



The Generals Highway in Giant Forest

## Finding Gasoline

No gas stations are within the park boundaries. Fill up in Three Rivers (5 miles from Hwy 198 park entrance), Clingan's Junction (20 miles outside the Hwy 180 park entrance), or at:

- Hume Lake Christian Camp: 559-305-7770. Year-round, 24 hours with credit card (international cards not accepted). 11 miles (18 km) north of Grant Grove via Hwy 180.
- Stony Creek Village: 1-559-565-3909. 24 hours with credit card through mid-October. Between Wuksachi & Grant Grove on Generals Hwy.
- Kings Canyon Lodge: Closed.

## Rules & Recommendations

### Don't Lose Your Brakes or Start Fires

If you brake for too long, brakes may fail. Instead, always downshift when going downhill. In automatic vehicles, put the gearshift on 1, 2 or L. The engine gets louder but will save your brakes. Note that hot brakes & mufflers easily start fires. Stop *only* on paved areas, not on grasses.

### Use Turnouts; Let Others Pass

### Emergency Car Repairs

For a tow: 559-565-3341 then press zero (24 hours). In Sequoia Park only, 24-hour AAA for lock-outs, jump starts, out-of-gas, minor repairs: 565-4070.

### Colder Nights Mean Snow or Ice

Watch for ice in shade or where the road looks wet. Once it snows, chains may be required at any time, and snowplows rule. If you see one, slow down but do not stop, and watch for signals from the driver.

### Bicycles

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

## Narrow Winding Roads

*Always keep to the right. Road access depends on weather and other conditions.*

### In Kings Canyon & National Forest:

- **Hwy 180 to Cedar Grove in the Kings Canyon:** Tentative closing date for winter by Caltrans is 11/14, just beyond the junction of Hwy 180 and Hume Lake Road.
- **Panoramic Point Road:** Motorhomes/trailers not permitted. Closes with snow.
- **Converse Basin (USFS) & Redwood Mountain Road (NPS):** Unpaved, rough, unplowed. Closes with snow.
- **Big Meadows, Quail Flat/Ten Mile, Chicago Stump, and Cherry Gap roads (USFS):** Unpaved, unplowed. Close with snow.

### In Sequoia National Park:

- **Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow:** Vehicle-length limit 22'; no trailers or towed units (Exception: those with valid disabled-parking placard or a current local wilderness permit). Take a water bottle; no drinking water is available along this road. Closes with snow.
- **Crystal Cave Road:** Maximum vehicle length 22' (6.7m). Narrow and winding. Closes no earlier than 10/11, no later than 11/28.
- **Mineral King Road:** Very narrow & winding; steep. Partly unpaved. RVs/trailers not recommended (not allowed in campgrounds there). Closes last Wednesday in October (10/26).
- **Wolverton Road:** Once heavy snows begin, it will be plowed Fridays through Sundays plus Wednesdays and holidays.
- **South Fork & Middle Fork roads:** Partially unpaved. Slippery when wet. Middle Fork closes when wet.



Photo courtesy of Alex Olow

## Driving Times

*When roads are clear and open:*

### From Foothills to:

<b>Giant Forest</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>Lodgepole</b>	<b>1 hour minimum</b>
<b>Visalia</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>Mineral King (MK)</b>	<b>1½ hours</b>

### From Giant Forest to Grant Grove

via Generals Hwy **1 hour**

### From Grant Grove to:

<b>Cedar Grove</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>Fresno</b>	<b>1½ hours</b>
<b>Yosemite south entry</b>	<b>3 hours</b>
(via Hwy 41)	

Note: GPS may misdirect travellers in this area. Follow signs, use maps, or ask.

## Vehicle-length Limits on Main Park Road in Sequoia

- **Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum:** longer than 22 feet not recommended.
- **Foothills Visitor Center to Potwisha Campground:** longer than 24 feet not recommended.

**Alternatives:** Hwy 180 from Fresno is straighter, less steep, and wider. If towing a car with an RV, camp in the foothills and use the car.

**For limits on RVs in campgrounds,** see the campgrounds table on page 4.

## Fire Restrictions in Place

Always check locally for updates, as restrictions are likely to increase. As of September 22:

**Charcoal and wood fires** are prohibited in Potwisha, Buckeye Flat, and South Fork campgrounds, and at Ash Mountain and Hospital Rock picnic areas. You can use gas, propane, alcohol, or tablet/cube stoves in all established campgrounds and established picnic areas.

**Smoking** is prohibited below 6000', except within an enclosed vehicle or in campgrounds and picnic areas where wood/charcoal fires are permitted.

**Get updates** from visitor centers, bulletin boards, and [www.nps.gov/seki/learn/nature/fire-restrictions](http://www.nps.gov/seki/learn/nature/fire-restrictions). In wilderness locations, wood and charcoal fires are prohibited below 6000'; ask for details. In neighboring Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument, all fires are prohibited now. Check locally for details.

**Never stop a car in dry grass;** use paved turnouts. Cigarette butts and matches go in trash cans.