

Review all safety advice on page 10. Be extra careful near rivers. Carry a map or guide (sold at visitor centers). Orient yourself before going and tell someone your plans. Always store food properly before leaving your car or campsite.

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 (no non-camper parking in campground). 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.

Mineral King

Open May 20 to October 26 at noon, weather permitting. The steep, winding road ends at 7800'; be sure to keep to the right as you drive. There is no gasoline or electricity in the area or en route; gas up before the drive; be prepared with food, water, clothing. Use the automated fee machine to pay your entrance fee at Lookout Point.

Giant Forest

Giant Forest Museum

See page 2 for details. Shuttle through 9/27.

Big Trees Trail

A level, 2/3-mile (1km) paved loop with trailside exhibits about sequoias. Start your walk 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 slippery 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 9/27.

 **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 walk the hill on the main trail, ask at a visitor center for a temporary permit. Shuttle stop through 9/27.

Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road

Open. No drinking water is available along this 3-mile dead-end road, which begins at Giant Forest Museum. Road is closed weekends, 9am to no later than 7pm, through 9/27 when shuttles are running:

- **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. Shuttle stop.
- **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 surround this fragile wetland. Stay on designated trails; use fallen logs to get 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 through 9/27.

See Sequoia By Shuttle

See bulletin boards at shuttle stops for details. Buses are wheelchair-accessible; some can kneel. All can carry two bicycles.

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



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

• Moro Rock / Crescent Meadow: Gray Route 2 - Free. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes 9am-6pm. 15-minute round trip. Moro Rock stop only on outbound trip. Carry water; no drinking water is available along this road. Weekends: Road closed to private vehicles 9am to 7pm at the latest (see page 12), & shuttle also stops at Auto Log and Tunnel Log.

• Lodgepole /Wuksachi: Purple Route 3 - Free. Every 20 minutes, 9am- 6pm.

• On September 25-27 only: Wolverton/ Sherman Tree: Orange Route 4 Free. Wolverton picnic area & trailhead to Sherman Tree every 30 minutes, 9am- 6pm.

• Giant Forest /Foothills/ Visalia - \$15 round trip. Highway 198 to Giant Forest (no additional park entrance fee). Reservations required; 1-877-BUS-HIKE (287-4453) or sequoiashuttle.com. Leaves Visalia Transit Center every hour 6am-10am; 2-hour ride each way. Leaves Giant Forest for Visalia every hour 2:30-6:30pm.

Wuksachi Lodge & Restaurant

Lodgepole Market & Visitor Center

Lodgepole Campground
Additional parking

Wolverton

Sherman Tree
Main Trail & Parking

Sherman Tree
Wheelchair-Accessible Trail

Giant Forest Museum

Crescent Meadow

Moro Rock

↓ To park entrance, Three Rivers, Visalia, and (198)

Last day
Sept. 27