



Winter 2023-2024 Trip Planner

Park Maps Available on Pages 4-5

Road Conditions: (559) 565-3341, (Press 1, Then 1)

Welcome to the Land of Giants

Rising from 1,300 feet (396 m) to 14,494 feet (4,418 m), the highest elevation in the lower 48 states, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks protect a spectacular elevational range. Dramatic shifts from warm foothills to cool forests to the cold High Sierra can be found here.

The extremely varied conditions in the parks make it home to a wide diversity of plants and animals. The parks encompass steep roads, trails that climb mountains, and cold rivers that plunge down from epic heights. This is not one, but two national parks—Sequoia and Kings Canyon—managed by the National Park Service as one unit.

Look for evidence of past fires and storms. The 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned along much of the Generals Highway. Last winter’s record-breaking precipitation fell on burned slopes that had been cleared of vegetation. The resulting mudslides caused significant damage to park highways and roads.

Crews are working on repairs. Road construction is likely to cause driving delays through the winter. In addition, many roads are regularly closed for the winter season. Please have patience as the parks work to safely maintain roads and continue recovery from past damage.



Current Conditions

www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/conditions.htm

Important Information

Free Public Wi-Fi

Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

EMERGENCY — DIAL 911

Emergency calls can be made on any cellular network, even if you do not have service for regular calls.

Gasoline and Charging Stations

There is no gas or charging station available in the parks. Gas may be available in Sequoia National Forest. Call ahead of time to check: Hume Lake (559) 305-7770

Road Closures (subject to change)

- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road closes when snow accumulates
- Generals Highway between the parks, early January to mid-March
- Panoramic Point Road
- Highway 180 into Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Crystal Cave Road

Vehicle Emergencies and Towing

The parks do not tow or repair vehicles. If you are blocking traffic, call 911 or contact the emergency communications center at (559) 565-3341, ext. 9.

Find a Visitor Center

Visitor Center	Park Area	Through January 1	January 2–March 29
Foothills Visitor Center	Foothills	9 am to 4:30 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Giant Forest Museum	Giant Forest	9 am to 4:30 pm	9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Kings Canyon Visitor Center	Grant Grove	9 am to 4:30 pm	10 am to 4 pm

Getting Around the Parks

Drive Distances and Times

	Foothills Visitor Center	Grant Grove Village	General Sherman Tree	Giant Forest Museum
Foothills Visitor Center		87 mi (139 km)* 2 hours	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes
Grant Grove Village	87 mi (139 km)* 2 hours		120 mi (194 km)* 3 hours 10 min	118 mi (189 km)* 3 hours
General Sherman Tree	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	120 mi (194 km)* 3 hours 10 min		2 mi (3.5 km) 10 minutes
Giant Forest Museum	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes	118 mi (189 km)* 3 hours	2 mi (3.5 km) 10 minutes	

When chain requirements are in effect due to snow or ice (see page 8), speed limits are reduced to 25 mph. Travel times can be much longer than noted in the chart.

* Via Routes 180, 63, 216 and 198 when Generals Highway is closed between the parks.

Vehicle Length Restrictions and Recommendations

Road	Length Limit
Generals Highway: Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground	24 feet ¹ 7.3 m
Generals Highway: Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest	22 feet ¹ 6.7 m
Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow Road	22 feet ² 6.7 m

¹Recommendation, ²Restriction (longer vehicles not allowed)

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Bienvenue! Demandez des informations imprimées en français.

Willkommen! Fordern Sie gedruckte Informationen in deutscher Sprache an.

Benvenuti! Richiedi informazioni stampate in italiano.

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
(559) 565-3341

Mailing Address
Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs
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Three Rivers, CA 93271

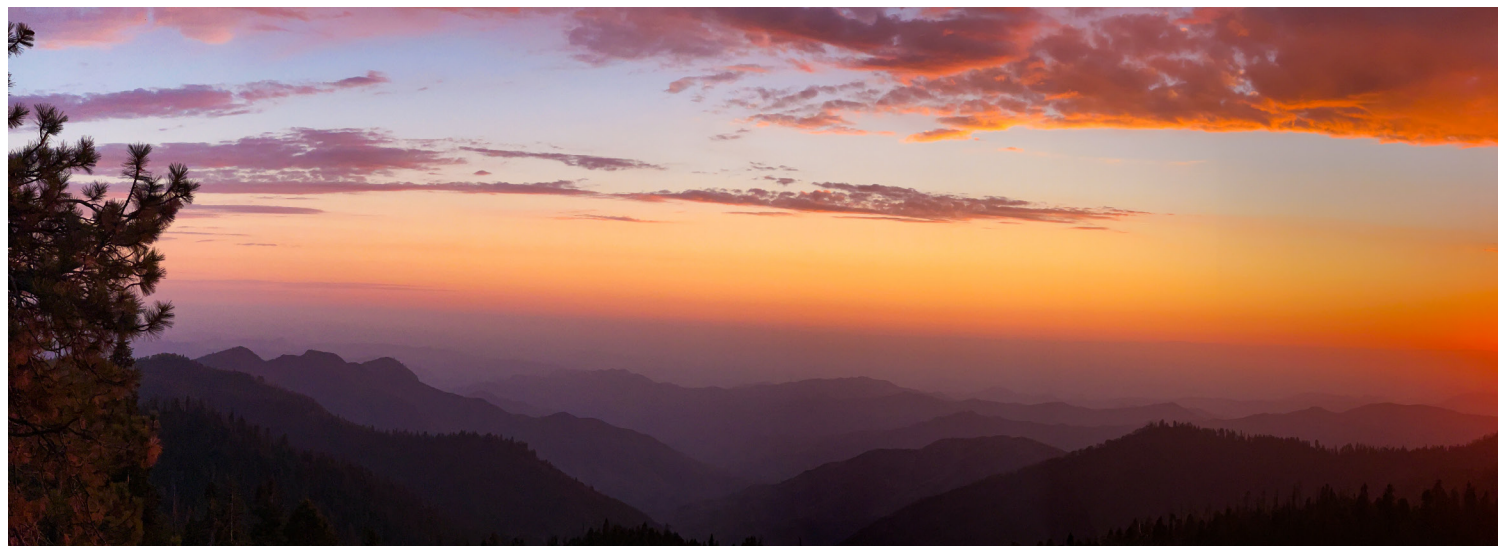
E-mail
seki_information@nps.gov

Web
nps.gov/seki

Free Public Wi-Fi
Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

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Services and Facilities

Sequoia National Park

Foothills

Foothills Visitor Center

- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Picnic area nearby



Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

- Park Store (SPC)
- Shuttle stop (holidays only)
- Self-issue wilderness permits



Lodgepole Village

Lodgepole Market tentatively scheduled to reopen March 29.

Wuksachi

Closed January 7—March 14

Wuksachi Lodge

Lobby open 24 hours

- Gift shop: 8 am to 5 pm



To inquire about lodging availability, call (559) 625-7700 or visit www.visitsequoia.com/lodging

Wuksachi Lodge's Peaks Restaurant & Pizza Kitchen

- Open to the public
- Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
- Lunch: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Dinner: 5 pm to 10 pm
- Bar open for lunch & dinner



Fare-free holiday park shuttles

Available in the Giant Forest area during some holidays (see page 8).

Ranger-led programs offered regularly.

Check visitor centers for schedules.

SPC = Sequoia Parks Conservancy

Kings Canyon National Park

Grant Grove Village

Kings Canyon Visitor Center

- Park Store (SPC)
- Free public Wi-Fi
- Self-issue wilderness permits



Village Shops

- Market: 9 am to 5 pm
- Gift shop (*Some weekends*): hours vary
- Post office: weekdays, 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm



Services are subject to change based on conditions

Park Fees

Pay your entrance fee at park entrance stations. Annual and lifetime passes cover this fee. Pass and photo ID are required for access.



www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/fees.htm

7-day Passes

Single Vehicle..... \$35
Motorcycle..... \$30
Individual..... \$20

Sequoia and Kings Canyon Pass

Annual Pass \$70
(access only to Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs)

Interagency Annual and Lifetime Passes

Annual Pass \$80
Lifetime Senior Pass \$80
(for US Citizens aged 62+)
Annual Senior Pass..... \$20
(for US Citizens aged 62+)
Annual Military Pass..... Free
(for active-duty military and dependents)
Lifetime Military Pass..... Free
(for Gold Star family members or veterans)
Access Pass Free
(for people with permanent disabilities)

Other Passes Honored

Golden Age, Golden Access, Volunteer, and 4th Grade (Every Kid Outdoors)

The Fees You Pay Make a Difference!

The parks use these funds for projects that protect and improve visitor services such as:

- Maintaining campgrounds
- Educating students
- Improving accessibility
- Fare-free Sequoia Shuttle

Winter Camping

Reservations are required except for Azalea Campground, which has 20 first-come, first-served sites. Campsites hold up to six people and each site has a picnic table, fire ring with grill, and a metal food storage box. Check-in and checkout are at noon.

Campsite Fee

Through December 31: \$28 per night.
Starting January 1: \$32 per night

Camping Information

Toilets

Open campgrounds have flush toilets.

Quiet Hours (No Generator Use)

Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am.

Dump Stations

Potwisha Campground only

Campfires

Campfires must be out cold before you leave your campsite.

Make a reservation

www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2931

(877) 444-6777
(877) 833-6777 TDD

Customer Service: (888) 448-1474

Install the Recreation.gov app

www.recreation.gov/mobile-app

Kings Canyon National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Azalea	20 first-come, first-served sites. Campsites are not cleared of snow.

Payment at Azalea Campground is through the Recreation.gov app. Download the app before arrival. Payment can be made even when no internet connection is available.

All other campgrounds are closed

Sequoia National Park Campground Options

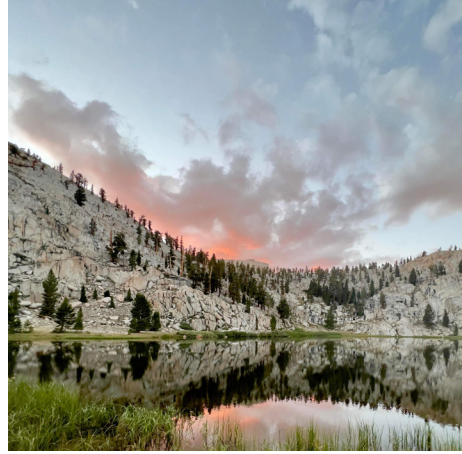
Potwisha	Open year-round
Buckeye Flat	Opening date to be determined

All other campgrounds are closed.

See map on pages 4-5 for campground locations.

Campgrounds are subject to closure due to weather or natural events.

Experience Wilderness



Wilderness is untrammeled, natural, and undeveloped, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are 97% designated Wilderness. Magnificent glacial canyons, broad lake basins, lush meadows, and sheer granite peaks—hallmarks of the most rugged portion of the High Sierra—form the core of the largest expanse of contiguous wilderness in California, which is visited and valued by people from around the world. Get a wilderness permit and solitude is just a long hike away.

Wilderness Permits

During the winter and early spring all overnight wilderness permits are self-issued in-person at a self-issue permit station.

Due to winter storm damage in early 2023, some entry points to wilderness are different than past years.

Self-issue Wilderness Permitting Stations for Overnight Travel		
<i>Permits are available any time at kiosks outside the stations below. Open hours are listed if assistance is needed.</i>		
Area	Station	Open Hours
Foothills	Wilderness Office Follow the path south of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office across the rear parking lot.	Variable from 8 am to 4 pm
Giant Forest/ Lodgepole	Giant Forest Museum	9 am to 4:30 pm
Grant Grove	Kings Canyon Visitor Center	See page 1.

Due to road damage from 2022-2023 winter storms, Mineral King and Cedar Grove access is limited. Check with staff at an open permit station for the most current information.

Food Storage
Storing all food in an animal-resistant storage container is highly recommended. These containers weigh less than 3 pounds (1.3 kg), hold up to 5 days of food, and fit in a backpack. Rent containers at park visitor centers.



Rental Cost
\$5 for three nights
\$2 per additional night

Wilderness Safety

Water
Park waterways may contain bacteria, including Giardia. Properly filter or treat water before drinking.

Hypothermia
Hypothermia can occur year-round. Stay warm and eat snacks. Symptoms include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech, and fumbling hands. If symptoms appear, drink warm sugary drinks, and get into dry clothes, sleeping bags, or shelter.

Hiking at Altitude
Most trails in the parks are above 5,000 feet (1,524 m) in elevation. People unaccustomed to high altitudes may need to acclimate to low oxygen levels, which can cause shortness of breath and dehydration. Plan for a slow ascent and drink lots of water.

Leave a Detailed Itinerary
Create a detailed itinerary of your backpacking trip. Your itinerary should include your start date, time, name of trailhead, camping locations, and your estimated return date. Leave this itinerary with a trusted responsible person.

Emergency - Dial 911

Sequoia National Forest

Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument have over 1.1 million acres (4,452 sq km) of recreational opportunities. The forest offers 52 developed campgrounds, more than 1,147 miles (1,846 km) of trails, over 314,448 acres (1,273 sq km) of wilderness, 222 miles (357 km) of Wild and Scenic Rivers, 2,617 rivers and streams, world-class whitewater rapids, 158 ponds and lakes, boating, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more.

Services and Facilities

Sequoia National Forest, Hume Lake District
Hume Lake Office
Open 8 am - 4:30 pm,
Monday through Friday
(559) 338-2251 or visit their website:
www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia



Campgrounds
Closed for the season.

Wilderness Camping
Contact the Hume Lake Office.

Dispersed Camping
Dispersed camping is available, but restrictions apply. Contact the Hume Lake Office of Sequoia National Forest for more information. Permits for portable stoves or fires are required and are available online at:
permit.preventwildfiresca.org



Montecito Sequoia Lodge
(559) 565-3388
Closed for the season.
When open, this lodge has cabins, a restaurant, hotel, and Wi-Fi.

Hume Lake Village
(559) 305-7770
Gas pumps may be closed. Call ahead before you travel here.



Stony Creek Lodge
(559) 565-3909
Closed for the season.
When open, this area has room rentals, a market, and a gas station.

Boyden Cavern
Boyden Cavern is closed during the winter.

Highway 180
Walking, hiking, and biking are not allowed on closed California highways, like Highway 180 past the Hume Lake Road junction.



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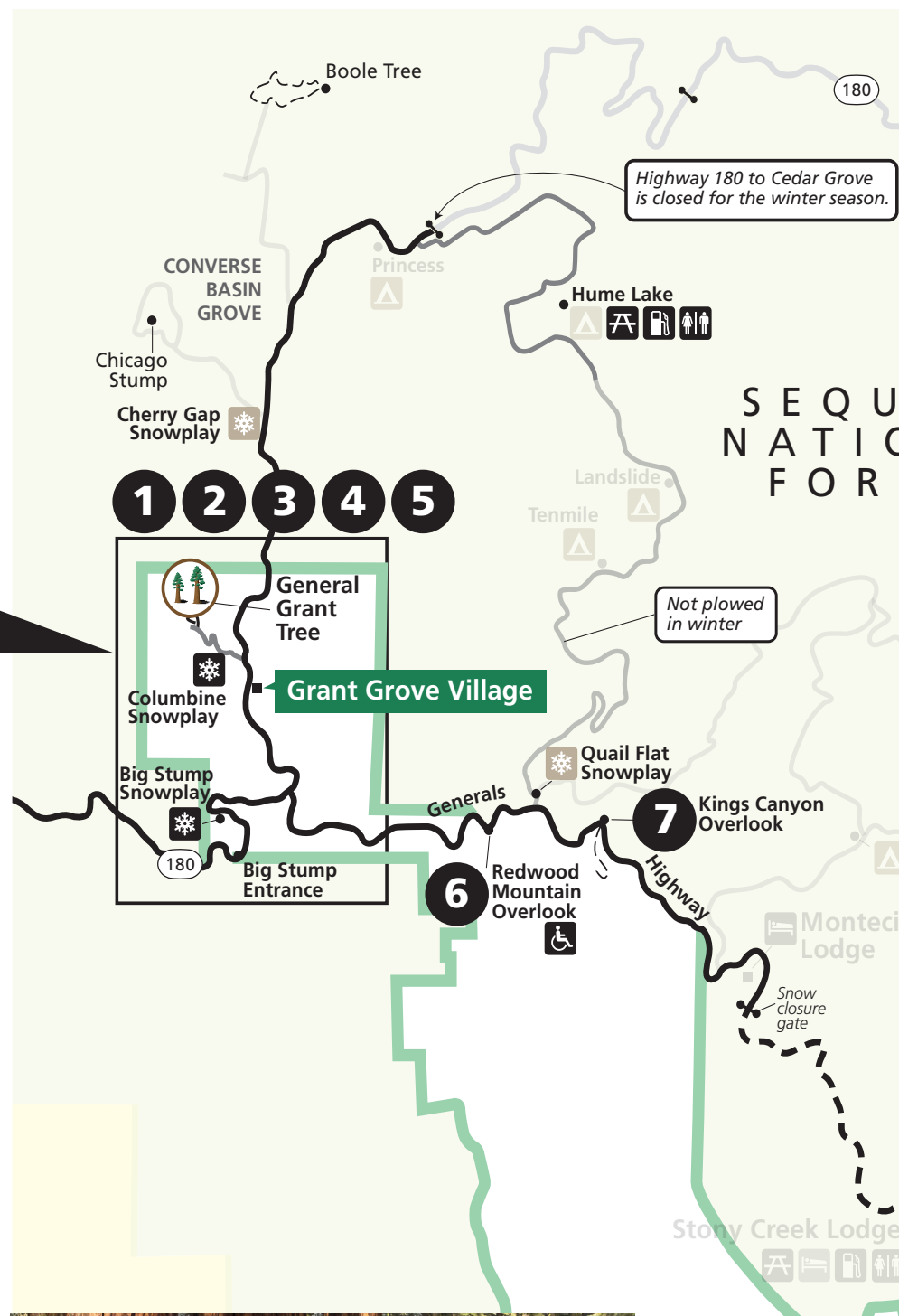
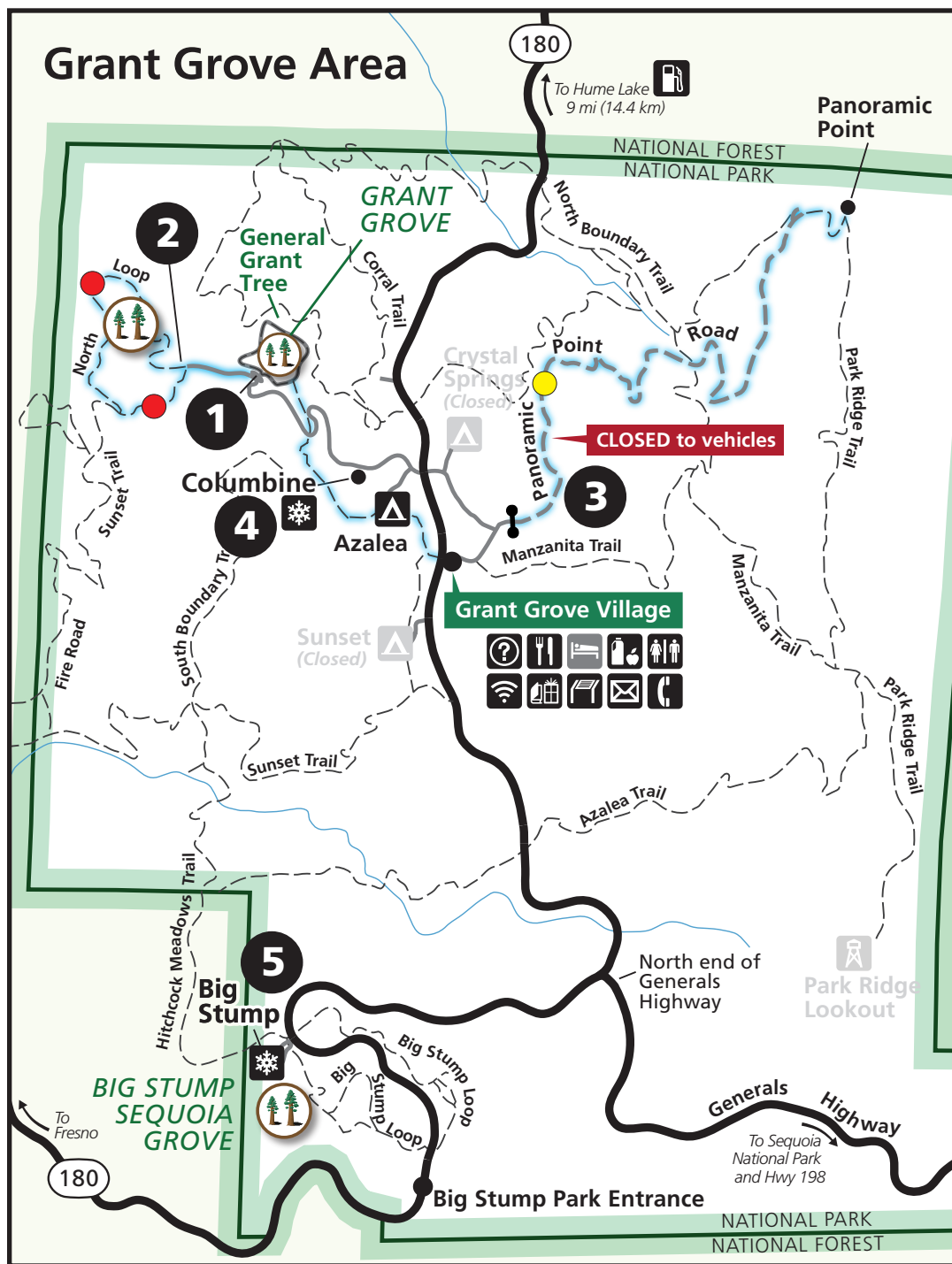
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National Parks vs National Forests

	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Sequoia National Forest
Pets	Pets are not allowed on trails. Pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m) are allowed in parking lots, picnic areas, and campgrounds.	Pets are allowed in developed areas and on trails. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
Collect Resources	Collecting objects is not allowed in parks. This includes natural objects, such as pine cones, rocks, plants, animals, and cultural artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards.	You may keep a few cones or rocks for personal use. Collecting artifacts such as arrowheads, beads, or pottery shards is prohibited.
Hunting	Not in the parks. You are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering the parks.	Only seasonally with a license. Call 559-243-4005 or learn more online: wildlife.ca.gov/hunting
Snowmobiling	Not allowed.	Get over-snow-vehicle (OSV) route information at USFS Hume Lake Office in Dunlap.
Cutting Wood	Wood cutting is prohibited, though campers may gather downed wood when not in sequoia groves.	Allowed. Please contact the nearest Forest Service office for guidance and a permit.
Dispersed Car Camping	Not allowed within the parks.	Restrictions apply.



Ranger Recommendations for Sequoia and Kings Ca



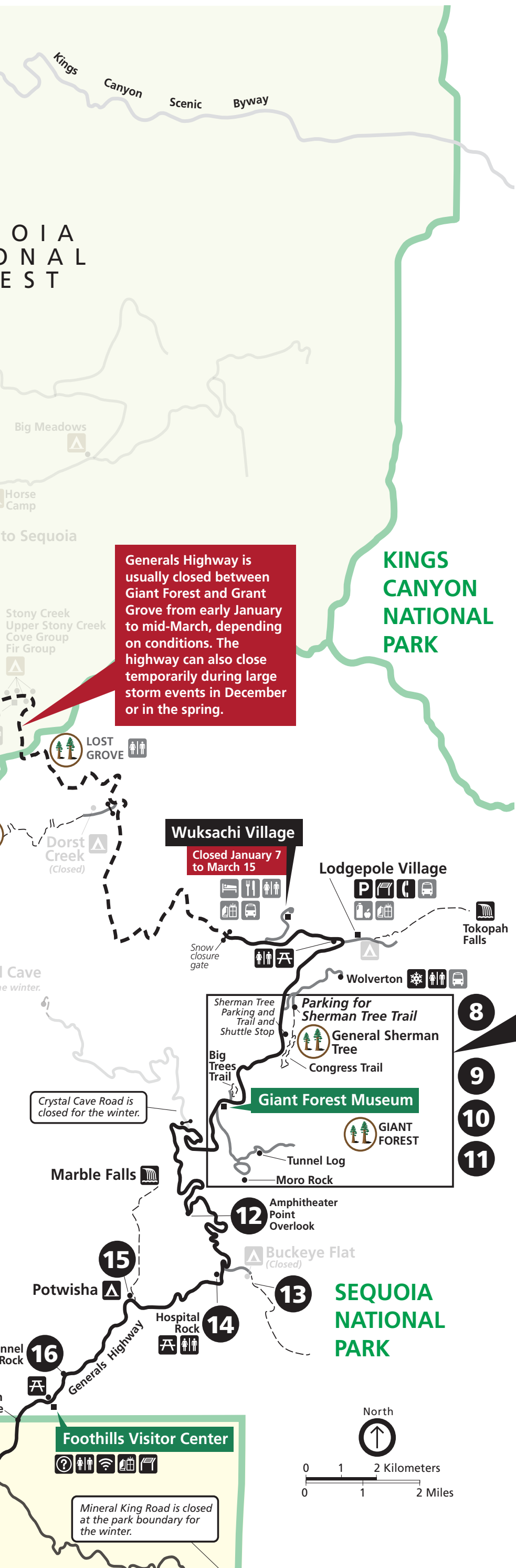
Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
1	General Grant Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
2	North Grove Trail (loop)	1.9 miles 3.1 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
3	Panoramic Point Road	4.2 miles 6.8 km	Kings Canyon Visitor Center Parking Lot
4	Columbine Snowplay Area	Snowplay	Columbine Picnic Area
5	Big Stump Snowplay Area	Snowplay	Big Stump Picnic Area
6	Redwood Mountain Overlook	Viewpoint	Just west of Redwood Mountain Road
7	Kings Canyon Overlook	Viewpoint	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area



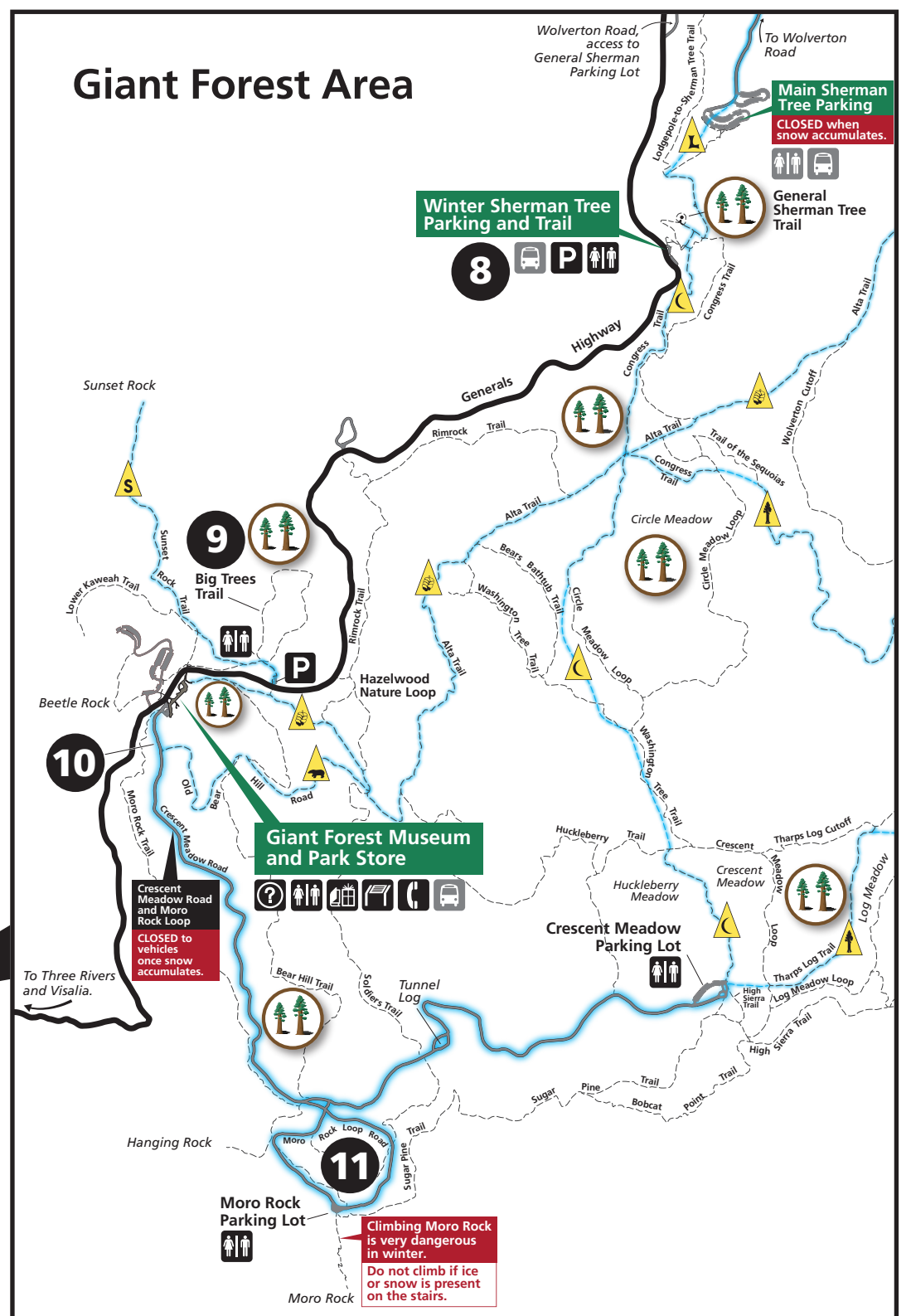
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	Main road		Visitor center		Giant sequoias
	Secondary road		Lodging (year-round seasonal)		Crosscountry ski route markers
	Road subject to winter closure		Book and souvenir shop (year-round seasonal)		Winter recreation area
	Winter recreation route (Cross-country ski and snowshoe)		Wi-Fi		National Forest Winter recreation area
	Trail		Wheelchair accessible		Crosscountry skiing
	Park boundary		Food service and drinks (year-round seasonal)		Snowshoeing
	National Park Service		Bar		Traction device on footwear strongly recommended
	U.S. Forest Service		Post office		Hiking
	Ranger recommendation		Picnic area		Holiday shuttle stop (see pg 8)
	National Park campground (year-round closed)		Gas stations		Interpretive exhibit
	National Forest campground (closed for winter)		Scenic viewpoint		Public telephone
	Parking lot (year-round seasonal)		Point of interest		ATM
	Restroom (year-round seasonal)		Fire lookout		Drinking water
	Market and snacks (year-round seasonal)		Waterfall		

Sequoia National Parks



Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
8	General Sherman Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Winter Sherman Tree Parking, or Shuttle Stop
9	Big Trees Trail (loop)	1.5 miles 2.4 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
10	Crescent Meadow Road (to end of road)	5.2 miles 8.3 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
11	Moro Rock Loop Road	0.9 miles 1.4 km	Junction with Crescent Meadow Road
12	Amphitheater Point Overlook	Viewpoint	Parking area along Generals Highway
13	Paradise Creek Trail (to creek crossing)	3.6 miles 2.9 km	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
14	Hospital Rock	Cultural site	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
15	Marble Falls Trail	6.4 miles 10.3 km	Potwisha Campground, near site #14
16	Tunnel Rock	0.1 mile 0.2 km	Parking area along Generals Highway



Keep Yourself and the Parks Safe



Snow Play Safety

When sledding:

- Slide feet first
- Consider wearing a helmet
- Don't slide near rocks, trees, branches, or people
- After sliding, move out of the path of others coming after you
- Avoid hard-packed snow or ice. Speed and direction can become out of control.



Changing Weather

Check weather forecasts before coming to the parks and keep an eye on the sky while here. Weather conditions can change quickly and unexpectedly. If clouds are rolling in or precipitation starts falling, consider returning to the trailhead earlier than planned.



Be Mountain Ready

When away from your vehicle, it is especially important to be prepared.

Carry multiple layers of clothing, a warm hat, warm gloves, a rainjacket, and warm and waterproof footwear. Manage your clothing to avoid getting hot and sweaty while also not getting too cold. Wet clothes will not keep you warm—they often make you colder.



Tree Hazards

Branches and trees may fall, whether dead or alive, and when there is no wind.

Keep eyes and ears open. Run if you hear cracks or snapping from roots, trunks, or branches. Don't linger under dead, cracked, or broken hanging branches or trees with rotten bases.



River Safety

Drowning is the primary cause of death in the parks. Rivers present a great danger due to their swift currents and slippery rocks. Do not leave children unattended.



Drones

Launching, landing, or operating remotely piloted aircraft (such as model airplanes, quadcopters, or drones) is prohibited.



Firearms

It is illegal to discharge a firearm within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks or to bring one into any federal building. Hunting and trapping are illegal in the parks.



Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in the parks. Pets in designated areas must be kept on a maximum 6-foot (1.8 m) leash at all times. Pick up and dispose of all pet waste. Do not leave pets unattended or in vehicles.

Keep Wildlife Wild

You Are in Black Bear Country

Even in winter bears can still be active, particularly in the foothills. Bears will grab unattended food and break into cars when food is visible. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted to human food as well as hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, cleaning supplies, and child safety seats. Bears that have had human food can become aggressive and dangerous and may have to be killed. A fed bear is a dead bear. Food storage is the key to protecting humans and bears.



Wildlife Viewing Safety

Wildlife Viewing

Viewing wildlife is an amazing opportunity that comes with responsibility. Give animals room to move. Stay a minimum distance of 25 yards (23 m) from most wildlife and 100 yards (91 m) from predators like bears and mountain lions. In general, if a wild animal reacts to your presence, you are too close. Remember that wildlife are wild and can be unpredictable when they are disturbed or surprised. Use binoculars or a zoom lens from a safe distance and move back if an animal approaches you. *Keep Wildlife Wild* and observe from a safe distance.



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Black Bears

If you see a black bear, don't let it approach you, your food, picnic area, or campsite. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks towards it. Keep a safe distance but be persistent.

Mountain Lions and Bobcats

These animals normally run away when seen. However, if you see one and it does not run away, follow these tips for a safe encounter:

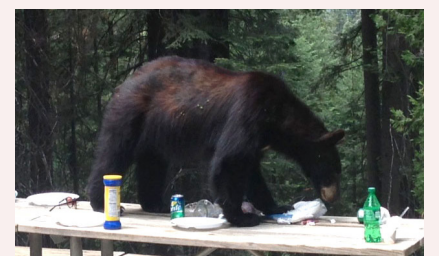
- Do not run; running may trigger a pursuit.
- Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible, do not crouch down.
- Hold your ground, or back away slowly, while facing the animal.
- If it acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones and sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!
- Report all sightings.

Food Storage

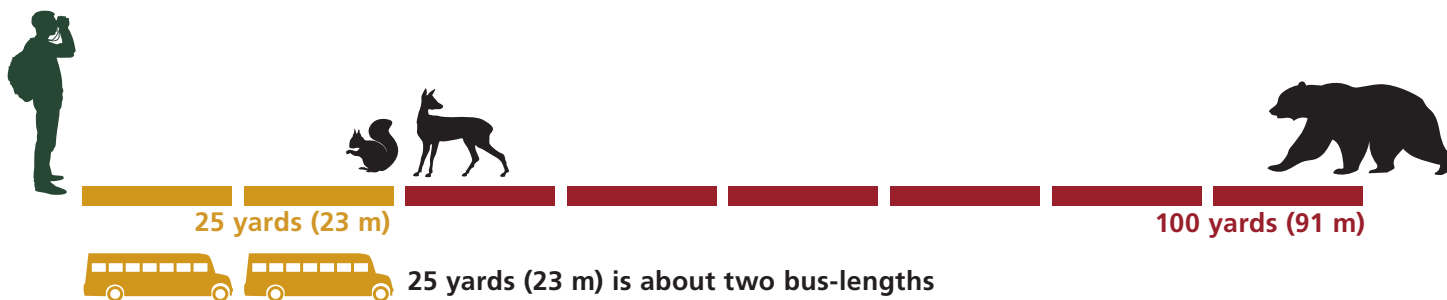
Metal food storage boxes are provided to properly store food and odorous items when not in use. Store all food, coolers, and anything with an odor, including child safety seats and flavored drinks. If a food storage box is unavailable, food items must be stored inside your car trunk or low in the vehicle, out of sight, and with all windows closed. Always keep a clean campsite and deposit all trash in dumpsters. While picnicking, never move away from coolers and tables when food is out. Stay within arm's length of food.



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Accessibility: Parks for All



Accessibility Guide

Looking for information about accessibility accommodations for people with disabilities? Ask for a free Accessibility Guide at any park visitor center or download it online.



www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm



Assistive Listening Devices

At Kings Canyon Visitor Center in Grant Grove, assistive listening devices and audio description are available for the park film. Ask at the information desk for a receiver.



Braille Park Map

Borrow a Braille version of the official park map at park visitor centers. Outdoor exhibits along the Grant Tree Trail have Braille text and tactile features. Kings Canyon Visitor Center and Hospital Rock Picnic Area have tactile interpretive exhibits.



Borrow a Wheelchair

Borrow a manual wheelchair at Kings Canyon Visitor Center or at Giant Forest Museum. Be prepared to provide your address and phone number. Wheelchairs may be used anywhere in the parks but must be returned to where they were borrowed by closing time.

Exploring in the Digital Age

We have an app for that! Download these apps to help plan your visit, find the perfect hike, or reserve a campsite. Need Wi-Fi to download? Find free public Wi-Fi at Foothills and Kings Canyon Visitor Centers.



National Park Service (NPS) App

Find maps, information, and an events calendar on this app. Once downloaded, search for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and download content for offline use.



UniDescription App

This app translates the map of the parks into acoustic media, designed for people who are blind, visually impaired, print dyslexic, or who prefer learning through sound.



Recreation.gov App

This app is your on-the-go solution for making reservations or purchasing passes. Return to your favorite spot or find a new one by searching for the location that is right for you.

Bienvenido al país de los gigantes

A una altitud de 1,300 pies (396 m) a 14,494 pies (4,418 m), la mayor elevación en los 48 estados contiguos, estos parques protegen una espectacular cordillera elevada. Dentro de nuestros límites se encuentran impresionantes transiciones, desde las cálidas estribaciones hasta los bosques frescos y la fría High Sierra. En esos parques tienen su hogar diversas plantas y animales, que viven en condiciones extremadamente variadas. Los parques abarcan empinados caminos, senderos que trepan por las montañas y ríos que se desploman desde alturas épicas. En sus recorridos, busque evidencias de incendios y tormentas pasadas.

El incendio KNP ardió a lo largo de casi toda el Generals Highway en 2021; después, el invierno de 2022-2023 trajo una precipitación sin precedentes. La lluvia y la nieve que cayeron en las laderas quemadas causaron daños significativos a las carreteras y caminos del parque. Ahora hay cuadrillas trabajando en la reparación pero es probable que la construcción de caminos cause demoras en el tráfico durante todo el verano. Tenga paciencia mientras trabajamos para restablecer el acceso seguro a los parques.

Manténgase usted mismo y el parque a salvo



Jugando en la Nieve

Cuando estas en el trineo:

- Deslizar pies primero
- Considere usar un casco
- No deslizar cerca de piedras, arboles, ramas, o gente
- Después de deslizar, por favor despejar el camino para evitar los que siguen detrás.
- Evite nieve compacta o hielo. Puede perder control de su velocidad y dirección.



Venga Preparado

Cuando esta alejado de su vehículo es importante estar preparado. Lleve

varias capas de ropa, un gorro abrigado, guantes abrigados, una chaqueta impermeable y calzado abrigado e impermeable. Maneja tu ropa apropiadamente para evitar el calor y el sudor y al mismo tiempo no pasar demasiado frío. Ropa mojada no te mantendrá caliente, te hacen sentir frío.



Cambios de Clima

Por favor de revisar el clima antes de venir a los parques y estar atento a

cambios en el clima cuando estes en el parque. El clima puede cambiar rápido e inesperadamente. Si se nubla o si empieza a llover, considere regresar al comienzo del sendero antes de lo planeado.



Mascotas

No se permiten mascotas en ningún sendero de los parques. Pueden tenerse mascotas en las áreas designadas, con una correa de máximo 6 pies (1.8 m) en todo momento. Recoja y deseché todos los desechos de su mascota. No deje desatendidas sus mascotas ni adentro de vehículos que puedan sobrecalentarse fácilmente.



Peligros con los árboles

Pueden caer ramas y árboles, ya sea muertos o vivos, y cuando no

haya viento. Tenga los ojos abiertos y escuche con atención. Corra si escucha crujidos o chasquidos de raíces, troncos o ramas. No se entretenga debajo de ramas muertas, rajadas o rotas y colgantes, ni de árboles con la base podrida.



Armas de fuego

Es ilegal disparar armas de fuego en los parques, así como introducirlas

en cualquier edificio federal. Es ilegal cazar y atrapar animales en los parques.



Drones

Está prohibido lanzar, aterrizar y operar aeronaves de piloto remoto, como modelos de avión, cuadricópteros y drones.



Seguridad en ríos

El ahogamiento es la causa principal de muerte en los parques. Los ríos representan un gran peligro debido a las rápidas corrientes y a las rocas resbalosas. No deje desatendidos a los niños.

Conserve la fauna silvestre

Está en tierra de osos. Los osos se apoderan de la comida desatendida y entran a la fuerza en los autos donde ven alimento. Los osos tienen un refinado sentido del olfato y se sienten atraídos por la comida de los humanos, así como por el desinfectante de manos, los cosméticos, los artículos de tocador, la basura, los artículos de limpieza y los asientos de seguridad para niños. Los osos que han probado alimento humano pueden volverse agresivos y peligrosos, y tienen que ser sacrificados. Un oso alimentado es un oso muerto. Guardar los alimentos es la clave para proteger a humanos y osos.

Observación de la fauna y seguridad

Observar la fauna

Observar la fauna es una oportunidad maravillosa que implica responsabilidades. Dé espacio a los animales. La mejor forma de estar a salvo al observar la fauna es darles a los animales espacio para moverse. Manténgase a por lo menos 25 yardas (23 m) de distancia de la mayoría de los animales y a 100 yardas (92 m) de depredadores, como osos y pumas. En general, si un animal salvaje reacciona a su presencia, usted está demasiado cerca. Recuerde que los animales salvajes pueden ser impredecibles cuando se sienten perturbados o

sorprendidos. Use binoculares o una lente de zoom a una distancia prudente y retroceda si el animal se le acerca. *Conserve la fauna silvestre* y obsérvela desde una distancia prudente.

Los osos negros

Si ve a un oso negro, no permita que se le acerque a usted, a su comida ni a su área de picnic o de campamento. Agite los brazos, haga ruidos fuertes y arroje piedras pequeñas en su dirección. Mantenga una distancia prudente, pero sea persistente.

Los pumas y los gatos monteses

normalmente corren cuando son vistos. Sin embargo, si usted ve a un puma o un gato montés y éstos no corren, siga estos consejos para que el encuentro sea seguro:

- No corra; correr podría provocar una persecución.
- Recoja a sus niños.
- Trate de aparecer lo más grande posible; no se acucille.
- Manténgase firme o retroceda lentamente, dándole la cara al animal.
- Si el animal actúa agresivamente, agite los brazos, grite y arroje piedras o palos en su dirección.
- ¡Si lo ataca, defiéndase!
- Reporte todas las observaciones.

Almacenamiento de comida

Se le proporcionan cajas metálicas para que guarde adecuadamente los alimentos y artículos que tengan olor cuando no los esté usando. Guarde bien todos los alimentos, las neveras portátiles y cualquier cosa con olor, incluso los asientos de seguridad para niños y las bebidas saborizadas. Si no dispone de una caja para guardar alimentos, debe guardarlos en el maletero de su auto, o en la parte baja del vehículo, fuera de la vista y con las ventanas cerradas. Mantenga siempre limpio el campamento y deseché toda la basura en los contenedores. Cuando esté de picnic, no se aleje de las neveras portátiles ni de las mesas cuando la comida esté afuera. Manténgase a un brazo de distancia de la comida.



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25 yardas (23 m)



100 yardas (91 m)



25 yardas (23 m) son aproximadamente dos longitudes de autobús



Condiciones actuales



Guía de accesibilidad



Encuentre la guía de accesibilidad gratuita en cualquier centro de visitantes del parque o en línea.

Información importante

Wi-Fi pública gratuita

Foothills Visitor Center
Kings Canyon Visitor Center

EMERGENCIAS: LLAME AL 911

Estado de las carreteras

(559) 565-3341, (oprime 1, después 1)

Normas viales

Gasolina

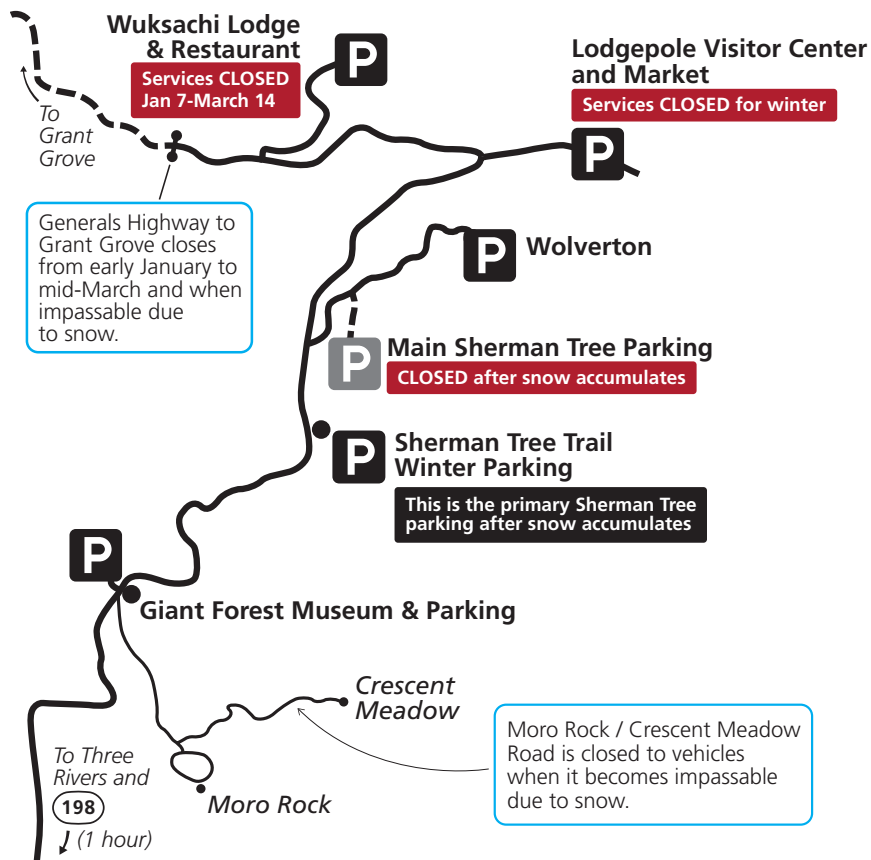
Dentro de los límites del parque no se dispone de gasolineras. Hay gasolina disponible dentro del Sequoia National Forest:

- Hume Lake
(559) 305-7770

Cierre de carreteras

- Generals Highway entre los parques
- Highway 180 a Cedar Grove
- Mineral King Road
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road (Cerrado cuando hay nieve)
- Crystal Cave Road

P Parking in Giant Forest



Winter Driving

Any storm in the mountains can bring fresh snow and ice to roadways and trails. Driving conditions in Giant Forest or Grant Grove can be very different than conditions on lower elevation roads.

Black ice is common when temperatures are above freezing during the day and below freezing at night. Drive slowly.

Whenever snow or ice is present on roadways, tire chain requirements can be in effect.

Chain Requirement Levels

Chains can be purchased or rented from businesses in nearby towns.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-1

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

SPEED LIMIT 25

if your vehicle has at least two snow-tread tires* on the drive wheels. Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.

AUTOS & PICKUPS SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

Las cadenas para llantas o asistente de tracción deben estar instalados en su vehículo, excepto...

si tu vehículo tiene al menos dos llantas para manejar en la nieve. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-2

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on your vehicle, except...

SPEED LIMIT 25

if your vehicle is AWD/4WD with snow-tread tires* on all four wheels. Tire chains must still be carried in the vehicle in case they are needed.

4-W DRIVE WITH SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

Las cadenas para llantas o asistente de tracción deben estar instalados en su vehículo, excepto...

Si tu vehículo es tracción total o tracción para la nieve en las cuatro ruedas. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

R-3

Tire chains or traction devices must be installed on all vehicles. No exceptions.

SPEED LIMIT 25

NO EXCEPTIONS

Las cadenas para llantas o asistente de tracción deben estar instalados en su vehículo, sin excepción.

*Snow-tread tires say "MS," "M+S," "M/S," "mud and snow," or have an image of a snowflake inside a three-peaked mountain on the sidewall of the tire.

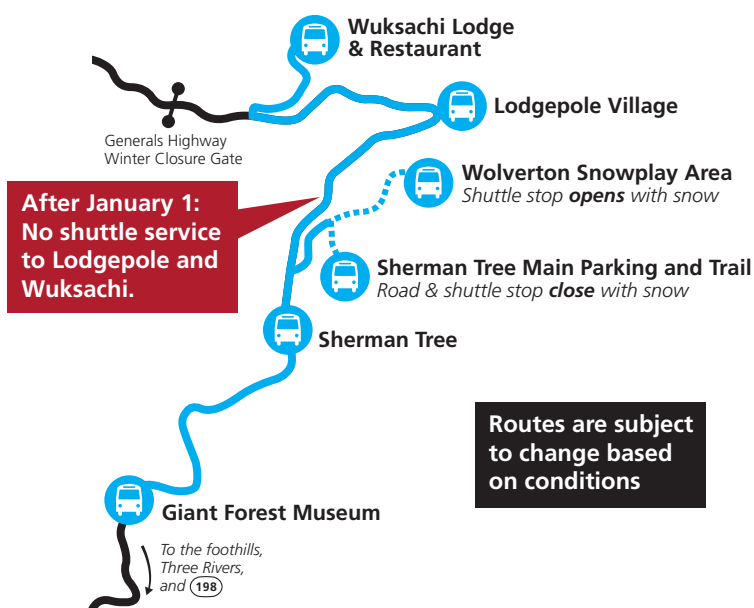
Fare-Free Holiday Shuttles in Giant Forest

During the busy holiday seasons, fare-free park shuttles will operate in the Giant Forest.

Find a place to park and ride the shuttle to travel around the area. All shuttles are wheelchair accessible.

December 23–January 1
January 13–January 14
February 17–February 18

First Shuttle	Last Shuttle	Interval
10 am	4:30 pm	Every 15 minutes



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Remember your visit with a purchase from one of the park stores. Park stores inside visitor centers offer books and other keepsakes such as postcards, magnets, and t-shirts. Every purchase makes Sequoia Parks Conservancy's work possible.

Park Store Locations

- Foothills Visitor Center
- Giant Forest Museum
- Kings Canyon Visitor Center
- Visitor Center at Lake Kaweah
- Or shop virtually store.sequoiaparksconservancy.org



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