

# Road Construction Updates

July 11-31, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

## How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and let us help you plan your trip.
- Call the National Park Service at 559-565-3341 for advice on how to plan your trip.
- Through Sept. 25, consider taking a shuttle to Sequoia National Park: 1-877-BUS-HIKE.

## Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles in the park). The General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world, is located in Giant Forest. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. Schedules may change with limited or no notice due to weather conditions and/or equipment failures.

## How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

### Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

Pass through the construction zone with the longest delays (in Sequoia National Park) at the times listed below.

**On Mondays-Thursdays, from July 11-29:** From 6-7 a.m., expect up to 20-minute delays and traffic signals. Afterwards, traffic will only be allowed to pass through the construction zone on the hour at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., etc. until 5 p.m. From 5-9 p.m., expect up to 20-min. delays/traffic signals. **On Fridays, from July 11-29:** Hour-long delays end at 2:30 p.m.

**Each evening from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. from Sundays through Fridays:** Traffic can only pass through the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

**On Weekends/Times Not Listed:** 20-minute delays max, traffic signals

**RVs AND TRAILERS:** The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree/Giant Forest/Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should access Kings Canyon National Park/Hwy 180.

**MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES:** Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!

