

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

July 16 - 23, 2012

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



Monday, July 16

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk
8:00 PM Evening Program: *Miracle Grove*

Tuesday, July 17

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
3:00 PM Owls, Masters of the Night
7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*
8:00 PM Evening Program:
The World Below the Big Trees

Wednesday, July 18

10:00 AM Big Tree Talk
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
8:00 PM Evening Program:
Things That Go Bump in the Night

Thursday, July 19

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
1:30-3:00 PM Ranger in the Grove
2:00 PM Big Tree Talk
7:00 PM Kids' Campfire:
Guess Who's Making Those Tracks
8:00 PM Evening Program: *Bears*

Friday, July 20

9:30 AM Buena Vista Peak Hike
10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
4:15 PM Meadow Meander
7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*
8:00 PM Evening Program:
My Friend Norman Clyde
9:15 PM Night Sky on Park Ridge*
(*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

Saturday, July 21

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
11:00-2:30 PM Ranger in the Grove
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
3:00 PM Nature's Greatest Mountaineers:
The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep
7:00 PM Kids' Campfire:
Guess Who's Making Those Tracks
8:00 PM Evening Program: *A Visit With John Muir*

Sunday, July 22

9:30-11:00 AM Ranger in the Grove
2:00 PM Grant Tree Walk
7:00 PM Kids' Campfire: *Wilderness Explorers*
8:00 PM Evening Program: *Grizzly Bears*

Monday, July 23

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk
8:00 PM Evening Program:
My Friend Norman Clyde

Program Descriptions

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to learn what it takes to be one of the largest trees on Earth. *15 minutes.*

Buena Vista Peak Hike: An inspiring view awaits you at the end of this moderate hike. Meet at the visitor center to caravan to the Buena Vista trailhead, 7 miles south of Grant Grove. *3 hours, 2 miles.*

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Amphitheater for a talk, slide show, or film about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *1 hour.*

Grant Tree Walk: Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot for this easy walk through the grove. *1 hour, 1/2-mile walk.*

Kids' Campfire: Ready to receive your Junior Ranger badge? Want to learn how to earn one? Join us at Sunset Amphitheater for a special Junior Ranger awards ceremony and a variety of songs, stories, or games designed especially for kids. Please come 15 minutes early if you plan to turn in a Junior Ranger booklet. *1/2 hour.*

Meadow Meander: Yes, the trees are the most famous inhabitants of these parks, but the places where the trees don't grow are also important. Find out why in this easy stroll around one of our local meadows. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. *1 hour, 1/2 mile walk.*

Nature's Greatest Mountaineers: The Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep live on the edge in more ways than one. Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the life of these endangered inhabitants of Kings Canyon and the on-going efforts to increase their numbers. *30 minutes.*

Night Sky on Park Ridge: Want to know more about the constellations overhead? Join us for a late night of naked-eye stargazing. Sign up early for this popular program. Maximum of 25 participants, ages 5 and up. To reserve your spot, visit or phone the Kings Canyon Visitor Center at 559-565-4307. *1 1/2 hours, 5 mile drive, 1/2 mile hike.*

Owls - Masters of the Night: Wherever you go in Sequoia and Kings Canyon, you are probably in the home of an owl. Meet at the visitor center to learn why owls are so successful. *1/2 hour.*

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger along the Grant Tree Trail to have all your sequoia questions answered. *ongoing.*

Programs are subject to change due to weather or other disruptions. Check the program board outside the visitor center for the most up-to-date schedule.