

Gasoline Stations

No gas stations within the park boundaries. Only Grant Grove market sells cans of emergency gas. Fill up in Three Rivers, Clingan's Junction, or at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770.
Year-round 24 hours with credit card (closed 4/14 through 4/20). 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. Open early May. 24 hours with credit card. Between Wuk-sachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: 1-559-335-2405. Opens after 4/10. Gas sold 9am-dark, usually. 17 miles (27 km) from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

Rules & Recommendations

Don't Lose Your Brakes

If you keep a foot on the pedal, brakes may over-heat and fail. Instead, downshift on the downhills. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. The engine gets louder but will save your brakes.

Emergency Car Repairs

For a tow: 565-3341 then press zero (24 hours). In Sequoia Park only, 24-hour AAA for lock outs, jump starts, out-of-gas, minor repairs: 565-4070.

Prevent Car Fires

Hot brakes & mufflers can easily start fires. Stop only on paved areas, not on grasses.

Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

Bicycles

Ride on roads, not trails. Obey traffic rules. Wear light colors at night. Under 18: Helmets required.

Go Slow for Wildlife!

Animals may start across the road unexpectedly. Wildlife is too often hit by cars.

Icy Roads & Trails

Cold spring temperatures can mean slippery areas, especially in the morning and in the shade. If it snows, watch out for plows. Recorded road information: 1-559-565-3341.



Vehicle Length Limits

Vehicles longer than 22' are not recommended between Potwisha Campground and Giant Forest Museum in Sequoia National Park due to Federal Highways advisories.

Vehicles longer than 24' are not recommended between Foothills Visitor Center and Potwisha Campground in Sequoia National Park.

Alternatives: Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider. If towing a car, camp in the foothills and use the car. See page 4 for camping.

Narrow Winding Roads & Spring Road Openings

Timing: Openings usually occur at noon. All dates depend on weather-related conditions.

In Kings Canyon & National Forest/Monument:

- Hwy 180 East as far as Junction View/Kings Canyon Lodge opens 4/10. It opens to Boyden Cavern and beyond to Cedar Grove at noon on 4/24, but facilities are limited until late May.
- Panoramic Point opens 5/21 at the latest.
- Redwood Mountain road (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Rutted, unpaved, unplowed.

In Sequoia:

- Crystal Cave Road: Opens 5/10. Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m).
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Open no later than 5/21. Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units. When the shuttle operates (starting 5/22; see page 6). On weekends and holidays, private vehicles are prohibited on the road from 9am to late afternoon. Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard or a current local wilderness permit.
- Mineral King: Open 5/21. RVs/trailers not recommended (not allowed in campgrounds).
- South Fork/Middle Fork roads: Partly unpaved; slippery when wet.

Construction Delays



Delays on park roads this year

See bulletin boards at visitor centers, visit www.nps.gov/seki, or contact the park for updates and details. Beware: narrow, rough roads in construction areas. Always use low gear on downhills. Thank you for your patience!

Generals Highway Reconstruction

From early June into the fall, this affects portions of the main park road between Eleven Range (south of Giant Forest) and Wolverton Road (north of the General Sherman Tree, south of Lodgepole). Occasional night closures may be needed. This spring, except on weekends and holidays:

- expect 15-minute delays in the Giant Forest area.
- south of (or below) Giant Forest, expect up to one-hour delays, with pass-throughs on the hour.

Other Road Repairs

Expect intermittent delays or brief closures on weekdays through summer in several park areas. Repaving is scheduled to take place starting after Memorial Day through June in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park: on Hwy 180, the Grant Tree Road, and Big Stump Picnic Area. In Sequoia National Park, work will be done in the Halstead Meadow area north of Lodgepole.

Driving Times in good weather

From Foothills to:

Giant Forest	1 hour minimum
Lodgepole	1½ hour minimum
Visalia	1 hour
Mineral King (MK)	1½ hours
(MK Road opens May 22)	

From Giant Forest to:

Grant Grove via Generals Hwy	1 hour
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From Grant Grove to:

Cedar Grove	1 hour
Notice: Cedar Grove Road opens 4/24 to day use only; see page 9.	
No drinking water, food, beverages, camping, or lodging available there until 5/22XX.	
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry (via Hwy 41)	3 hours