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Firewood Available on a Limited Basis in Kings Canyon National Park

Approximately 35 cords of surplus wood is available to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis by permit at the Grant Grove woodlot in Kings Canyon National Park until the supply is gone or snowfall hinders access to the wood yard. Firewood permits, for wood from trees once deemed to be potential hazards to visitors or property in the vicinity of campgrounds, buildings, and roads, must be purchased before wood may be removed. Obtain a permit from a park ranger from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center. Please call in advance to ensure availability. The cost is \$10 per cord with a limit of 10 cords per individual per year. Checks must be made payable to the "National Park Service." Contact Kings District Office at (559) 565-4331 for more information about wood permits.

Once you have a permit and want to cut wood, contact a ranger at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to gain access to the woodlot. (*Note: Access to the woodlot may be closed due to weather, search-and-rescue or emergency incidents, so permittees should check on the status of the woodlot prior to arrival and be prepared to wait for access, if necessary.*) Permits must be displayed at all times. The cutting and removal of wood is permitted seven days a week, but only during daylight hours. Purchase permits for only what you can haul, as wood may not be reserved. (*NOTE: The wood consists mostly of larger logs, over 30 inches in diameter, and permittees will need appropriate saws to cut the logs.*)

The National Park Service is concerned about visitor safety and the protection of park resources during woodcutting operations. Cutting or collection of any trees or wood other than identified in the permit and located in approved woodlots is prohibited. All equipment needs to be in good working order, and the use of proper personal protective equipment, such as leather gloves, eye protection, and chaps is strongly encouraged. It is recommended that an additional person be present when someone is cutting wood in order to act as a spotter and to assist in loading wood. Chainsaws need to be equipped with a spark arrester, and exhaust systems must be in good repair.

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