoline.

* Kings Canyon Lodge (private)

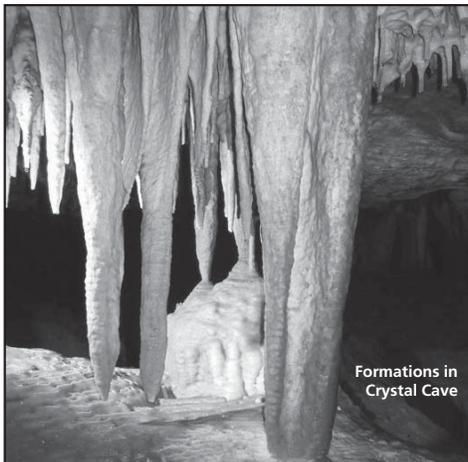
Closed. 1-559-335-2405. On Hwy 180.

Neighboring Towns

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging, camping, and gasoline stations. Ask at visitor centers or see www.nps.gov/seek/planyourvisit for details.

Programs & Tours - Summer 2016

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Formations in Crystal Cave

Crystal Cave Tours

Reserve tickets online at www.recreation.gov at least 24 hours in advance. Need a ticket today? Check first thing in the morning at Lodgepole or Foothills visitor centers (*not* at the cave). Allow for wait times at park entrances, especially on weekends and holidays.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles from Sequoia Park's entrance at Hwy 198; 3 miles south of Sherman Tree (map, page 8). Maximum vehicle length on this narrow, winding road is 22'. Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes; the 1/2-mile trail 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. Tours times subject to change. For school tours & groups larger than 21, visit www.explorecrystalcave.com. Tours operated by the Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC).

Family Cave Tour - Daily, 50 minutes

June 6 - September 5:

- Saturday: Every 1/2 hour 10:30am-6pm
- Sunday: Every 1/2 hour 10:30am-5pm
- Weekdays: Every 1/2 hour 10:30am-4:30pm

Extra tours on holiday weekends (Friday-Monday).

Fees: Ages 0-5 \$5; 6-12 \$8; 13-61 \$16; 62 & up \$15. National Park & Interagency passes do not apply.

Special tours for special interests:

- **Junior Caver Tour** 6/21-8/17, Tuesday-Wednesday 1-3:30pm. Ages 10 to 15. \$30.
- **Discovery Tour** 6/23-8/21. Thursday-Friday at 5:15pm, Sundays 5:45pm (except holiday week ends). \$18.
- **Early-Bird Tour** Age 13 & up only. Daily 10am 6/6-9/5 (except holiday weekends).

Free Ranger Walks & Talks

Offered in the Foothills, Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, Mineral King, Cedar Grove, and other locations! See bulletin boards for schedules of ranger-led activities.

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.

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! Sequoia Parks Conservancy (SPC) members may get a discount on SFI activities: 1-559-565-4251; sfi@sequoiaparks.org

Touring on Horseback

Hourly rides, spot trips, guided trips. Opening & closing dates depend on conditions.

Cedar Grove Late May to Oct. 10, 9am-4pm: 1-559-565-3464 summer, 1-559-337-2413 off season

Grant Grove June 10 to September 5, 9am-4pm: 1-559-335-9292 summer

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

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.



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