

**GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green):** Free. Starts 5/27. Giant Forest Museum to Lodgepole, stopping at the Sherman Tree. Every 15 minutes. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. ½-hour ride one way.

- Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point

See bulletin boards for shuttle schedules

**SEE SEQUOIA BY SHUTTLE!**  
Starting May 27th

← To Grant Grove, Kings Canyon National Park, and Hwy 180

Late winter storms have delayed the opening of some roads and facilities.

For updated information, visit [www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/currentcond.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/currentcond.htm)

- Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market, Lodgepole Campground (3 stops)

**MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray):** Free. Starts 5/27. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes; stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. 15-minute ride one way.

- Giant Forest Museum
- Moro Rock - See description below.
- Crescent Meadow - See description below.

**LOGEPOLE/ WUKSACHI/ DORST ROUTE (blue):** Free. Starts 5/27. Every ½ hour. First bus 9am, last bus 5:30pm.

- Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market, Lodgepole Campground (3 stops)
- Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge
- Dorst Creek Campground (opens 6/25)

**GIANT FOREST TO VISALIA ROUTE:** \$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or [www.sequoiashuttle.com](http://www.sequoiashuttle.com). Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 7am, 8am, 9am, & 1pm. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia every hour starting 2:30pm through 6:30pm. 5/27 through 9/20.



## GIANT FOREST

**BE CAREFUL:** Snow or ice still covers some trails, making them slippery and difficult to follow. Review safety advice on page 5. You are on your own in the parks, so travel safely! Starting 5/27, take the shuttle.

### GIANT FOREST MUSEUM

The best place to learn about sequoias! Shuttle stop.

**BIG TREES TRAIL** A paved, level, 2/3-mile (1 km) loop with colorful trailside panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum; parking at the trail is only for cars with placards.) 1 hour round trip.

### GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:

Two trails go to the world's largest tree. Starting 5/27, the shuttle stops at the beginning of each trail:

- Main Sherman Tree Trail & Parking runs 1/2 mile down to

the tree and has some stairs. It is an uphill walk back to your car. Drive two miles (3.2 km) north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot for those with *disabled* placards only) to Wolverton Road. Turn right, then follow signs. If you can walk down but the walk back up is too difficult, starting 5/27 you can continue from the tree down the accessible trail to the shuttle stop on the Generals Highway, and ride the *north-bound* shuttle (toward Lodgepole) back to your car.

- Wheelchair-accessible trail from Generals Highway to Sherman Tree - parking for those with *disabled* placards only. If you have no placard but can't make the walk down the main trail, ask at any visitor center for a temporary permit or, starting 5/27, take the shuttle.

**CONGRESS TRAIL:** A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) from the Sherman Tree into the grove.

### MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW

No drinking water is available along this 3-mile (5 km), dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. From 5/27 through 9/20, use a shuttle. During that period, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited except those with valid disabled-parking placards displayed. Road may be closed to private vehicles without placards on holiday weekends. Highlights:

**MORO ROCK:** A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

**TUNNEL LOG:** A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

**CRESCENT MEADOW:** Summer wildflowers in a fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 feet /4417 m, the highest peak in the 48 states). Shuttle stop.

### NEARBY TRAILS

**TOKOPAH FALLS:** 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River, ending at granite cliffs and a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500-foot/152-meter elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

### THE FOOTHILLS

The lower elevations offer more different kinds of plants and animals than the conifer forests or highcountry. Watch for ticks and poison oak.

### HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC AREA:

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

**MARBLE FALLS TRAIL** climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a cascade. Park across the main road from Potwisha Campground. (No non camper parking in campground). From the trailhead near site #14, follow dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

**PARADISE CREEK:** At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #26 across the foot-bridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

### MINERAL KING

See page 8 for information.