



FASCINATING FACTS

KINGS CANYON & SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARKS

- Established in 1890, Sequoia National Park is California's first National Park and America's second oldest. Kings Canyon was established as General Grant National Park during the same year, but was officially commissioned under its current name in 1940.
- Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks boast the five largest living giant sequoia trees in the world.
- Combined, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks are 865,964 acres, which is 104,696 more acres than Yosemite.
- The General Sherman Tree in Sequoia National Park is the largest living thing on Earth. It weighs approximately 2.7 million pounds, stands 274.9 feet tall, is believed to be around 2,100 years old and is still growing...
- Grant Grove is home to the "Nation's Christmas Tree." Officially known as the General Grant tree, it is the third largest tree in the world.
- The parks are home to Mt. Whitney, the highest mountain peak in the continental U.S.
- Favorite visitor attractions include: Auto Log (a fallen tree on which you can drive a car), and Tunnel Log (a fallen tree which you can drive a car through).
- Climbing to the top of Moro Rock (a 1/3 mile, 400 foot ascent) provides an unparalleled view of the Great Western Divide.
- In 1903, 450 people visited Sequoia National Park; today, more than 1 million people visit the parks annually.
- George W. Bush is the first president to ever visit Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks while in office. President Bush stayed at Wuksachi Lodge on May 29, 2001.
- The Wuksachi name is derived from one of the Native American Indian tribes that first inhabited Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.
- The parks boast the deepest canyon in America. Above the South Fork of the Kings River, in the deepest part of Kings River canyon, peaks rise more than 8,000 feet (a mile and a half!) from the canyon floor. This section of the canyon is thousands of feet deeper than the Grand Canyon.
- Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks form the second-largest contiguous area without roads in the continental United States.

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