

# Mineral King Ranger Programs

July 14-17

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	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Underground Adventures	8:00PM			
What's for Dinner, Animal Kingdom?		5:00PM		
Welcome to Wilderness		8:00PM		
As Bears Emerge			5:00PM	
Hidden in the Dark			8:00PM	
Flower Sensations				10:00AM
Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests				10:00 AM
Grace Alles Cabin Open House				11:00-3:00

## RANGER TALKS

### Underground Adventures

Caves exist in soluble rock throughout the world. Exotic and unseen, many of them are rarely visited time capsules that preserve the hidden treasures found within. During this evening program discover how two lesser known Sequoia Park caves were discovered, utilized and protected.

*Silver City Resort (1 hour)*

### What's for Dinner, Animal Kingdom?

Have you ever wondered what food animals survive on? Join the ranger for an eye-opening activity concerning what animals eat in this glorious environment and explore our own reliance upon the web of life. *Ranger Station Campfire Circle (20 minutes)*

### Welcome to Wilderness

Wilderness surrounds us in Mineral King, but one cannot take these open spaces for granted. At this interactive campfire program, experience those who helped shape our concept of wilderness and explore what it means to us as individuals today.

*Ranger Station Campfire Circle (1 hour)*

### As Bears Emerge

The end of winter at Mineral King brings local black bears out of hibernation, cubs in tow, in search of food to replace fat lost over the winter. Learn what it's like to see the world as a bear does, as a richly scented menu where every action is in pursuit of the next meal.

*Meet at the Atwell Mill Campground Entrance Sign (20 minutes)*

### Hidden in the Dark

Flying squirrels are elusive to humans, but play a vital role in mixed conifer forests. During this evening stroll realize how a squirrel's relationship to a hidden forest treasure supports an ecosystem.

*Meet at the Coldsprings Campground Bulletin Board and Registration Area (1 hour)*

## RANGER WALKS

### Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests

Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the world. Learn to identify the Giant Sequoia and its neighbors while discovering the history of the old mill.

*Meet at the Atwell Campground Entrance Sign (1 hour)*

### Wildflower Sensations

We think of flowers and plants as things to see, and occasionally smell. What we forget is that the flora around us can be experienced through our other senses as well. Come smell, feel and even hear the forgotten aspects of nature as we venture up the Nature Trail. *Meet at the Ranger Station (1 hour)*

## DROP-IN OPEN HOUSE

### Grace Alles Cabin

The Alles Cabin is located just below Atwell Mill Campground. It is the "house in the middle of the road." Come visit the cabin and experience the lifestyle of a woman who shared her hospitality with anyone who ventured into these mountains.

*1/3 Mile West of Atwell Mill Campground Green Parking Sign will be Posted (4 hours)*

All programs are free and open to the public.