

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. 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. Open 5/09. Available 24 hours with credit card. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: 1-559-335-2405. Opens after 4/26. Gas sold 9am-dark, usually. 17 miles (27 km) from Grant Grove on Hwy 180.

Rules & Recommendations

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.

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.

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

Openings: Road openings usually occur by noon. All dates depend on weather-related conditions.

In Kings Canyon & National Forest/Monument:

- Hwy 180 East as far as Yucca Point/Kings Canyon Lodge opens 4/12; to Boyden Cavern and beyond to Cedar Grove opens at noon on 4/26.
- Panoramic Point opens by 5/22.
- Redwood Mountain road (NPS), & Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Converse Basin (USFS): Unpaved, unplowed. Open with snowmelt.

In Sequoia:

- Crystal Cave Road: Opens 5/11. Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m).
- Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow: Opens 5/22. Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units. When shuttle operates (starting 5/23; see page 6), single vehicles more than 22 feet long are prohibited. On weekends, holidays, & July 4-7, private vehicles are prohibited on the road from 9am-4pm. Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard.
- Mineral King Road: Opens 5/22. RVs & trailers not recommended (not permitted in campgrounds).
- South Fork/Middle Fork roads: Partly unpaved; slippery when wet.

Construction Delays



Detours & Delays: Spring 2013

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

Generals Highway Reconstruction

Amphitheater Point to Deer Ridge (1.5 miles between Hospital Rock & Giant Forest). Delays may vary from 15 minutes to one hour, depending on construction activity.

Intermittent night work is possible, causing minimal delays. Watch for flaggers.

New Cedar Grove Bridge

The bridge between Hwy 180 and Cedar Grove Village is being replaced. Access the village and lodge via the detour on Northside Road. Large vehicles & trailers should use Lewis Creek Trailhead as a turnaround.

Other Road Repairs

Expect intermittent delays on weekdays through summer in several areas of the parks. Some areas may have brief closures.

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 4/26 to day use only; see page 9.	
No drinking water, food, beverages, camping, or lodging available there until 5/22.	
Fresno	1½ hours
Yosemite south entry	3 hours
(via Hwy 41)	



Foothills wildflowers