



# Fall 2023 Trip Planner

Park Maps Available on Pages 4-5

## Welcome to the Land of Giants

Rising from 1,300 feet (396 m) to 14,494 feet (4,418 m), the highest elevation in the lower 48 states, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks protect a spectacular elevational range. Dramatic shifts from warm foothills to cool forests to the cold High Sierra can be found here.

Diverse plants and animals living in extremely varied conditions call the parks home. The parks encompass steep roads, trails that climb mountains, and cold rivers that plunge down from epic heights. This is not one, but two national parks—Sequoia and Kings Canyon—managed by the National Park Service as one unit.

Look for evidence of past fires and storms. The 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned along much of the Generals Highway. Last winter’s record-breaking precipitation fell on burned slopes that had been cleared of vegetation. The resulting mudslides caused significant damage to park highways and roads.

Crews are working on repairs. Road construction is likely to cause driving delays into the fall. Roads leading to Cedar Grove and Mineral King will remain closed for general traffic until 2024. Please have patience as the parks work to safely restore access to the parks.



**Current Conditions**

[www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm)

### Important Information

**Free Public Wi-Fi**  
Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

**EMERGENCY — DIAL 911**  
Emergency calls can be made on any cellular network, even if you do not have service for regular calls.

**Road Conditions**  
(559) 565-3341, (press 1, then 1)

**Gasoline**  
Gas may be available in the Sequoia National Forest.  
• Hume Lake (559) 305-7770  
• Stony Creek Village (559) 565-3909

**Road Closures** (subject to change)  
• Highway 180 into Cedar Grove  
• Mineral King Road  
• Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow  
Road closes when snow accumulates  
• Crystal Cave Road

**Emergency Car Repairs**  
The parks do not tow or repair vehicles. If you are blocking traffic, call 911 or contact the emergency communications center at (559) 565-3341, ext. 9.

Find a Visitor Center			
Visitor Center	Park Area	September 5 to October 9	October 10 to January 1
Foothills Visitor Center	Foothills	8 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Giant Forest Museum	Giant Forest	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Lodgepole Visitor Center	Lodgepole	8 am to 5 pm	CLOSED
Kings Canyon Visitor Center	Grant Grove	8 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm

## Getting Around the Parks

Drive Distances and Times					
	Grant Grove Village	Lodgepole Visitor Center	General Sherman Tree	Giant Forest Museum	Foothills Visitor Center
Grant Grove Village		26 mi (42 km) 50 minutes	29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes	31 mi (49 km) 65 minutes	46 mi (74 km) Allow for 170 minutes due to construction
Lodgepole Visitor Center	26 mi (42 km) 50 minutes		3 mi (5 km) 10 minutes	5 mi (7 km) 15 minutes	20 mi (32 km) Allow for 100 minutes due to construction
General Sherman Tree	29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes	3 mi (5 km) 10 minutes		4 mi (6 km) 15 minutes	20 mi (32 km) Allow for 100 minutes due to construction
Giant Forest Museum	31 mi (49 km) 65 minutes	5 mi (7 km) 15 minutes	4 mi (6 km) 15 minutes		16 mi (26 km) Allow for 90 minutes due to construction

Vehicle Length Restrictions and Recommendations	
Road	Length Limit
<b>Generals Highway:</b> Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground	24 feet <sup>1</sup> 7.3 m
<b>Generals Highway:</b> Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest	22 feet <sup>1</sup> 6.7 m
<b>Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow Road</b>	22 feet <sup>2</sup> 6.7 m

<sup>1</sup>Recommendation, <sup>2</sup>Restriction (longer vehicles not allowed)

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Information in this newspaper can change at any time.

**Welcome!** Ask for printed information in other languages.

**¡Bienvenido!** Solicite información impresa en español.

**Bienvenue!** Demandez des informations imprimées en français.

**Willkommen!** Fordern Sie gedruckte Informationen in deutscher Sprache an.

**Benvenuti!** Richiedi informazioni stampate in italiano.




Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
(559) 565-3341

**Mailing Address**  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs  
47050 Generals Highway  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

**E-mail**  
seki\_information@nps.gov

**Web**  
nps.gov/seki

**Free Public Wi-Fi**  
Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

   @sequoiakingsnps

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# Services and Facilities

## Sequoia National Park

### Foothills

#### Foothills Visitor Center

- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Picnic area nearby



### Giant Forest

#### Giant Forest Museum


- Park Store (SPC)
- Shuttle stop (holidays only)
- Wilderness permits (after September 23)



#### Fare-free Park Shuttles

Available in the Giant Forest, Lodgepole and Wuksachi areas during holidays (see page 8).



 **Ranger-led programs offered regularly.**

Check visitor centers for schedules.

### Lodgepole Village

#### Lodgepole Visitor Center

- CLOSED after October 9**
- Park Store (SPC)
- Wilderness permits (through September 23)



#### Village Market and Gift Shop

- Open 10 am to 6 pm
- Shuttle stop (holidays only)



### Wuksachi

#### Wuksachi Lodge

- Lobby open 24 hours
- Gift shop: 8 am to 8 pm



#### Wuksachi Lodge's Peaks Restaurant

- Open to the public
- Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
- Lunch: 12:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Dinner: 5 am to 9 pm
- Bar open for lunch & dinner



To inquire about lodging availability call (559) 625-7700 or visit [www.visitsequoia.com/lodging](http://www.visitsequoia.com/lodging)

## Kings Canyon National Park

### Grant Grove Village

#### Kings Canyon Visitor Center

- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Wilderness permits



#### Village Shops

- Market: 9 am to 5 pm
- Gift shop (**CLOSED after October 7**): 9 am to 5 pm
- Post office: weekdays, 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm



#### Grant Grove Restaurant

- CLOSED after October 29**
- Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
- Lunch: 11:30 am to 3 pm
- Dinner: 4 pm to 8 pm



#### John Muir Lodge & Cabins

- CLOSED after October 28**
- Lobby open 24 hours



SPC = Sequoia Parks Conservancy

## Park Fees

Pay your entrance fee at park entrance stations. Annual and lifetime passes cover this fee. Pass and photo ID are required for access.



[www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/fees.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/fees.htm)

### 7-day Passes

- Single Vehicle..... \$35
- Motorcycle..... \$30
- Individual..... \$20

### Sequoia and Kings Canyon Pass

- Annual Pass ..... \$70  
(access only to Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs)

### Interagency Annual and Lifetime Passes

- Annual Pass ..... \$80
- Lifetime Senior Pass ..... \$80  
(for US Citizens aged 62+)
- Annual Senior Pass..... \$20  
(for US Citizens aged 62+)
- Annual Military Pass..... Free  
(for active-duty military and dependents)
- Lifetime Military Pass..... Free  
(for Gold Star family members or veterans)
- Access Pass ..... Free  
(for people with permanent disabilities)

### Other Passes Honored

Golden Age, Golden Access, Volunteer, and 4th Grade (Every Kid Outdoors)

### The Fees You Pay Make a Difference!

The parks use these funds for projects that protect and improve visitor services such as:

- Maintaining campgrounds
- Educating students
- Improving accessibility
- Fare-free Sequoia Shuttle

## Fall Camping

Reservations are required. Campsites are \$28 per night. Campsites hold up to six people and each site has a picnic table, fire ring with grill, and a metal food-storage box. Check-in and checkout are at noon.

### Camping Information

#### Toilets

Open campgrounds have flush toilets.

#### Quiet Hours (No Generator Use)


Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am.

Lodgepole Campground ONLY:  
Generator use only allowed 8 am to 11 am and 5 pm to 8 pm.

#### Roadside Camping

Roadside camping is not permitted in the parks. Camp only in designated campground sites.

### Make a Reservation

 Recreation.gov or Recreation.gov App  
(877) 444-6777, (877) 833-6777 TDD  
(888) 448-1474 Customer Service

#### Campfires (When Allowed)

Campfires must be out cold before you leave your campsite.

#### Propane and Fuel Canisters

Please recycle fuel canisters at home.

#### Dump Stations

Potwisha and Lodgepole Campgrounds

#### No Shows

Sites that remain vacant by noon on the second day of a reservation may be released for new reservations.

### Kings Canyon National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Azalea	Reservation-only through October 31. First-come, first-served after Nov. 1.

All other campgrounds are closed for the remainder of the 2023 season.

### Sequoia National Park Campground Options

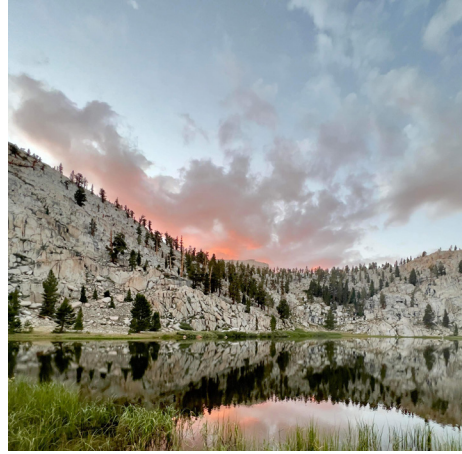
Lodgepole	Seasonal closure begins Nov. 29.
Potwisha	Open year-round.

All other campgrounds are closed for the remainder of the 2023 season.

See map on pages 4-5 for campground locations.

Campgrounds are subject to closure due to weather and climate events.

# Experience Wilderness



Wilderness is untrammeled, natural, and undeveloped, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are 97% designated Wilderness. Magnificent glacial canyons, broad lake basins, lush meadows, and sheer granite peaks—hallmarks of the most rugged portion of the High Sierra—form the core of the largest expanse of contiguous wilderness in California, which is visited and valued by people from around the world. Get a wilderness permit and solitude is just a long hike away.

## Wilderness Permits

Due to winter storm damage, some entry points to wilderness are different this year. During the summer quota period, May 26 to September 23, there are limits on the number of people each day that may enter the wilderness at an entry point and a fee is required.

Most trailheads allow advance reservations on Recreation.gov. Unused quota permits are available first-come, first-served for walk-ups at permit issuing stations. Wilderness Permit Station locations can be found below.

Wilderness Permits for Overnight Travel		
<b>Foothills</b>	Wilderness Office Follow the path south of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office across the parking lot.	8 am to 4 pm. Self-issue permitting after Sept. 23.
<b>Giant Forest/Lodgepole</b>	Through Sept. 23: Lodgepole Visitor Center After Sept 23: Giant Forest Museum	7 am to 3:30 pm. Self-issue permitting.
<b>Grant Grove</b>	Kings Canyon Visitor Center	8 am to 4 pm. Self-issue permitting after Sept. 23.

Due to road damage from 2023 winter storms, all Mineral King and Cedar Grove wilderness permit reservations have been canceled for 2023.

**Food Storage**  
Store all food in a bear-resistant storage container. These containers



weigh less than 3 pounds (1.3 kg), hold up to 5 days of food, and fit in a backpack. Rent bear-resistant storage containers at park visitor centers.

**Rental Cost**  
\$5 for three nights  
\$2 per additional night

## Wilderness Safety

**Water**  
Park waterways may contain bacteria, including Giardia. Properly filter or treat water before drinking.

**Hypothermia**  
Hypothermia can occur year-round. Stay warm and eat snacks. Symptoms include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech, and fumbling hands. If symptoms appear, drink warm sugary drinks, and get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, or shelter.

**Hiking at Altitude**  
Most trails here are above 5,000 feet (1,524 m) elevation. People not accustomed to high altitudes may need to acclimate to the low oxygen levels, which can cause shortness of breath and dehydration. Plan for a slow ascent and drink lots of water.

**Leave a Detailed Itinerary**  
Create a detailed itinerary of your backpacking trip. Your itinerary should include your start date, time, name of trailhead, camping locations, and your estimated return date. Leave this itinerary with a trusted responsible person.

**Emergency - Dial 911**

# Sequoia National Forest

Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument have over 1.1 million acres (4,452 sq km) of recreational opportunities. The forest offers 52 developed campgrounds, more than 1,147 miles (1,846 km) of trails, over 314,448 acres (1,273 sq km) of wilderness, 222 miles (357 km) of Wild and Scenic Rivers, 2,617 rivers and streams, world-class whitewater rapids, 158 ponds and lakes, boating, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more.

## Services and Facilities

### Sequoia National Forest, Hume Lake District

Hume Lake Office  
Open 8 am - 4:30 pm,  
Monday through Friday  
(559) 338-2251 or visit their website:  
[www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia)



### Campgrounds

(Closed for winter starting October 2)

- Big Meadows
- Horse Camp
- Hume Lake
- Landslide
- Princess
- Tenmile
- Stony Creek
- Upper Stony Creek
- Fir Group
- Cove Group

### Wilderness Camping

Contact the Hume Lake Office.

### Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is available, but restrictions apply. Contact the Hume Lake Office of Sequoia National Forest for more information. Permits for portable stoves or fires are required and are available online at:

[permit.preventwildfiresca.org](http://permit.preventwildfiresca.org)



### Montecito Sequoia Lodge (559) 565-3388

This lodge has cabins, a restaurant, hotel, and Wi-Fi.



### Hume Lake Village (559) 305-7770

Gas station, market, and snack shop are available. Gas pumps may close. Call ahead before you travel here.



### Stony Creek Lodge (559) 565-3909

*Closes for the season in early October*  
This area has room rentals, a market, and gas station. Gas pumps are credit card only when market is closed.



### Boyden Cavern

Boyden Cavern is closed for the 2023 season.

### Highway 180

Walking, hiking, and biking are not allowed on closed California highways, like Highway 180 past the Hume Lake Road junction.



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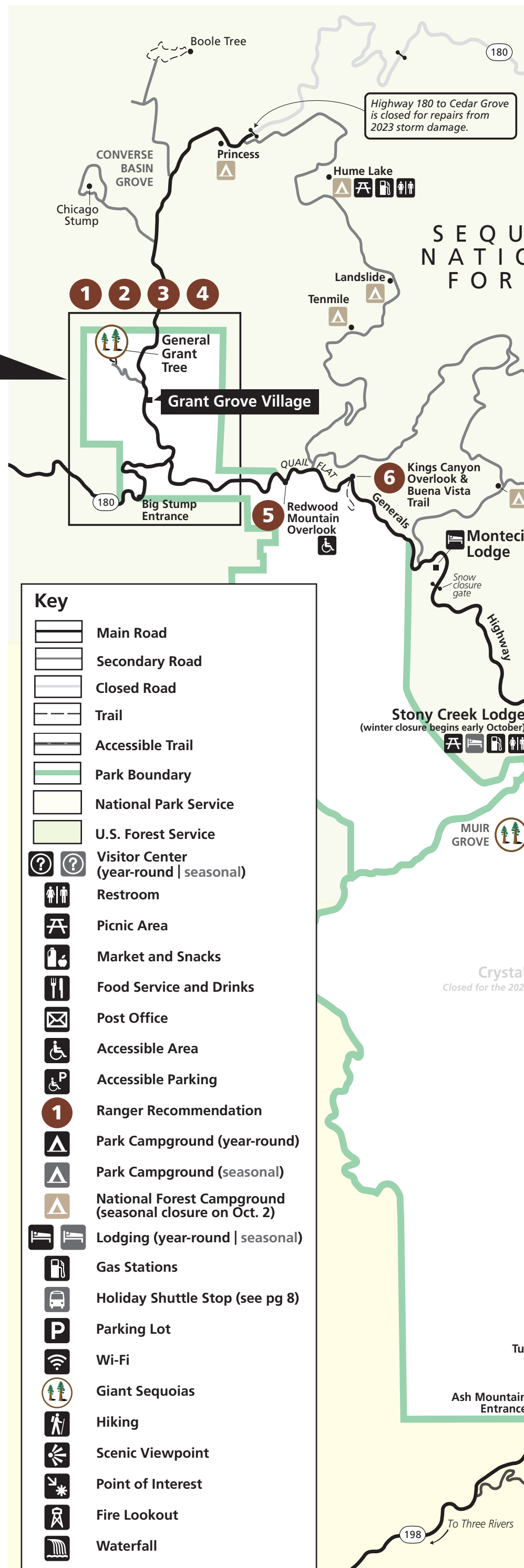
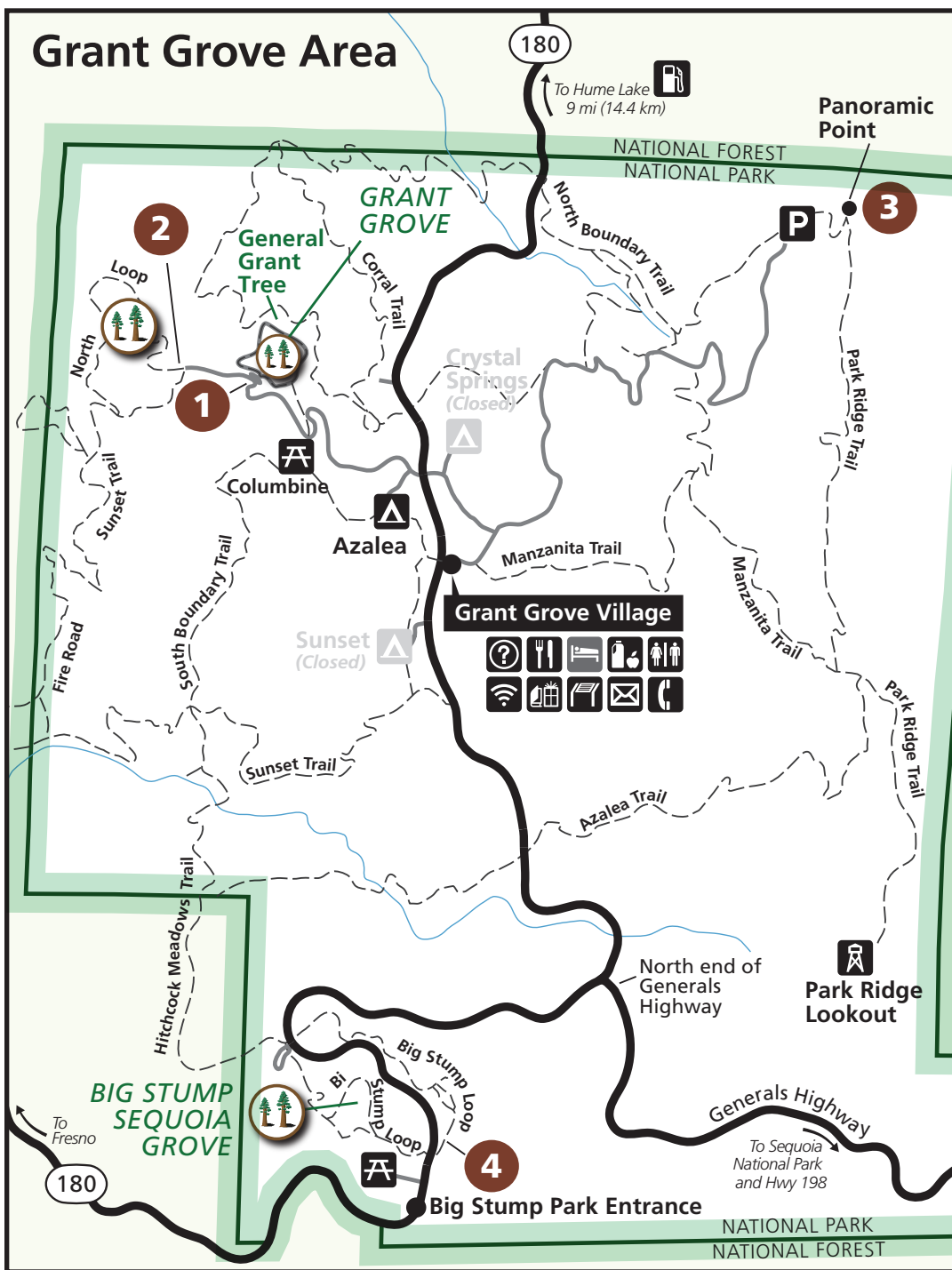
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## National Parks vs National Forests

	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Sequoia National Forest
<b>Pets</b>	Pets are not allowed on trails. Pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m) are allowed in parking lots, picnic areas, and campgrounds.	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
<b>Collect Resources</b>	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, animals, and cultural artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use. Collecting artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards is prohibited.
<b>Hunting</b>	Not in the parks. You are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering the parks.	Only seasonally with a license. Call 559-243-4005 or learn more online: <a href="http://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting">wildlife.ca.gov/hunting</a>
<b>Off-Road Driving</b>	Not allowed.	Get off-highway-vehicle (OHV) route information at USFS Hume Lake Office in Dunlap.
<b>Cutting Wood</b>	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest Forest Service office for guidance and a permit.
<b>Dispersed Car Camping</b>	Not allowed within the parks.	Restrictions apply.



# Ranger Recommendations for Sequoia and Kings Ca



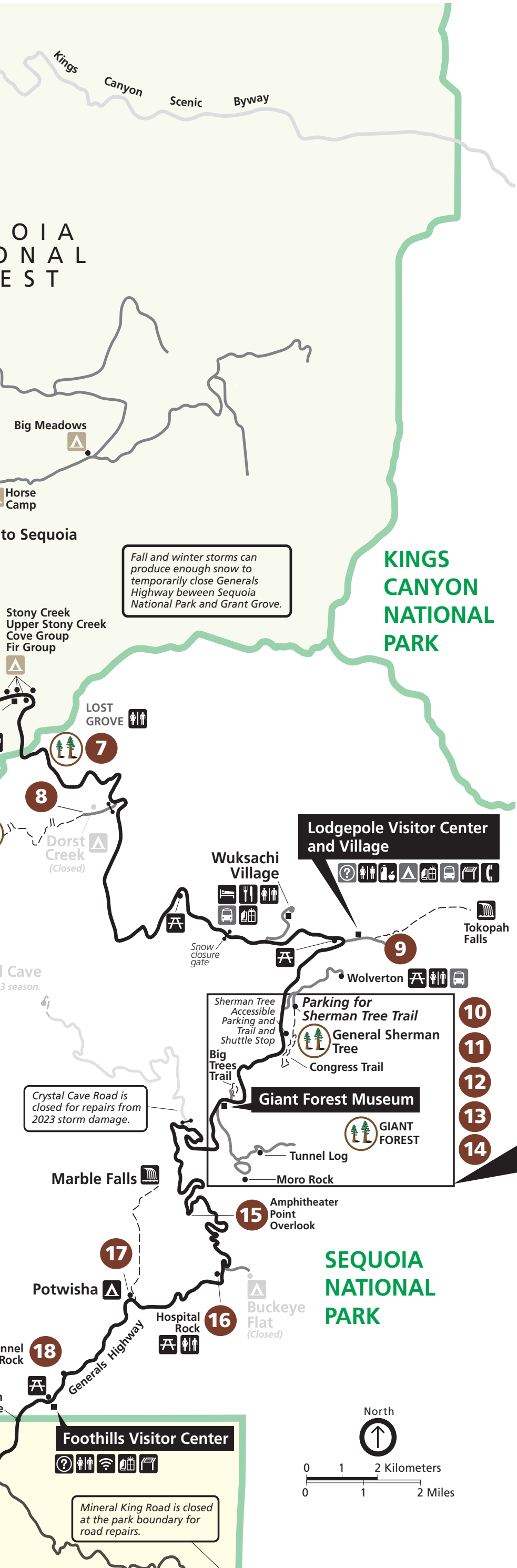
Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
1	General Grant Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Grant Grove Parking Lot
2	North Grove Trail (loop)	1.5 miles 2.4 km	Grant Grove Bus Parking Lot
3	Panoramic Point Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Panoramic Point Parking Lot
3	Park Ridge Trail	5.3 miles 8.5 km	Panoramic Point Parking Lot
4	Big Stump Loop Trail	1.6 mile 2.6 km	Big Stump Picnic Area
5	Redwood Mountain Overlook	Viewpoint	Just West of Redwood Mountain Road
6	Buena Vista Trail	2.0 miles 3.2 km	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area
6	Kings Canyon Overlook	Viewpoint	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area
7	Lost Grove	Viewpoint	Rest Area along the Generals Highway
8	Muir Grove Trail	6.0 miles 9.7 km	Dorst Creek Campground Entrance

- Key**
- Main Road
  - Secondary Road
  - Closed Road
  - Trail
  - Accessible Trail
  - Park Boundary
  - National Park Service
  - U.S. Forest Service
  - Visitor Center (year-round | seasonal)
  - Restroom
  - Picnic Area
  - Market and Snacks
  - Food Service and Drinks
  - Post Office
  - Accessible Area
  - Accessible Parking
  - Ranger Recommendation
  - Park Campground (year-round)
  - Park Campground (seasonal)
  - National Forest Campground (seasonal closure on Oct. 2)
  - Lodging (year-round | seasonal)
  - Gas Stations
  - Holiday Shuttle Stop (see pg 8)
  - Parking Lot
  - Wi-Fi
  - Giant Sequoias
  - Hiking
  - Scenic Viewpoint
  - Point of Interest
  - Fire Lookout
  - Waterfall

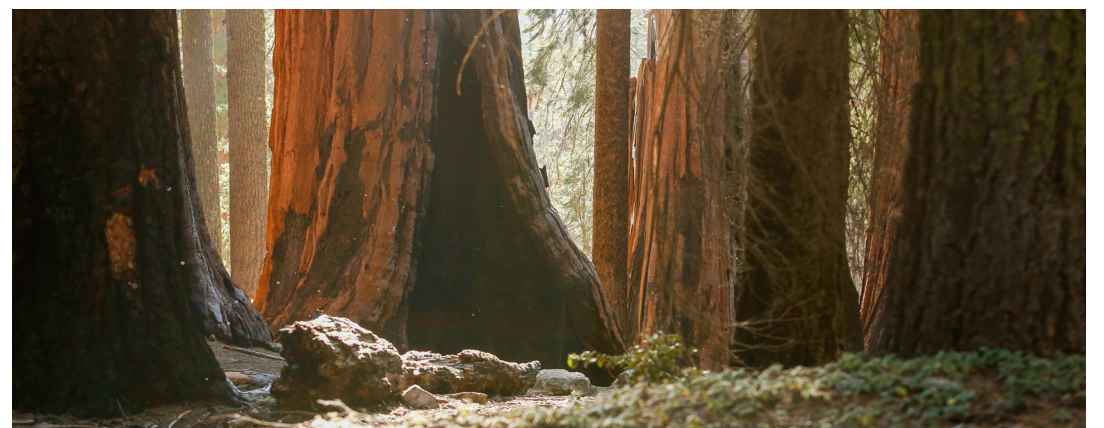
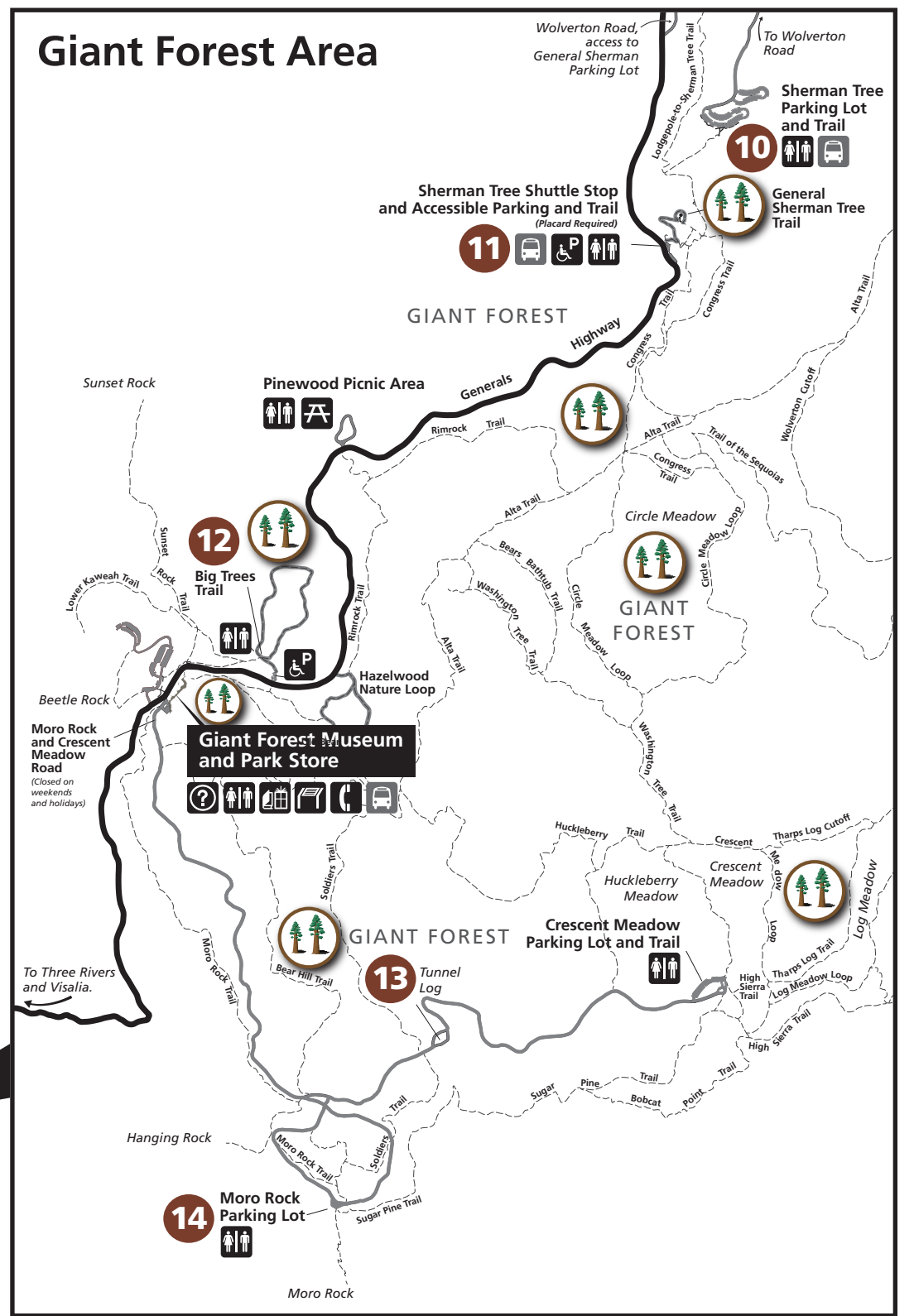


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# Sequoia National Parks



Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
9	Tokopah Falls	3.4 miles 5.5 km	Lodgepole Campground
10	Congress Trail (loop)	2.9 miles 4.7 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
10	General Sherman Tree Trail	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
11	General Sherman Tree Accessible Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Sherman Tree Accessible Parking Lot, or Shuttle Stop
12	Big Trees Trail (loop)	1.5 miles 2.4 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
13	Tunnel Log	On roadway	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
14	Moro Rock Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
15	Amphitheater Point Overlook	Viewpoint	Parking area along Generals Highway
16	Hospital Rock	Cultural site	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
17	Marble Falls Trail	6.4 miles 10.3 km	Potwisha Campground, near site #14
18	Tunnel Rock	0.1 mile 0.2 km	Parking area along Generals Highway



# Keep Yourself and the Parks Safe



## Tree Hazards

Branches and trees may fall, whether dead or alive, and when there is no wind.

Keep eyes and ears open. Run if you hear cracks or snapping from roots, trunks, or branches. Don't linger under dead, cracked, or broken hanging branches or trees with rotten bases.



## Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions may be in place at any time and at any elevation. Prohibited

locations for wood or charcoal fires will be posted. Restrictions change as conditions change. Check for information on park bulletin boards or at visitor centers.



## Air Quality

In summer months, ozone concentrations often exceed federal health standards.

Ozone can have negative health effects. Ozone concentrations increase during daylight hours. Plan vigorous activity during the first half of the day to reduce exposure to the poorest air quality.



## Fishing

Fishing is permitted in most areas of the parks, and on adjacent national forests.

People 16 years of age or older are required to have a California fishing license. Get copies of park-specific regulations at any visitor center.



## River Safety

Drowning is the primary cause of death in the parks. Rivers present a great

danger due to their swift currents and slippery rocks. Do not leave children unattended.



## Drones

Launching, landing, or operating remotely piloted aircrafts (such as model airplanes, quadcopters, or drones) is prohibited.



## Firearms

It is illegal to discharge a firearm within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National

Parks or to bring one into any federal building. Hunting and trapping are illegal in the parks.



## Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in the parks. Pets in designated areas must be

kept on a maximum 6-foot (1.8 m) leash at all times. Pick up and dispose of all pet waste. Do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles where they can easily overheat.

# Keep Wildlife Wild

## You Are in Black Bear Country

Bears will grab unattended food and break into cars when food is visible. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to human food as well as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, cleaning supplies, and child safety seats. Bears that have had human food can become aggressive and dangerous and have to be killed. A fed bear is a dead bear. Food storage is the key to protecting humans and bears.



## Wildlife Viewing Safety

### Wildlife Viewing

Viewing wildlife is an amazing opportunity that comes with responsibility. Give animals room to move. Stay a minimum distance of 25 yards (23 m) from most wildlife and 100 yards (91 m) from predators like bears and mountain lions. In general, if a wild animal reacts to your presence, you are too close. Remember that wildlife are wild and can be unpredictable when they are disturbed or surprised. Use binoculars or a zoom lens from a safe distance and move back if an animal approaches you. *Keep Wildlife Wild* and observe from a safe distance.



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### Black Bears

If you see a black bear, don't let it approach you, your food, picnic area, or campsite. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks towards it. Keep a safe distance but be persistent.

### Mountain Lions and Bobcats

These animals normally run away when seen. However, if you see one and it does not run away, follow these tips for a safe encounter:

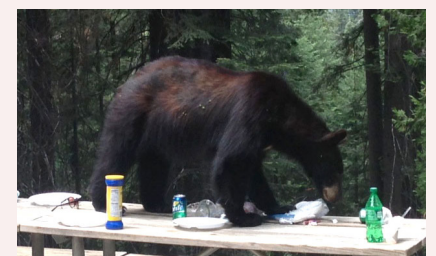
- Do not run; running may trigger a pursuit.
- Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible, do not crouch down.
- Hold your ground, or back away slowly, while facing the animal.
- If it acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones and sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!
- Report all sightings.

### Food Storage

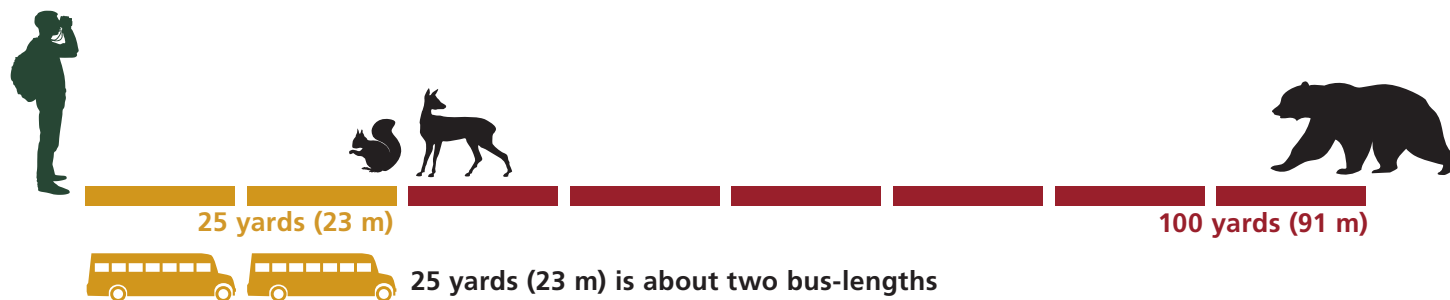
Metal food storage boxes are provided to properly store food and odorous items, when not in use. Store all food, coolers, and anything with an odor, including child safety seats and flavored drinks. If no food storage box is available, food items must be stored inside your car trunk or low in the vehicle, out of sight, and keep windows closed. Always keep a clean campsite and throw away all trash in dumpsters. While picnicking, never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.



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# Accessibility: Parks for All



## Accessibility Guide

Looking for information about accessibility accommodations for people with disabilities? Ask for a free Accessibility Guide at any park visitor center or download it online.



[www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm)



## Assisted Listening Devices

At Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove, assisted listening devices and audio description are available for the park film. Ask at the information desk for a receiver.



## Braille Park Map

Borrow a Braille version of the official park map at park visitor centers.

Outdoor exhibits along the Grant Tree Trail have Braille text and tactile features. Kings Canyon Visitor Center and Hospital Rock Picnic Area have tactile interpretive exhibits.



## Borrow a Wheelchair

Borrow a manual wheelchair at Lodgepole or Kings Canyon Visitor Center or at Giant Forest Museum. Be prepared to provide your address and phone number. Wheelchairs may be used anywhere in the parks but must be returned where they were borrowed by closing time.

## Exploring in the Digital Age

We have an app for that! Download these apps to help plan your visit, find the perfect hike, or reserve a campsite. Need Wi-Fi to download? Find free public Wi-Fi at Foothills and Kings Canyon Visitor Centers.



### National Park Service (NPS) App

Find maps, information, and an events calendar on this app. Once downloaded, search for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, download content for offline use.



### UniDescription App

This app translates the map of the parks into acoustic media, designed for people who are blind, visually impaired, print dyslexic, or who prefer learning through sound.



### Recreation.gov App

This app is your on-the-go solution for making reservations or purchasing passes. Return to your favorite spot or find a new one by searching for the location that is right for you.

# Bienvenido al país de los gigantes

A una altitud de 1,300 pies (396 m) a 14,494 pies (4,418 m), la mayor elevación en los 48 estados contiguos, estos parques protegen una espectacular cordillera elevada. Dentro de nuestros límites se encuentran impresionantes transiciones, desde las cálidas estribaciones hasta los bosques frescos y la fría High Sierra. En esos parques tienen su hogar diversas plantas y animales, que viven en condiciones extremadamente variadas. Los parques abarcan empinados caminos, senderos que trepan por las montañas y ríos que se desploman desde alturas épicas. En sus recorridos, busque evidencias de incendios y tormentas pasadas.

El incendio KNP ardió a lo largo de casi toda el Generals Highway en 2021; después, el invierno de 2022-2023 trajo una precipitación sin precedentes. La lluvia y la nieve que cayeron en las laderas quemadas causaron daños significativos a las carreteras y caminos del parque. Ahora hay cuadrillas trabajando en la reparación pero es probable que la construcción de caminos cause demoras en el tráfico durante todo el verano. Tenga paciencia mientras trabajamos para restablecer el acceso seguro a los parques.

## Manténgase usted mismo y el parque a salvo



### Peligros con los árboles

Pueden caer ramas y árboles, ya sea muertos o vivos, y cuando no haya viento. Tenga los ojos abiertos y escuche con atención. Corra si escucha crujidos o chasquidos de raíces, troncos o ramas. No se entretenga debajo de ramas muertas, rajadas o rotas y colgantes, ni de árboles con la base podrida.



### Restricciones de hacer fuego

En cualquier momento y en cualquier elevación puede haber restricciones de hacer fuego. Se publicarán los lugares donde está prohibido hacer fogatas de madera o de carbón. Las restricciones cambian conforme cambien las condiciones. Busque la información en los tableros de anuncios del parque o en los centros de visitantes.



### Calidad del aire

En los meses de verano, la concentración de ozono en ocasiones supera las normas federales de salud. El ozono puede tener efectos negativos en la salud.



### Pesca

La pesca está permitida en la mayoría de las áreas de estos parques y en los bosques nacionales adyacentes. A las personas de 16 años o más se les requieren que tengan una licencia de pescar de California. Obtenga los reglamentos específicos del parque en el centro de visitantes.



### Armas de fuego

Es ilegal disparar armas de fuego en los parques, así como introducir las en cualquier edificio federal. Es ilegal cazar y atrapar animales en los parques.



### Drones

Está prohibido lanzar, aterrizar y operar aeronaves de piloto remoto, como modelos de avión, cuadricópteros y drones.



### Mascotas

No se permiten mascotas en ningún sendero de los parques. Pueden tenerse mascotas en las áreas designadas, con una correa de máximo 6 pies (1.8 m) en todo momento. Recoja y deseche todos los desechos de su mascota. No deje desatendidas sus mascotas ni adentro de vehículos que puedan sobrecalentarse fácilmente.



### Seguridad en ríos

El ahogamiento es la causa principal de muerte en los parques. Los ríos representan un gran peligro debido a las rápidas corrientes y a las rocas resbalosas. No deje desatendidos a los niños.

## Conserve la fauna silvestre

**Está en tierra de osos.** Los osos se apoderan de la comida desatendida y entran a la fuerza en los autos donde ven alimento. Los osos tienen un refinado sentido del olfato y se sienten atraídos por la comida de los humanos, así como por el desinfectante de manos, los cosméticos, los artículos de tocador, la basura, los artículos de limpieza y los asientos de seguridad para niños. Los osos que han probado alimento humano pueden volverse agresivos y peligrosos, y tienen que ser sacrificados. Un oso alimentado es un oso muerto. Guardar los alimentos es la clave para proteger a humanos y osos.

## Observación de la fauna y seguridad

### Observar la fauna

Observar la fauna es una oportunidad maravillosa que implica responsabilidades. Dé espacio a los animales. La mejor forma de estar a salvo al observar la fauna es darles a los animales espacio para moverse. Manténgase a por lo menos 25 yardas (23 m) de distancia de la mayoría de los animales y a 100 yardas (92 m) de depredadores, como osos y pumas. En general, si un animal salvaje reacciona a su presencia, usted está demasiado cerca. Recuerde que los animales salvajes pueden ser impredecibles cuando se sienten perturbados o

sorprendidos. Use binoculares o una lente de zoom a una distancia prudente y retroceda si el animal se le acerca. *Conserve la fauna silvestre* y obsérvela desde una distancia prudente.

### Los osos negros

Si ve a un oso negro, no permita que se le acerque a usted, a su comida ni a su área de picnic o de campamento. Agite los brazos, haga ruidos fuertes y arroje piedras pequeñas en su dirección. Mantenga una distancia prudente, pero sea persistente.

### Los pumas y los gatos monteses

normalmente corren cuando son vistos. Sin embargo, si usted ve a un puma o un gato montés y éstos no corren, siga estos consejos para que el encuentro sea seguro:

- No corra; correr podría provocar una persecución.
- Recoja a sus niños.
- Trate de aparecer lo más grande posible; no se acucille.
- Manténgase firme o retroceda lentamente, dándole la cara al animal.
- Si el animal actúa agresivamente, agite los brazos, grite y arroje piedras o palos en su dirección.
- ¡Si lo ataca, defiéndase!
- Reporte todas las observaciones.

### Almacenamiento de comida

Se le proporcionan cajas metálicas para que guarde adecuadamente los alimentos y artículos que tengan olor cuando no los esté usando. Guarde bien todos los alimentos, las neveras portátiles y cualquier cosa con olor, incluso los asientos de seguridad para niños y las bebidas saborizadas. Si no dispone de una caja para guardar alimentos, debe guardarlos en el maletero de su auto, o en la parte baja del vehículo, fuera de la vista y con las ventanas cerradas. Mantenga siempre limpio el campamento y deseche toda la basura en los contenedores. Cuando esté de picnic, no se aleje de las neveras portátiles ni de las mesas cuando la comida esté afuera. Manténgase a un brazo de distancia de la comida.



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25 yardas (23 m)



100 yardas (91 m)



25 yardas (23 m) son aproximadamente dos longitudes de autobús



### Condiciones actuales



### Guía de accesibilidad



Encuentre la guía de accesibilidad gratuita en cualquier centro de visitantes del parque o en línea.

### Información importante

#### Wi-Fi pública gratuita

Foothills Visitor Center  
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

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#### Estado de las carreteras

(559) 565-3341, (oprime 1, después 1)

### Normas viales

#### Gasolina

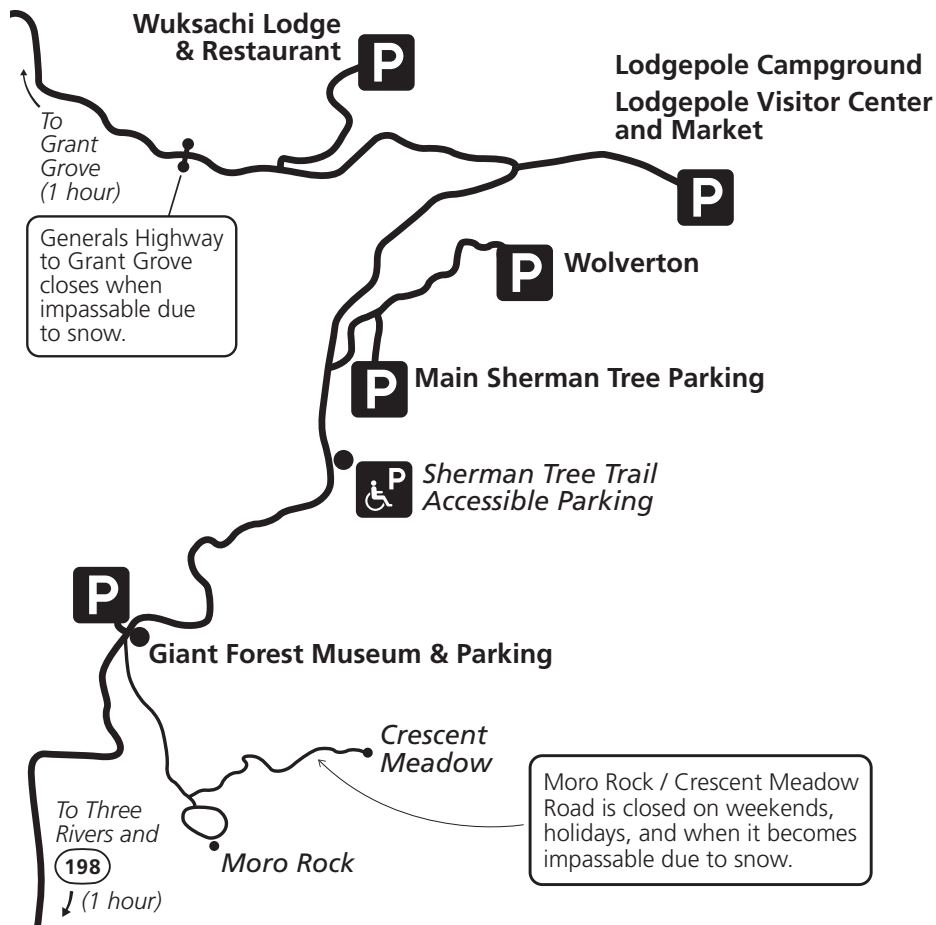
Dentro de los límites del parque no se dispone de gasolineras. Hay gasolina disponible dentro del Sequoia National Forest:

- Hume Lake (559) 305-7770
- Stony Creek Lodge (559) 565-3909

#### Cierre de carreteras

- Highway 180 a Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road (Cerrado fines de semana y días festivos)
- Crystal Cave Road

# P Parking in Giant Forest



# Driving in Snowy Conditions

In the fall, any storm in the mountains can bring fresh snow to roadways and trails. Driving conditions in Giant Forest or Grant Grove can be very different than conditions on roads leading to the parks.

Black ice is common when temperatures are above freezing during the day and below freezing at night. Drive slowly.

Whenever snow or ice are present on roadways, tire chain restrictions can be in effect.

## Chain Restriction Requirements

**When any level of restriction is in effect ALL vehicles must carry chains, and the speed limit for all vehicles is 25 mph.**

Chain Restriction Level	Requirements
R-1	Vehicles with at least two snow tires*: Must carry chains All other vehicles: Tire chains or traction devices must be installed
R-2	4WD/AWD vehicles with four snow tires*: Must carry chains All other vehicles, including 4WD/AWD vehicles without snow tires: Tire chains or traction devices must be installed
R-3	Chains or traction devices required on <b>all</b> vehicles.

\*Snow tires say "M+S," "M/S," or have an image of a snowflake inside a three-peaked mountain on the sidewall of the tire.

# Bus Fare-Free Holiday Shuttles in the Giant Forest

During the busy holiday seasons, fare-free park shuttles will be operating in the Giant Forest. Find

a place to park and ride the shuttle to travel around the area. Please be patient with staff if lines are long.

**November 23–26 (Thanksgiving weekend)**

**December 22–January 1**

First Shuttle	Last Shuttle	Interval
10 am	4:30 pm	Every 15 minutes

Shuttle Stop	Parking Information
Giant Forest Museum	This lot normally fills early in the day. Located across the street from the Giant Forest Museum.
Sherman Tree	Sherman Tree Main Parking is the closest lot to the Sherman Tree. Follow signs for Sherman Tree Parking. Main Parking closes once snow accumulates.
Wolverton Snowplay Area	This area and parking lot are only served by shuttles when snow has accumulated. At the end of Wolverton Road.
Lodgepole Visitor Center and Campground	Park in the large lot just beyond the Lodgepole Campground kiosk.
Wuksachi Restaurant and Lodge	Continue past the lodge for parking.



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- Giant Forest Museum
- Lodgepole Visitor Center
- Kings Canyon Visitor Center
- Visitor Center at Lake Kaweah
- Or shop virtually [store.sequoiaparksconservancy.org](http://store.sequoiaparksconservancy.org)

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