Road Construction Updates

Sep. 11- 25, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: http://www.nps.gov/seki

Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles in the park) or on your way to the General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. *Schedules may change with little notice*.

How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

Temporary Closures at Sequoia NP

Sep. 12 - Oct. 20:
Mineral King Bridge Replacement–
Just before the last parking area at the end of the road (Eagle Mosquito). Alternate parking at Sawtooth Trailhead.

Sep. 23: (9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Wuksachi loading dock
Wuksachi employee trailer parking
Wuksachi Water Tank Road

Sep. 26: (9 a.m - 5:30 p.m.)
Wolverton Corral parking
Lodgepole VC rear ranger parking

Temporary Closures at Kings Canyon NP

Sep. 13 - 14:
Crystal Cave Road–
Plan your visit to the cave with additional time due to road construction.

DAY WORK

(Monday - Thursday) Sep. 12 - 15, and Sep. 19 - 22:
Traffic can only pass through the construction zone every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

(Friday) Sep. 16 and Sep 23:
Road construction ends at 2:30 p.m.

NIGHT WORK (Sunday - Friday)
Between 9 p.m. each evening through 6 a.m. each Friday, traffic can only pass thru the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

WEEKENDS/TIMES NOT LISTED - 20 minute delays with signals and/or flaggers.

RVs AND TRAILERS:

The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length) shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should come into the parks via Kings Canyon National Park at Hwy 180.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES:

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!