

Road Construction Updates

June 6-19: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



You may encounter delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks during your visit in Summer 2011 due to ongoing road construction projects. We appreciate your patience. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for your safety and the safety of others.

How can you minimize delays?

- Stop at one of our visitor centers and ask a ranger to help with trip planning to maximize your fun and minimize delays.
- Review page 2 of this flyer for the current road construction schedule. Updates will be posted at <http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/newsreleases.htm>.
- Call the National Park Service at 559-565-3341 during business hours.

Summer Hours of Operation for Visitor Centers

Sequoia National Park

Foothills Visitor Center

Open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Giant Forest Museum

Open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Lodgepole Visitor Center

Open daily 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mineral King Ranger Station

Closed, will open when weather allows

Kings Canyon National Park

**Kings Canyon Visitor Center
(in Grant Grove Area)**

Through June 23 -

Mondays-Thursdays – 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fridays through Sundays – 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

After June 24 -

Daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Cedar Grove Visitor Center

Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Special Note to People with RVs and Trailers

If entering Sequoia National Park from Hwy 198 - Be advised that vehicles greater than 22-feet-long (total length) cannot make the tight curves in a one-lane construction zone between the entrance to Sequoia National Park and the giant sequoia trees. Vehicles longer than 22 feet can only drive six miles into the park and must turn around at Hospital Rock Picnic Area.

Your Solution: The only way to get to giant sequoia trees with a vehicle longer than 22 feet is to enter via Kings Canyon National Park from Hwy 180. You will be able to access Sequoia National Park via the Generals Highway, a road between the parks, as weather permits.

Sequoia National Park – *Road Surface Treatments*

Minimal delays (15 minutes or less) are expected in the next several weeks at:

- June 7 - Potwisha Campground and Potwisha Dump Station/access road are closed to vehicle access from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- June 8 - Buckeye Flat Campground and access road closed to vehicle access from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Only half of Hospital Rock Picnic Area will be open.
- June 9-17 - Generals Highway from Ash Mtn. entrance to 11 miles in the park (Amphitheater Point), including turnouts, will have rolling short-term delays of up to 15 minutes with pilot car leading traffic in one open lane.
- June 14-21 - Generals Highway from Deer Ridge (12.6 miles from park entrance) to Wolverton Road intersection (19.4 miles from the park entrance) will have rolling short-term delays with pilot car leading traffic in one open lane from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Turnouts will be closed intermittently.
- June 15 - Access to Buckeye Flat Campground closed to vehicles - 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- June 20-24 - Additional work is expected to be done in various parking lots and roads including Beetle Rock, Giant Forest Museum ADA parking, Upper Kaweah, Crescent Meadow Loop, Auto Log, Moro Rock, Pinewood Picnic Area, Lower Sherman Tree, Big Trees Trail, Upper Sherman Tree, Lodgepole Campground Road, and Lodgepole Amphitheater area. More details to follow soon.
- June 21 - Only half of the Crystal Cave parking area will be open at a time
- June 21-29 - On June 21, the Mineral King Ranger Station parking area and Atwell Barn Road will be closed to vehicle access from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Other work along Mineral King Road to be announced.
- June 22-23 - Crystal Cave Road will have rolling short-term delays with pilot car leading traffic in one open lane. Turnouts will be closed intermittently.

Kings Canyon National Park –

Building of Big Stump Entrance Station

Minimal delays of 5-10 minutes expected during the week of June 5.

Road Surface Treatment

Minimal delays (15 minutes or less) are expected in the next several weeks at:

- June 6 - Knapp's Cabin Parking closed.
- June 6-7 - Moraine Campground - Limited access available from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sheep Creek Campground will have limited access available.
- June 7-9 - Sentinel Campground - Limited access available from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- June 7-9 and 13 - Limited access to the Cedar Grove Village parking area with only half the lot open at a time.
- June 13 - Half of the Cedar Grove Ranger Station parking will be available at a time. Roads End long-term and Copper Creek parking areas will have no vehicle access from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (However, parking is available in the Muir Rock parking lot.) Zumwalt Meadow parking area closed for the day. Turnouts near Cedar Grove may be closed.

Cedar Grove – Kings River Bridge

Minimal delays expected. Construction schedule encompasses seven days a week. No night work expected. Bridge closed to vehicle and pedestrian access. Detour in place. Cedar Grove lodge day use parking closed. Parking reduced at Lewis Creek trailhead.