

Gasoline Stations

No gas stations within the park boundaries. Only Grant Grove market sells cans of emergency gas. Fill up in Three Rivers, Clingan's Junction, or at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770.
Year-round 24 hours with credit card. 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. Opens 5/10. Available 24 hours with credit card. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: 1-559-335-2405. Opens after 4/27. Gas sold 9am-dark, usually. 17 miles (27 km) from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

Rules & Recommendations

Icy Roads & Trails

Cold spring temperatures can mean slippery areas, especially in the morning and in the shade. If it snows, watch out for plows. Recorded road information: 1-559-565-3341.

Don't Lose Your Brakes

If you keep a foot on the pedal, brakes may overheat and fail. Instead, downshift on the downhills. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. The engine gets louder but will save your brakes.

Emergency Car Repairs

For a tow: 565-3341 then press zero (24 hours). In Sequoia Park only, 24-hour AAA for lock outs, jump starts, out-of-gas, minor repairs: 565-4070.

Prevent Car Fires

Hot brakes & mufflers can easily start fires. Stop only on paved areas, not on grasses.

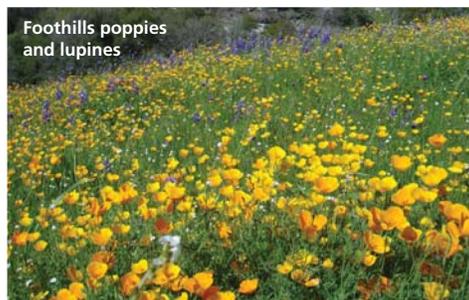
Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

Bicycles

Ride on roads, not trails. Obey traffic rules. Wear light colors at night. Under 18: helmet required.

Go Slow for Wildlife!

Never feed animals along roads. Cars may hit them.



Foothills poppies and lupines

Vehicle Length Limits

Maximum is 22 feet between Hospital Rock Picnic Area and Giant Forest Museum on Generals Hwy due to a very narrow single-lane road.

Between Potwisha Campground and Hospital Rock, advised maximum vehicle length is 22 feet. Maximum limit on other parts of the Generals Hwy is 40 feet for single vehicles, 50 feet for vehicle + towed unit.

Alternatives: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider. If towing a car, camp in the foothills and use the car.

Narrow Winding Roads & Spring Road Openings

Plowing: Snowplows clear roads in priority order, starting with main park roads. Always park well off the road so they can work safely.

Openings: Road openings usually occur by noon. All are weather dependent.

NEW CLOSURE

Generals Highway between Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (from Wuksachi to Montecito Resort near Hwy 180): Reopens 4/1.

In Kings Canyon & National Forest/Monument:

- Hwy 180 East as far as Yucca Point/Kings Canyon Lodge opens 4/13; from there to Boyden Cavern opens 4/27. It opens into Cedar Grove at noon on 5/4 (conditions permitting).
- Panoramic Point opens by 5/24.
- Redwood Mountain roads (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved, unplowed. Open with melt.

In Sequoia:

- Crystal Cave Road: Opens 5/4, weather permitting. Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m).
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Opens by 5/18. Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units. When shuttle operates (5/24-9/9: see page 6), single vehicles more than 22 feet long are prohibited. On weekends, holidays, & week of July 4th, private vehicles are prohibited on the road. Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard.
- Mineral King Road: Opens between 5/25 & 6/21, depending on conditions. RVs & trailers not recommended (not permitted in campgrounds).
- South Fork/Middle Fork roads: Partly unpaved; slippery when wet. Middle Fork opens 3/30.

Road Construction

Detours & Delays: Spring 2012

See bulletin boards at visitor centers for updates and details. Thank you for your patience.

Generals Highway Reconstruction

Amphitheater Point to Deer Ridge (1.5 miles between Hospital Rock & Giant Forest). Delays through 8/2012. After 5/21, schedules may change:

- **Monday-Thursday, some Fridays:** Delays up to 2 hours 8am-4pm; 1-hour delays 7-8am & 4-5pm; 20-minute delays 6-7am & 5-9pm. Road closed 9pm-6am with one passthrough at 11:30pm.
- **Saturday, Sunday, some Fridays:** 20-minute delays on weekends and other non-working hours.
- **Week before & after Easter:** 1-hour delays.

Vehicles longer than 22' cannot travel between Hospital Rock and Giant Forest Museum due to Federal Highways limits; long vehicles cannot make the tight curves in the one-lane construction zone.

New Cedar Grove Bridge

Bridge between Hwy 180 and Cedar Grove Village closed through 11/2012. Access the village and lodge via detour on Northside Road. Large vehicles & trailers use Lewis Creek Trailhead as a turnaround.

Other Road Repairs

Expect intermittent delays on weekdays through summer in several areas of the parks. North of Wuksachi at Halstead Meadow, expect 10-minute delays starting 4/1. Some areas may have brief closures. Beware of narrow, rough roads in construction areas. Use low gear on downhills.

Driving Times in good weather

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1 hour
Lodgepole	1 hour
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King	1½ hours

(MK Road closed Nov. 1 - late May)

From Giant Forest to:

Grant Grove via Generals Hwy	1 hour
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(Hwy opens April 1, conditions permitting)

From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
(Road open May 4 to mid-November)	
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours

(via Hwy 41)