

Late winter storms have delayed the opening of some roads and facilities.
For updated information, visit www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/currentcond.htm

Giant Forest Sequoia Grove

6400' (1950m) elevation. This sequoia grove is the home of the world's biggest trees. It offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and the map on page 12. See highlights on page 6 and traffic-delay information on page 12.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm through 5/20, 9am-6pm through 6/3, then 9am-7pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest are at Lodgepole & Wolverton (don't rely on cell phones).
- **Beetle Rock Nature Center (NPS):** Opens June 26. Across the Generals Highway from Giant Forest Museum. Stop in, one and all!

Crystal Cave - opens May 8

One of the park's highlights! See page 3 for details & schedule.

Lodgepole Village

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 & the map on page 12.

INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-issue outside on the front of the visitor center through 5/27, then go to the visitor center. See page 4 for details. 1-559-565-3766.
- **Visitor Center:** Opens 5/7. Daily 9am-5pm through 5/27, then 7am-5pm. *Bears of the Sierra* movie; exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps; first aid. Wilderness permits starting 5/28. Crystal Cave tickets sold 9am-4pm through 5/28, then 8am-4pm. Pay phone. 1-559-565-4436.

FOOD, SHOPS & OTHER SERVICES (DNCPR)

- **Market, Gift Shop (DNCPR):** Through 5/27, daily 9am-6pm, then 8am-8pm. Groceries, pre-made sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, ice cream, film, souvenirs.
- **Watchtower Deli (DNCPR):** Opens 5/28. Daily 11am-6pm. Sandwiches, salads.
- **Snack Bar (DNCPR):** Open 5/1-5/23 weekends only 9am-6pm, then open daily same hours. Starting 5/28, daily 8am-7:45pm.
- **Laundry (DNCPR):** Same hours as Market. Last load in 1 hour before closing.
- **Showers (DNCPR):** Open 4/30-5/27, daily 9am-1pm & 3-5:45pm. Starting 5/28, 8am-1pm & 3-7:45pm.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 11.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside visitor center & market (cell-phone signals are usually poor).

WOLVERTON MEADOWS

7200' (2160 m) elevation. North of Sherman Tree 2 miles (3.2km) .

- **Wolverton BBQ (DNCPR):** Nightly 6/12-9/5, weather permitting. All-you-can-eat, served outdoors at 6pm (time adjusts with sunset).

Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; & the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm through 5/27, then 8am-6pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 1-559-565-3135.
- **Camping (NPS):** At Potwisha (year-round) & Buckeye Flat (closed in winter). Details on page 11.
- **Pay Telephones** (cell phone signals are usually poor): Foothills Visitor Center near front door; Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Mineral King Area

The road to this area is opens May 27, weather permitting.

NOTE: Until May 27, Mineral King Road is closed about 9 miles from Highway 198. Visitors can go through the first gate (at the park boundary) with a permit from the Foothills Visitor Center (see hours above). You can then go 8 miles further to a second gate, weather permitting. The road ends 8 miles beyond that.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road. No RVs, buses, or trailers, please. No electricity or gasoline. *Be aware:* In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses and wiring in parked cars in the valley.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Opens Friday, May 28 8am-4pm. Until then, self-register for wilderness permits on the porch. Check there for schedules of free ranger-led programs.
- **Pay Telephones:** Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area. Cell phone signals are usually poor.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Open 5/28 thru 10/31. Cabins, chalets, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies, ice, **no gasoline**, no fishing licenses). Restaurant/store: Thursday-Monday 8am-8pm; Tuesday-Wednesday 8am-5pm pie & coffee only. Pay telephone. 1-559-561-3223; www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

Wuksachi Lodge & Dining

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Year-round center (DNCPR) for lodging & food services in Sequoia 4 miles (6.4 km) north of Sherman Tree.

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNCPR) and the National Park Foundation make it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to these parks. Ask about the Guest Donation Program when you check in!

- **Dining Room:** Daily. Through 5/27, breakfast 7:30-9:30am; lunch 11:30am-2:30pm; dinner 5-8:30pm. Starting 5/28, 7-10am, 11:30am-2:30pm, 5-10pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 1-559-565-4070. Lounge 5-8:30pm through 5/27, then 10pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing.
- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 10 for details. Front desk 24 hours.
- **Pay Telephones:** At main lodge. Cell-phone signals are often poor.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

GIANT FOREST/ LODGEPOLE

- In spring, rangers usually offer programs on weekends & holidays.
- Daily activities start Memorial Day weekend. Ask at visitor centers or see local bulletin boards for times, locations, & topics.

IN THE FOOTHILLS

- Ranger-led Walks, Talks, & Campfire Programs:**
Join us at locations throughout the foothills. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and meeting locations.

