

## Bear-Proof Food Canister Rental Program

The rental program is administered by the non-profit Sequoia Natural History Association. All proceeds go towards protecting black bears. The Association’s mission is to enhance public understanding and appreciation of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Devils Postpile National Monument, Lake Kaweah, and other areas of the National Park System.

Bear-proof food canisters are available for rent at the following visitor centers in our parks:

- Foothills Visitor Center (at entrance to Sequoia National Park) \*
- Lodgepole Visitor Center (up in Sequoia National Park) \*
- Kings Canyon Visitor Center (in Kings Canyon National Park) \*
- Road’s End Ranger Station in Cedar Grove (Kings Canyon National Park on Hwy 180) \*\*
- Mineral King Ranger Station (in Sequoia National Park on the Mineral King Road) \*\*

\* Only rents Garcia Backpacker’s Cache canisters

\*\* Rents Garcia, Wild Ideas Weekender & Expedition, and BearVault BV450 Solo canisters

Canister specs:	food capacity	weight	dimensions
BearVault Model BV450 Solo	6 person-days of food	1 lb. 6 oz.	8.7" diameter x 8.3" tall
Garcia Backpackers Cache 812	6 person-days of food	2 lb. 11 oz.	8.8" diameter x 12" tall
Wild Ideas Weekender	6 person-days of food	1 lb. 15 oz.	9" diameter x 10.5" tall
Wild Ideas Expedition	9 person-days of food	2 lb. 5 oz.	9" diameter x 14.5" tall

### Rental Fees:

BearVault and Garcia Canisters = \$5 for 3 nights and \$2 each additional night.

Wild Ideas (both sizes) = \$6 first night and \$3 each additional night.



Wild Ideas  
Weekender



Wild Ideas  
Expedition



BearVault  
Model BV450 Solo



Garcia Backpacker’s  
Cache Model 812

### Returning canister:

Canister should be returned to the same permit station from which it was rented if possible. If staff is not on duty, place canister in rental box next to kiosk at Roads End, behind ranger station at Mineral King, at back door of visitor center at Foothills, or on back patio behind visitor center at Lodgepole. Canister must be cleaned before returning. A \$15 fee will be charged for a canister that is not received in a clean condition. Canister may be returned by mail. Request a return mailing label. **Do not stick label on canister – must be mailed in a box.** A \$10 fee will be charged for mailing canister due to extra days canister is unavailable for rental. You will be charged if the canister is lost in the mail (insurance can be obtained from the post office). You will be responsible for recouping this cost from the post office. We allow 5 days from the end of your trip for the canister to reach us by mail. If a canister is not returned within 5 days after it is due back, you will be charged the full amount of the deposit.