



Fall 2025 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 14,505 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 hot foothills to cool forests to the cold High Sierra can be found here.

The parks are home to many different plants and animals because of their wide variety of conditions. There are steep roads, mountainous trails, and cold rivers that plunge down from great heights. This is two national parks—Sequoia and Kings Canyon—managed by the National Park Service as one unit.

When visiting the giant sequoia groves, you may notice that tall, mature sequoias have branches that are not very long. Why do you think these tall trees have short branches? Hint: consider that they live at elevations that receive several feet of snow in winter.

Look for evidence of past fires and storms. The 2021 KNP Complex Fire burned much of the area along Generals Highway. Record-breaking precipitation in winter 2022-2023 fell on burned slopes that had been cleared of vegetation. The resulting mudslides caused significant damage to park highways and roads.



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 are no gas or charging stations available in the parks. Gas may be available in Sequoia National Forest. Call ahead of time to check: Hume Lake (559) 305-7770 or Stony Creek Lodge (877) 828-1440.

Road Closures (subject to change)
• Redwood Mountain Road
• Middle Fork 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.

River Safety
Rivers are swift and cold. Rocks are slippery. Do not leave children alone near water.

Find a Visitor Center

Visitor Center	Park Area	Through Oct 13	After Oct 14
Foothills Visitor Center	Foothills	8 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Giant Forest Museum	Giant Forest	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Lodgepole Visitor Center	Lodgepole	8 am to 5 pm <i>Open through September 28</i>	CLOSED
Kings Canyon Visitor Center	Grant Grove	8 am to 5 pm	9 am to 4:30 pm
Cedar Grove Visitor Center	Cedar Grove	9 am to 5 pm <i>Open through September 28</i>	CLOSED

Getting Around the Parks

Drive Distances and Times					
	Foothills Visitor Center	Giant Forest Museum	General Sherman Tree	Grant Grove Village	Cedar Grove Village
Foothills Visitor Center		16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	48 mi (74 km) 120 minute	75 mi (120 km) 180 minutes
Giant Forest Museum	16 mi (25 km) 60 minutes		4 mi (6.1 km) 10 minutes	30 mi (48 km) 65 minutes	60 mi (97 km) 120 minutes
General Sherman Tree	18 mi (28 km) 70 minutes	4 mi (6.1 km) 10 minutes		28 mi (45 km) 60 minute	57 mi (92 km) 115 minutes
Grant Grove Village	48 mi (74 km) 120 minutes	30 mi (48 km) 65 minutes	28 mi (45 km) 60 minutes		29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes
Cedar Grove Village	75 mi (120 km) 180 minutes	60 mi (97 km) 120 minutes	57 mi (92 km) 115 minutes	29 mi (47 km) 60 minutes	

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Information in this newspaper can change at any time.

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
Crescent Meadow Road, including Moro Rock Loop	22 feet ² 6.7 m

¹Recommendation, ²Restriction (longer vehicles not allowed)

Welcome! Ask for printed information in other languages.

¡Bienvenido! Solicite información impresa en español.

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
47050 Generals Highway
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

 @sequoiakingsnps

Emergency - Dial 911

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.

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 Residents / Citizens aged 62+)
Annual Senior Pass..... \$20
(for US Residents / 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

Services and Facilities
Sequoia National Park

Foothills

Foothills Visitor Center

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



Wuksachi

Wuksachi Lodge

- Lobby open 24 hours
- Gift shop: 8 am–8 pm



Wuksachi Lodge’s Peaks Restaurant & Pizza Kitchen

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



SPC = Sequoia Parks Conservancy

Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

- Park store (SPC)
- Self-issue wilderness permits



Mineral King

Mineral King Ranger Station

No regular hours after Sept 29 CLOSES for the season Oct 29

- Self-issue wilderness permits after Sept 27



Silver City Mountain Resort (PRIVATELY OWNED)

(559) 242-3510

- Monday to Thursday: 8 am–7 pm
- Friday to Sunday: 8 am–8 pm



Listing of Silver City Resort does not constitute or imply an endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government.

Lodgepole Village

Lodgepole Visitor Center

CLOSED for the season Sept 29

- Park store (SPC)
- Wilderness permits




Village Market and Grill

- Before Oct 15: Market 8 am–9 pm, Grill 8 am–7 pm.
- Oct 15–Nov 2: Market and Grill 9 am–7 pm
- After Nov 2: Market hours TBD. Grill closed.



Services are subject to change based on conditions.

 **Ranger-led programs offered regularly.**

Check visitor centers for schedules.

To check for lodging availability inside the parks, call (866) 807-3598 or visit www.visitsequoia.com/lodging

Kings Canyon National Park

Grant Grove Village

Kings Canyon Visitor Center

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



Grant Grove Restaurant

CLOSED beginning Nov 2

- Breakfast: 7 am–10 am
- Lunch/Dinner: 11:30 am–8 pm



Village Shops

- Market: 9 am–5 pm
- Gift shop: 10 am–5 pm
- **CLOSED beginning Nov 2**
- Post office: weekdays, 9 am–12 pm and 1 pm–4 pm



John Muir Lodge and Cabins

Lodge CLOSED beginning Nov 2 Cabins CLOSED beginning Oct 27

Lobby open 24 hours



Camping

Campsites hold up to six people and each site has a picnic table, a fire ring with grill, and a metal food storage box. Check-in and checkout are at noon.

Campsite Fee (Reservation Required)
\$32 per night

See map on pages 4-5 for campground locations.

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

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
Lodgepole Campground

Campfires

Campfires must be out cold before you leave your campsite.

Campground status can change based on conditions

Roadside Camping

Roadside camping is not permitted in the parks. Camp only in designated campground sites.

Propane and Fuel Canisters

Please recycle fuel canisters at home.

No Shows

Sites that remain vacant by noon on the second day of a reservation may be released for new reservations.

Cedar Grove Village

Cedar Grove Lodge, Market, and Grill

CLOSES for the season October 27

- Lodge lobby & Market: 7 am–9 pm
- Grill/snack bar: Lunch: 11:30 am –2 pm, Dinner: 4 pm–8 pm
- Showers & laundry: 8 am–8 pm



Cedar Grove Pack Station

10 am–3 pm. Call ahead.
CLOSED beginning Oct 1
(559) 565-3360

Kings Canyon National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Azalea	Reservation-only through October 31. First-come, first-served after Nov. 1.
Crystal Springs	OPEN through September 14
Sentinel	OPEN through October 26
Sheep Creek	OPEN through September 16

Sequoia National Park Campground Options

Campground	Status
Atwell Mill	OPEN through October 14
Cold Springs	OPEN through October 14
Lodgepole	OPEN through December 2
Potwisha	OPEN

All other campgrounds are closed for the season.

Experience Wilderness



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Wilderness is untrammeled, natural, and undeveloped. 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. With a wilderness permit solitude is just a long hike away.

Wilderness Permits

During the summer quota period, May 23 to September 27, 2025, there are limits on the number of people that may enter the wilderness at an entry point each day and a fee is required. Most trailheads allow advance

reservations on Recreation.gov. Unused quota permits are available first-come, first-served for walk-ups at permit issuing stations. Wilderness Permit Station locations can be found below.

Wilderness Permit Stations for Overnight Travel		
Area	Permit Station	Open Hours
Foothills	Wilderness Office	8 am to 4:30 pm
	Follow the path south of the visitor center to the Wilderness Office across the rear parking lot.	After Sept 27: Self-issue permitting
Giant Forest/ Lodgepole	Through Sept. 27: Lodgepole Visitor Center	7 am to 3:30 pm
	After Sept 27: Giant Forest Museum	Self-issue permitting
Grant Grove	Kings Canyon Visitor Center	8 am to 5 pm
		After Sept 27: Self-issue permitting
Mineral King	Mineral King Ranger Station	7:30 am to 4 pm
	After Sept 27	Self-issue permitting
Cedar Grove	Road's End Permit Station, through Sept 27	7 am to 3:30 pm
	Sept 28 Until Hwy 180 closes in late October	Self-issue permitting

Food Storage

Store all food in an animal-resistant storage container. 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 plenty 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
Office located in Dunlap, CA.
Open 8 am - 4:30 pm,
Monday through Friday
(559) 338-2251 or visit their website:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sequoia/recarea/?recid=79569>



Campgrounds

All CLOSE for winter on September 28



- Big Meadows
- Hume Lake
- Landslide
- Princess
- Tenmile
- Stony Creek
- Upper Stony Creek
- Fir Group
- Cove Group

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
Features cabins, a restaurant, a hotel, and Wi-Fi.



Stony Creek Lodge

(559) 565-3909
CLOSED beginning October 13
When open, this area has room rentals, a market, and a gas station.



Hume Lake Village

(559) 305-7770
Gas pumps are not always open. Call ahead to check fuel pump status.



Boyden Cavern

CLOSES late October
Tours of Boyden Cavern are available for a fee. Advance reservations recommended at boydencavern.com





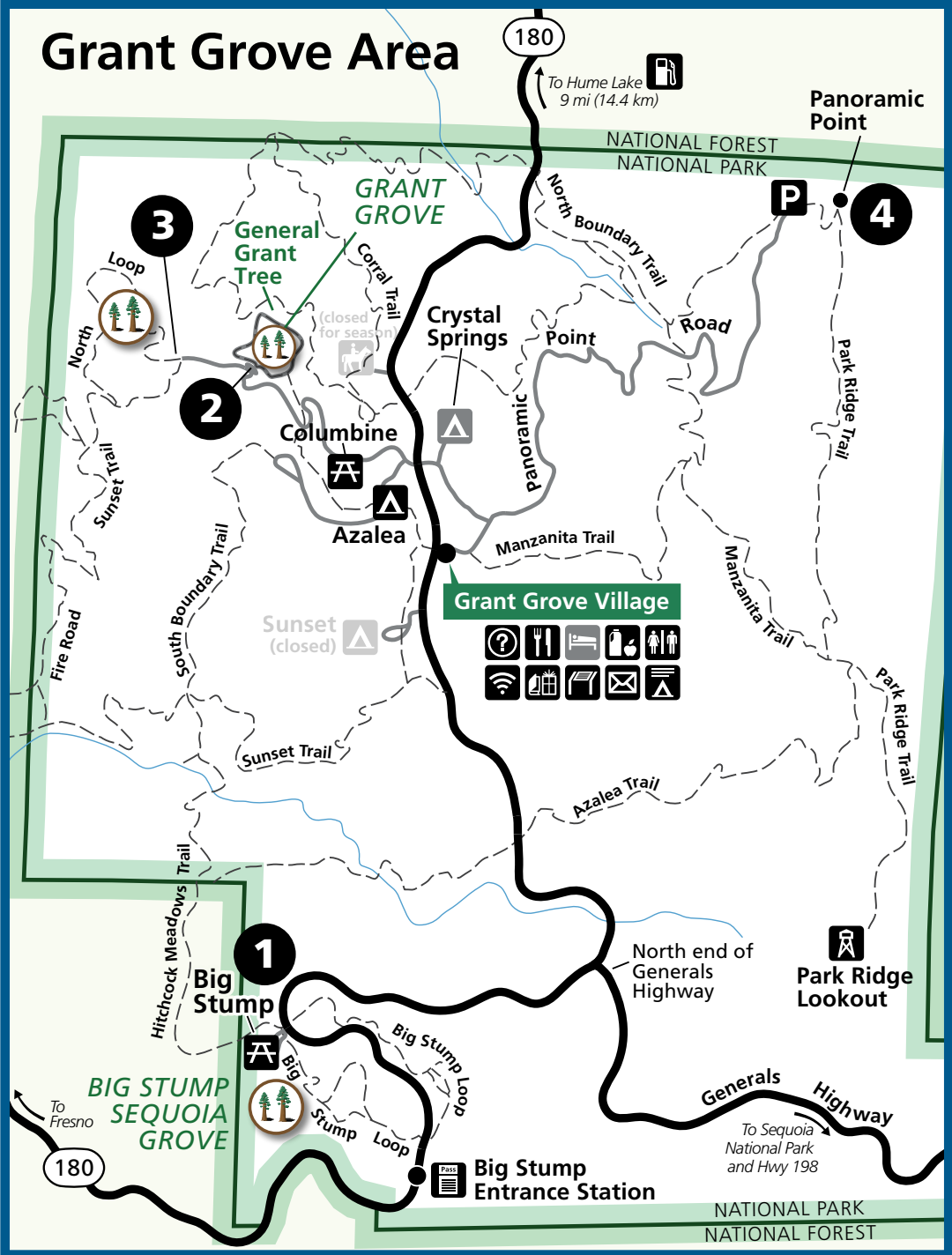
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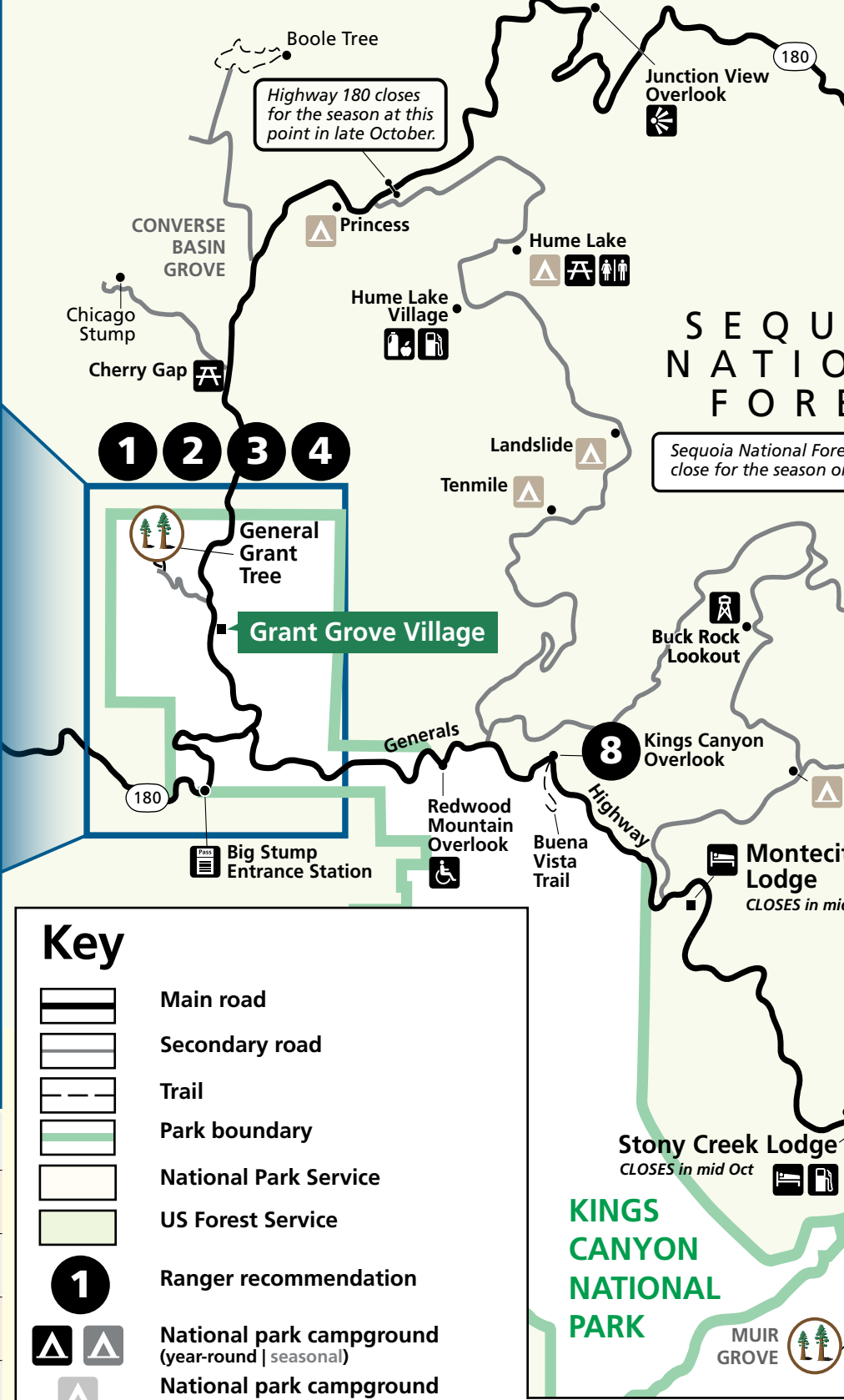
Regulations: National Parks vs National Forests

	 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 and 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
Off-Road Driving	Not allowed. Stay on park roads.	Get off-highway-vehicle (OHV) 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.











































Features	Ranger Recommendation	Roundtrip Distance	Starting Point
1  	Big Stump Loop	1.5 mile 2.4 km	Big Stump Picnic Area
2  	General Grant Tree Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Grant Tree Parking Lot
3  	North Grove Trail (loop)	1.8 miles 2.9 km	Grant Tree Bus Parking Lot
4   	Panoramic Point Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Panoramic Point Parking Lot
4  	Park Ridge Trail	4.7 miles 7.6 km	Panoramic Point Parking Lot
5  	Roaring River Falls	0.3 miles 0.5 km	Trailhead on Highway 180
6  	Zumwalt Meadow	0.8 miles 1.3 km	Trailhead on Highway 180. Distance is to meadow view.
7 	Kanawyer Loop	4.5 miles 7.2 km	Road's End in Cedar Grove
8   	Kings Canyon Overlook	Viewpoint	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area
8  	Buena Vista Trail	2.0 miles 3.2 km	Kings Canyon Overlook Parking Area
9   	Lost Grove	Viewpoint	Rest area along the Generals Highway
10   	Tokopah Falls Trail	3.4 miles 5.5 km	Trailhead across road bridge from Lodgepole Campground parking lot
11   	Congress Trail (loop)	2.9 miles 4.7 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
11   	General Sherman Tree Trail	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Sherman Tree Parking Lot or Shuttle Stop
12   	General Sherman Tree Accessible Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Sherman Tree Accessible Parking Lot, or Shuttle Stop
13   	Big Trees Trail (loop)	1.2 miles 1.9 km	Giant Forest Museum Parking Lot
14  	Tunnel Log	On roadway	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
15 	Moro Rock Trail	0.5 miles 0.8 km	Along Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow Road
16  	Amphitheater Point Overlook	Viewpoint	Parking area along Generals Highway
17 	Hospital Rock	Cultural site	Hospital Rock Picnic Area
18 	Tunnel Rock	0.1 mile 0.2 km	Parking area along Generals Highway

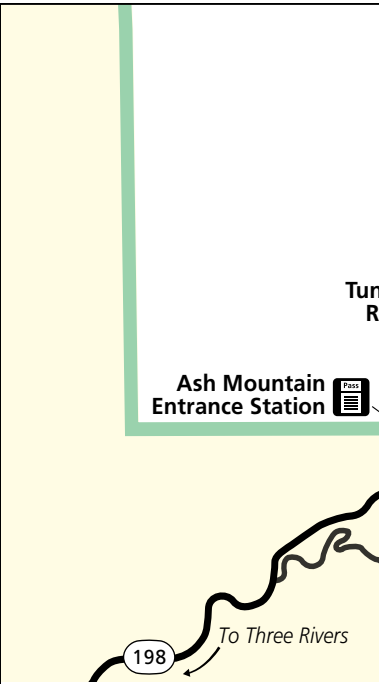
Area Maps and Ranger



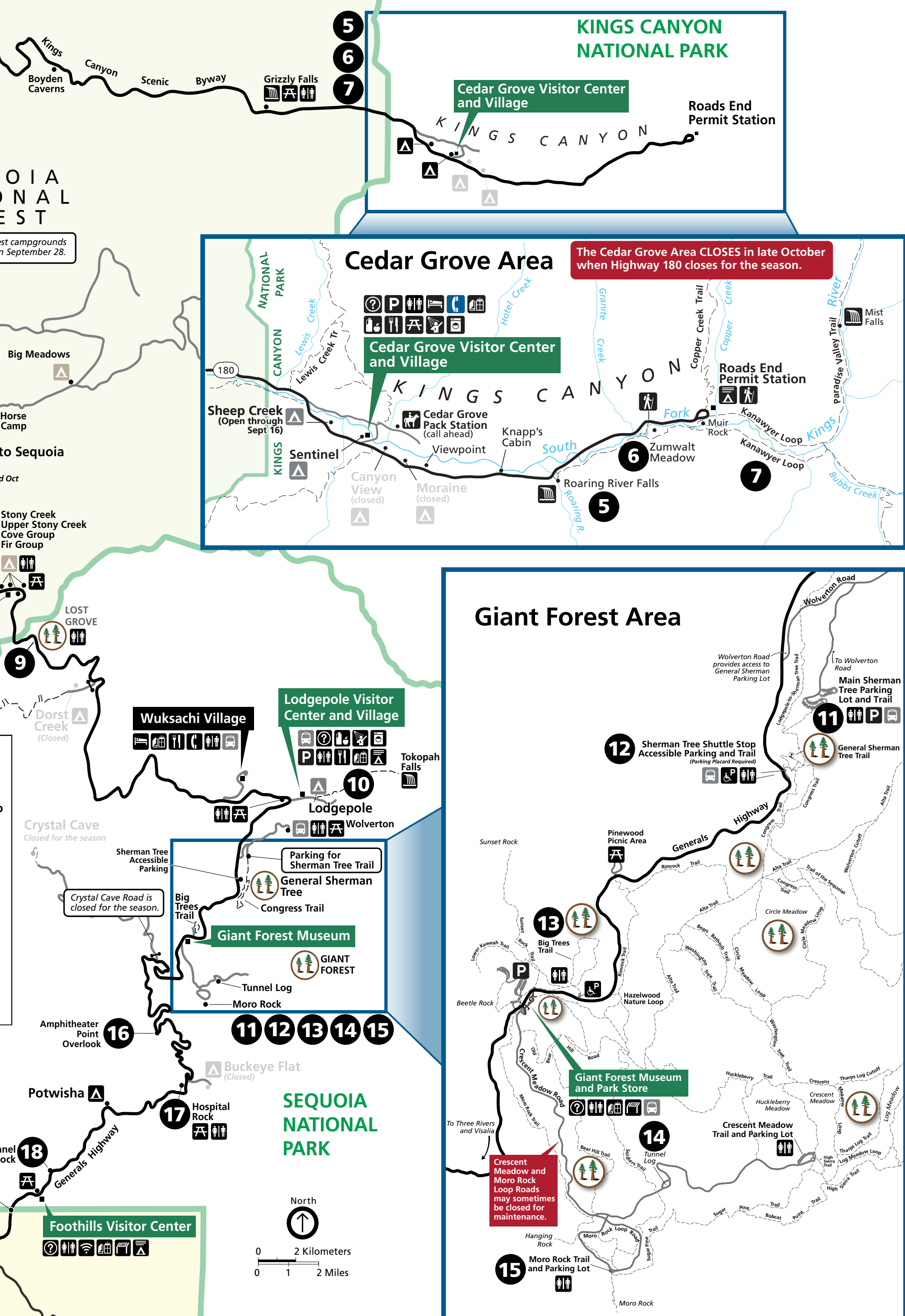
Key

	Main road
	Secondary road
	Trail
	Park boundary
	National Park Service
	US Forest Service
	Ranger recommendation
	National park campground (year-round seasonal)
	National park campground CLOSED
	National forest campground
	Parking lot
	Restroom
	Market and snacks
	Giant sequoias
	Visitor center
	Lodging (year-round seasonal)
	Book and souvenir shop
	Wi-Fi
	Wheelchair accessible
	Food service and drinks
	Bar
	Post office
	Picnic area
	Gas station
	Scenic viewpoint
	Point of interest
	Waterfall
	Emergency telephone
	Drinking water
	Wilderness permit station

	Showers
	Laundry
	Holiday shuttle bus stop (see page 8)
	Accessible parking only
	Entrance fee station
	Horseback riding
	Hiking
	Interpretive exhibit
	ATM
	Fire lookout



Recommended Activities



Keep Yourself and the Parks Safe



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.



Fishing

Fishing is permitted in most areas of the parks, and on adjacent national forests.

People 16 years of age or older are required to have a California fishing license. Get copies of park-specific regulations at any visitor center.



Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions may be in place at any time and any elevation. Prohibited locations for wood or charcoal fires will be posted. Restrictions change as conditions change. Check for information on park bulletin boards or at visitor centers.



Air Quality

In summer months, ozone concentrations often exceed federal health standards. Ozone can have negative health effects. For air quality information, visit the park website: <https://www.nps.gov/seki/learn/nature/airqualityinfo.htm>



River Safety

Drowning is the leading cause of death in the parks.

Rivers present a great danger due to their swift currents, icy water, and slippery rocks. Do not leave children unattended.



Pets

Pets are not permitted on any trails in the parks. Pets in picnic areas, campgrounds, and on roads 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.



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.



Drones

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

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 anything scented, including hand sanitizer, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, cleaning supplies, and child safety seats. Bears that have had human food can become bold and persistent in attempts to obtain human food 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 50 yards (46 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.



NPS / ALISON TAGGART-BARONE

Black Bears

Don't let a black bear approach you, your food, picnic area, or campsite. Make yourself appear large: wave your arms, clap your hands, and yell at the bear. Keep a safe distance but be persistent. Report to the nearest ranger.

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:

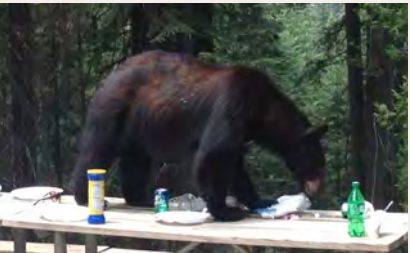
- Do not run; running may trigger a pursuit.
- Pick up children.
- Try to appear as large as possible, do not crouch down.
- Hold your ground, or back away slowly, while facing the animal.
- If it acts aggressively, wave your hands, shout, and throw stones and sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back!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

Food Storage

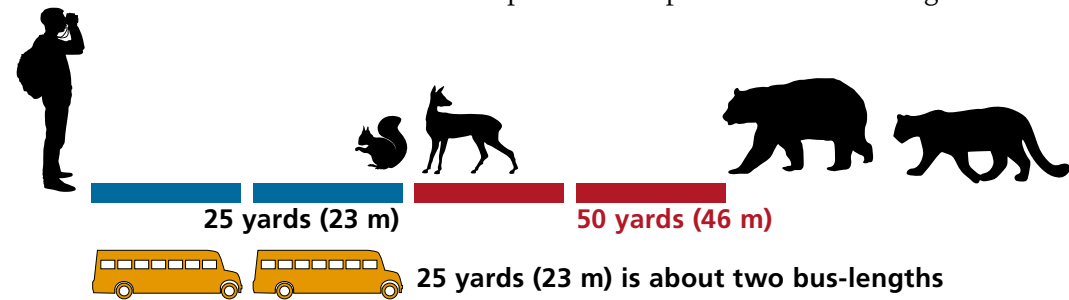
Metal food storage boxes are provided to properly store food and odorous items when not in use. Store all food, coolers, and anything with an odor, including flavored drinks. If a food storage box is unavailable, food items must be stored inside your car trunk or low in the vehicle, out of sight, and 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 descriptions are available for the park film. Assistive listening devices are also available at Lodgepole Visitor Center. 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, Lodgepole Visitor Center, and Hospital Rock Picnic Area have tactile interpretive exhibits.




Borrow a Wheelchair

Borrow a manual wheelchair at Kings Canyon Visitor Center, Giant Forest Museum, or Lodgepole Visitor Center. 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

Restricciones de hacer fuego
En cualquier momento y en cualquier elevación puede haber restricciones de hacer fuego. Se publicarán los lugares donde está prohibido hacer fogatas de madera o de carbón. Las restricciones cambian conforme cambien las condiciones. Busque la información en los tableros de anuncios del parque o en los centros de visitantes.

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.

Pesca
La pesca está permitida en la mayoría de las áreas de estos parques y en los bosques nacionales adyacentes. A las personas de 16 años o más se les requieren que tengan una licencia de pescar de California. Obtenga los reglamentos específicos del parque en el centro de visitantes.

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

Calidad del aire
En los meses de verano, la concentración de ozono en ocasiones supera las normas federales de salud. El ozono puede tener efectos negativos en la salud. Para obtener información sobre la calidad del aire, visite el sitio web del parque: <https://www.nps.gov/seki/learn/nature/airqualityinfo.htm>

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.

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 50 yardas (46 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.

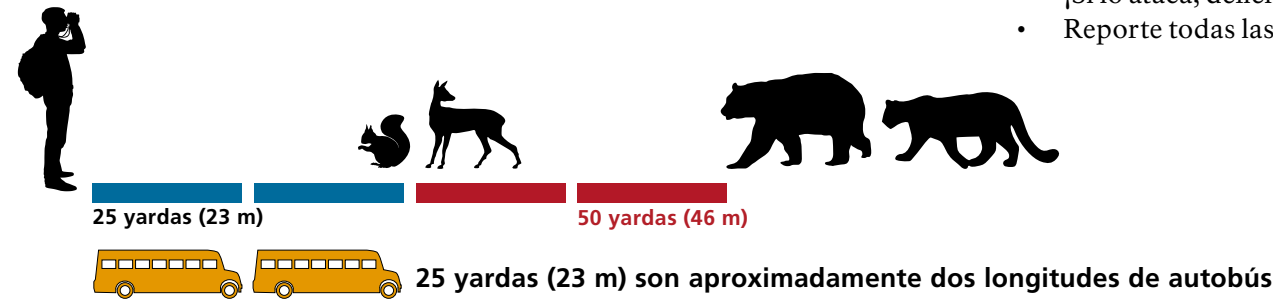
Los pumas y los gatos monteses
normalmente corren cuando son vistos. Sin embargo, si usted ve a un puma o un gato montés y éstos no corren, siga estos consejos para que el encuentro sea seguro:




- 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.

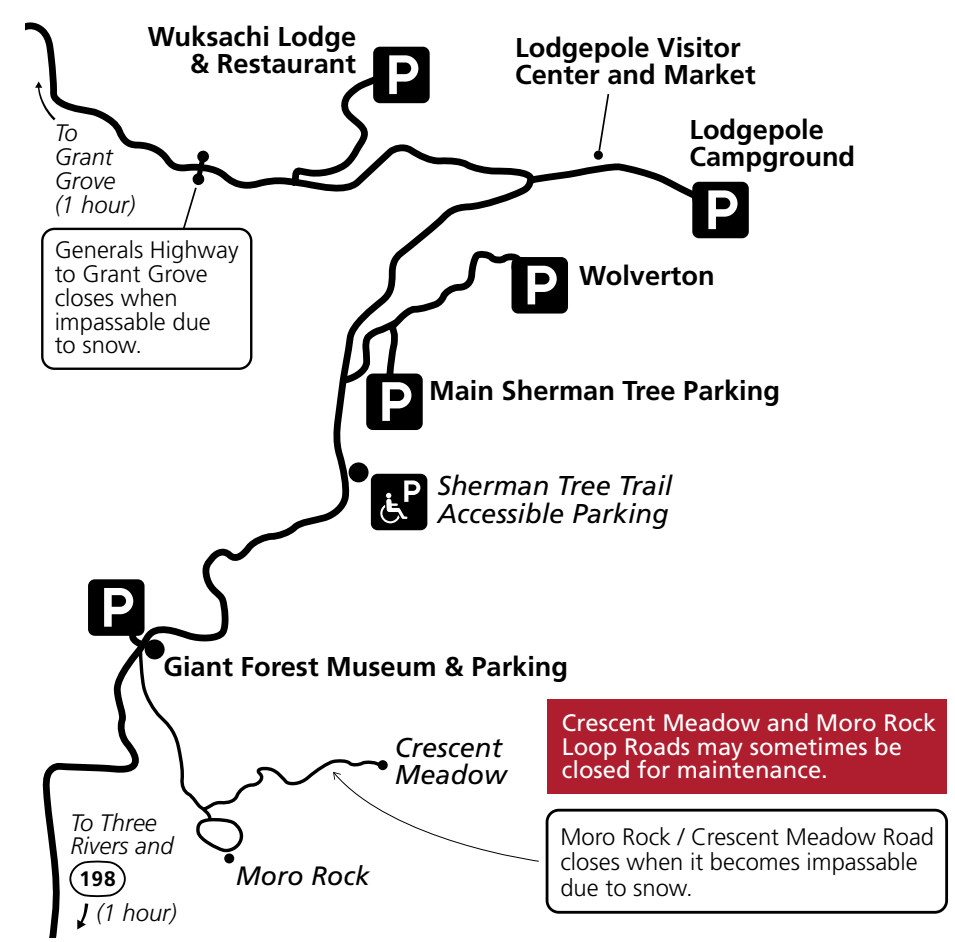


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 Guía de accesibilidad  Encuentre la guía de accesibilidad gratuita en cualquier centro de visitantes del parque o en línea.			

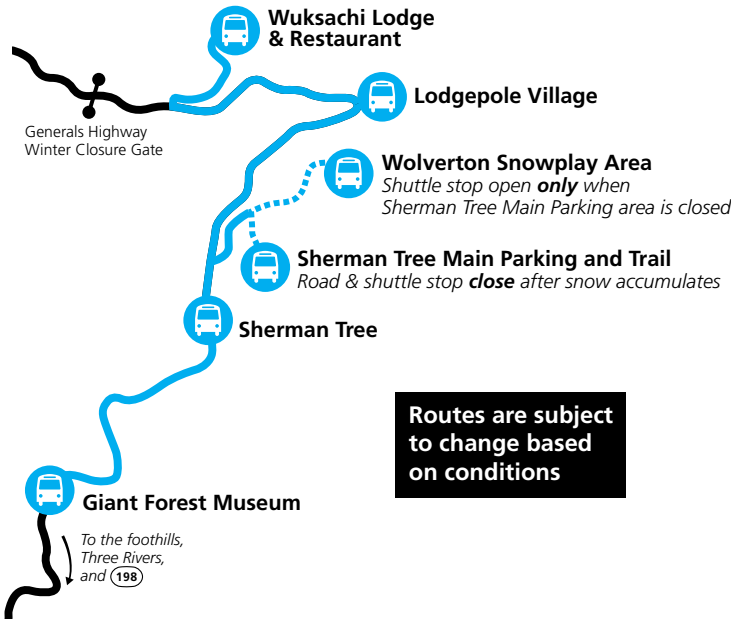
P Parking in Giant Forest



B Fare-Free Holiday Shuttles in Giant Forest

During the busy Thanksgiving holiday, fare-free park shuttles will operate in the Giant Forest. Find a place to park and ride the shuttle to explore the area. All shuttles are wheelchair accessible.

November 27—November 30 (Thanksgiving weekend)		
First Shuttle	Last Shuttle	Interval
10 am	4:30 pm	Every 15 minutes



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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

SPEED LIMIT 25

AUTOS & PICKUPS SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

R-1

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

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.

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo tiene al menos dos neumáticos para nieve en las ruedas motrices. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

SPEED LIMIT 25

4-W DRIVE WITH SNOW TIRES OK CARRY CHAINS

R-2

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

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.

Las cadenas para llantas o los dispositivos de tracción deben instalarse en su vehículo, excepto...

si su vehículo es AWD/4WD con neumáticos para nieve en las cuatro ruedas. Las cadenas para llantas tienen que estar adentro en el vehículo en caso de ser necesitadas.

CHAINS REQUIRED

SPEED LIMIT 25

NO EXCEPTIONS

R-3

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

Se deben instalar cadenas para llantas o dispositivos de tracción en todos los vehículos. Sin excepciones.

*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.

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