

Review safety tips on page 10. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry a map or trail guide (sold at visitor centers).

The Foothills

The low elevations host more different plants and animals than the rest of these parks combined!

Foothills Visitor Center

Exhibits on the diverse foothills. Hours on page 2.

Hospital Rock Picnic Area

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here. A short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a cascade. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food in the metal boxes provided to keep it from bears.

Marble Falls Trail climbs 3.7 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a waterfall. Park across the highway from Potwisha (no non-camper parking in campground). Near site #14, follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

Paradise Creek

Park at Hospital Rock Picnic Area, walk 0.8 miles to Buckeye Flat Campground. Take the path across from site #28 to cross a footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek (not the Middle Fork) for 1 mile (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

See page 2 for details. Shuttle stop starting 5/22.

Big Trees Trail

A level, 2/3-mile (1km) paved loop with trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start at Giant Forest Museum. Parking at the trail is only for cars with disability placards. 1 hour round trip.

Congress Trail

A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) through the heart of the grove. Begins at the Sherman Tree.

General Sherman Tree

Two trails lead to the world's largest tree:

- **Main Trail** - This 1/2-mile trail down to the tree has some stairs; the walk back is uphill. Beware of late-spring wet or icy spots. Drive 2 miles north of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot on the Generals Hwy only for those with disability placards). Turn right on Wolverton Road; follow

signs. Shuttle stop through 9/1.

 **Wheelchair-accessible trail** from the Generals Hwy to the Sherman Tree. Parking here is only for those with disability placards. If you have no placard but can't make the hill on the main trail, ask at a visitor center for a temporary permit. Shuttle stop through 9/1.

Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road

Open 5/21 at the latest. No drinking water is available along this 3-mile dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. See page 12 for details on weekend/holiday closures of this road. Highlights:

- **Moro Rock** - A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile staircase to the top (300-foot elevation gain). Spectacular mountain views. Two miles from Generals Highway. Do not climb if steps are icy/snowy. Shuttle stop through 9/1.
- **Tunnel Log** - A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. Bypass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles from the Museum.
- **Crescent Meadow** - Sequoias tower over this fragile wetland. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows.

Several trails start here, including the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia; and the High Sierra Trail (60 miles/97 km to Mt. Whitney (14,500'/4419 m), highest in the lower 48 states. Shuttle stop.

Lodgepole

Lodgepole Visitor Center

Exhibits, film. See page 2. Shuttle stop through 9/1.

Tokopah Falls Trail

1.7 miles (2.7 km) to cliffs & a waterfall. Be careful! Start in Lodgepole Campground (shuttle stop). 500-foot/152-meter elevation gain; 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Nearby shuttle stop at Lodgepole Campground.

Little Baldy

Ascends 700 vertical feet in 1.7 miles (2.7 km) to a rocky summit and grand view. Start at Little Baldy Saddle, on the Generals Hwy 9 miles north of General Sherman Tree. Allow 3 to 4 hours round trip.

Mineral King

Open late spring into October. Page 8 has details.

See Sequoia By Shuttle

Giant Forest: Route 1

Free. Giant Forest Museum to Lodgepole, stopping at the Sherman Tree. Every 15 minutes 9am - 6pm. 1/2-hour ride one way.

Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow: Route 2 - Free.

Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes 9am - 6pm. 15-minute round trip. Moro Rock stop only on outbound trip. Road closed to private vehicles on weekends & holidays (page 12).

Lodgepole /Wuksachi/ Dorst: Route 3

Free. Leaves each stop every 20 minutes 9am - 6pm.

Wolverton/ Sherman Tree: Route 4

Free. Stops at main Sherman trail & at accessible trail on Generals Hwy every 20 minutes from 9am - 6:30pm.

Giant Forest /Foothills/ Visalia Route

\$15 round trip Visalia to Giant Forest (no additional park entrance fee) or \$5 from Potwisha Campground (in the foothills; see *Potwisha* in page 4 Camping chart for more information). Reservations required; sequoia shuttle.com or 1-877-BUS-HIKE. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest every hour from 6am-10am; 2-hour ride each way. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia Transit Center every hour from 2:30-6:30pm. In-park shuttle questions: 559-565-4436.

↖ To Grant Grove, Kings Canyon National Park, and (180)

Dorst Campground

Wuksachi Lodge & Restaurant

Lodgepole Market & Visitor Center

Lodgepole Campground
Additional parking

Wolverton
Additional parking

Sherman Tree
Main Trail & Parking

Sherman Tree
Wheelchair-Accessible Trail

Last day
Sept 1

Giant Forest Museum

Crescent Meadow

Moro Rock

↘ To Potwisha Campground, Three Rivers, Visalia, and (198)

