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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### Upcoming Shuttle Services Expanded at Sequoia National Park

Daily shuttle service for Sequoia National Park will be available again this summer, including a free shuttle within the park and a pay shuttle (\$15, including park entrance fee) from the City of Visalia. Shuttle services will be expanded in the following ways:

- This year, daily shuttle service will operate from May 26 - September 25. In previous years, shuttle service ended on Labor Day. The extended service will help visitors take advantage of beautiful hiking weather in the early fall.
- Hiker shuttle: A new early morning daily shuttle for hikers will leave Lodgepole Visitor Center at 7:30 a.m. It will stop at Wolverton and then Crescent Meadow. This shuttle will allow hikers and backpackers to get an early start each morning. During the majority of the season, at 6:30 p.m., only one shuttle will provide a return trip from Wolverton to the Lodgepole Visitor Center. However, on holiday weekends, more shuttles will operate to/from Wolverton and this location will become an overflow parking area.
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road will be closed to vehicle traffic from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on all weekends during the shuttle operating season (May 26-Sept. 25). Exceptions to this closure include backcountry hikers with permits, people with handicapped placards, and shuttle traffic. This should reduce frustrations for park visitors trying to find parking in very small lots.
- Service from Visalia (\$15) will leave Visalia hourly from 6 a.m.-10 a.m. Return trips leave Giant Forest Museum hourly from 2:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. For more info, call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or visit <http://reservations.sequoiashuttle.com>.

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This is the fifth year of successful shuttle service at Sequoia National Park. Three in-park routes offer free service within Sequoia National Park. The main route connects Giant Forest Museum, General Sherman Tree, and Lodgepole area (from Lodgepole Campground Overflow lot or Lodgepole Visitor Center). Another route connects Wuksachi Lodge and Dorst Campground with Lodgepole area. The third travels Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road from Giant Forest Museum.

All shuttles are made possible through an agreement between the National Park Service and the City of Visalia, and funding is supported by park entrance fees and various grants. A total of 299,555 riders used the free in-park shuttles in 2010. Sequoia Shuttle (gateway/external service from Visalia, CA) served 7,849 riders from 27 countries outside the U.S. and 44 states outside California. Both services provide visitors with opportunities to spend more time enjoying their trips to the parks, less time worried about how to get there, limits the frustration of not finding parking spaces, and reduces the overall carbon footprint for the park.

For more information about Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, visit [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki) or call [559-565-3341](tel:559-565-3341). To make a reservation or for information about summer shuttle service from Visalia, contact Sequoia Shuttle at 877-BUS-HIKE (877-287-4453) or visit [www.sequoiashuttle.com](http://www.sequoiashuttle.com). No reservations are needed for free in-park shuttles.

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