

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Village Area

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm through 9/5, then 8am-5pm. Exhibits, movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until 5:30pm through 9/5, then 8am-4:30pm. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD, LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/5, then 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday).
- **Gift Shop & Market (KCPS):** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/5, then 9am-6pm (7pm Friday-Saturday). Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Food, supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.
- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk in restaurant building: 7am-midnight through 9/5, then 7am-10pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Daily 11am-4pm.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** See page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door) & outside gift shop & market. Cell phone signals are poor.

Cedar Grove Village in the Kings Canyon

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm through 9/6, then Fridays-Sundays through 9/26. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm through September 26, then self register. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

FOOD & LODGING - Daily through 10/16, then closed:

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm.
- **Gift Shop & Market (KCPS):** Lunch supplies, salads, sandwiches, bear canisters, souvenirs. 8am-7pm.
- **Lodging:** Last night 10/16. See page 10. Front desk 7am-8pm through 8/14 then 8am-7pm.
- **Showers:** 8am-1pm & 3-6pm.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Pay Telephones:** Outside lodge & ranger station.
- **Camping:** See page 10-11.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.

IN GRANT GROVE:

- **Grant Tree Walk:** Daily 2pm through 9/5, then Saturdays & Sundays.
- **Evening Programs:** Nightly through 9/5, then check locally for schedule. At Sunset Campground Amphitheater. Non-campers are welcome!

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Please stop at Big Stump, just off Highway 180, to pay the required park and forest entrance fee or to show your pass. One fee covers *both* parks *and* the forest!

USFS: National Forest & Monument Hume Lake & Big Meadows Areas (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive from the park area of Lodgepole to Grant Grove and from Grant Grove to Cedar Grove.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Meals 7:30-9am, 12-1:30pm, & 5:30-7pm (8-9am, noon-1pm, 6-7pm after 9/5). Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Open all year. Facilities on public land open to the public: 24-hour **laundry** (coin operated) & **gas station** (with credit card). **Market & snack shop.** North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours on the hour 10am-5pm; 11am-4pm starting mid-September. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$8; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools & other group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Resort (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Open 1 hour later Friday-Saturday: restaurant 11am-2pm & 4-7:30pm; market 7am-8pm; showers 9am-6pm. Laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES IN THIS AREA

- At Hume Lake & Stony Creek (USFS permittees) and Kings Canyon Lodge (private facility on private land). See page 3 for details.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Rangers lead a wide variety of programs at areas throughout the parks. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and meeting locations.

IN CEDAR GROVE:

- **Walks, Talks, & Campfire Programs** led by rangers explore this canyon of the Kings River and other aspects of the park. Through mid-September.
- **South Fork Clean Up:** Sponsored by Friends of the South Fork Kings River - September 18. Contact (916)601-9954 or wetemplin@att.net for details.