

Mineral King Ranger Programs

July 21-24

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Underground Adventures	8:00PM			
What's for Dinner, Animal Kingdom?		5:00PM		
A Night With the Stars		9:00PM		
The Violent Past of Mineral King			9:30AM	
The Bear Menu			5:00PM	
Bighorn Sheep, Birds, & the GLORIA Project			7:30PM	
Flower Sensations				10:00AM
Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests				10:00 AM
Grace Alles Cabin Open House				11:00-3:00

RANGER TALKS

Underground Adventures

Exotic and unseen, caves are rarely visited time capsules that preserve the hidden treasures found within. During this evening program discover how three 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)*

A Night with the Stars

Humans have used the night sky as a way to find direction for themselves, both spiritually and physically. Join the ranger for an evening of constellation finding and understanding our connection to the brilliant night sky. *Sawtooth Parkinglot (45 minutes)*

The Bear Menu

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)*

Bighorns, Birds, & the GLORIA Project

Even with almost 900,000 acres in the parks, wildlife still needs our help. Every day scientists are working behind the scenes to find out which species are struggling. Come explore what it's like to be a park ecologist and see how they are strengthening the shrinking alpine ecosystem. *Ranger Station Campfire Circle (1 hour)*

RANGER WALKS

The Violent Past of Mineral King

This Saturday, come meet the violent past of Mineral King with historian Louise Jackson. She will lead an exciting walk up the Nature Trail about deep oceans, ruptured lands, volcanoes, glaciers and avalanches. Bring plenty of water and sun protection. There will be some mud along the trail.

Meet at the at the Ranger Station (1 1/2 hours)

Tremendous Trees, Invaluable Forests

Atwell Mill is the only campground in the parks where one can sleep under the largest trees in the word. 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.