

Ranger-Led Programs

August 27th – September 3rd

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



FOOTHILLS



	Time	Mon 8/27	Tues 8/28	Wed 8/29	Thurs 8/30	Fri 8/31	Sat 9/1	Sun 9/2	Mon 9/3
Pulse of the Planet	8:40 AM	X	X		X				
Park Orientation	9:30 AM		X						
Jr. Ranger Program	10:00 AM						X		
Critter Chat	10:00 AM	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Right on Time	12:30 PM	X	X		X				
People, Places & the Past	2:00 PM	X	X			X	X		X
River Rendezvous	2:00 PM						X		
Investigation Station	2:30 PM	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Night Lights	8:00 PM						X		
Evenings at Potwisha	7:30 PM					X	X		

Talks

Critter Chat

Bears, deer, and other wildlife abound in the Oak Woodlands of the Sequoia Foothills. Get to know some of the creatures that live in the most diverse ecosystem in California. Meet at the flagpole at the Foothills Visitor Center for a 20 minute chat.

Pulse of the Planet

Seasonally dependent black bear, pika, and California Buckeye survive and thrive when the time is right. Discover why timing is essential in nature. Meet at the Foothills Visitor Center. 45 minutes.

Night Lights

Take a tour of the planets, meet the constellations, and celebrate the darkness at Sequoia National Park! Join Park Ranger Tim Lutterman to discover the magic of the night sky through storytelling and a guided tour of the fall stars. Meet at the Hospital Rock picnic area. 1 hour.

Activities

Park Orientation

Become acquainted with highlights of the parks while you're entertained with stories of those who blazed the path ahead of you. Meet at the "Indian Head" sign near the Ash Mountain Entrance between 9:30 and 11 am.

Investigation Station

Have you ever wanted to pet a bear hide, touch a snake skin or feel Sequoia cones? If so, drop by the Foothills Visitor Center between 2:30 and 3:30 pm to investigate the plants and animals of Sequoia National Park.

Right On Time

Without a calendar plants and animals rely on cues from nature to know when to bloom, breed, or hibernate. Stop by the Foothills Visitor Center between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm to see what flowers blooming and trees budding can teach us about the changing of the planet.

Activities Cont.

River Rendezvous

Ever wonder what creatures make their home in the beautiful Kaweah River? To discover this underwater world, follow the trail located across the street from Potwisha Campground and join the ranger any time between 2 and 4 pm.

People, Places, & the Past

Discover Hospital Rock! Take a step back in time and learn more about the people who called this area home. Meet near the bear box in the Hospital Rock Picnic Area. 30 minutes.

Jr. Ranger Program

Wildlife is all around us, but often all we see of bears, and owls is the scat, tracks, and sign they leave behind. Kids of all ages are welcome to join a ranger and learn what bears eat, owls hunt, or what's been sniffing around your campsite at night. Saturday mornings at the Potwisha campfire circle. 1 hour.

Evenings at Potwisha

Meet at the Potwisha campfire circle.
1 hour.

Friday: The Bear Necessities

The American Black Bear is one of Sequoia National Park's most conspicuous creatures. If you've ever wondered what the national parks do to protect bears, join Ranger Dani Cessna to learn about bear habits and the role we play in their protection.

Saturday: Animal Olympics

The Olympic motto is "Faster, Higher, Stronger" but even Olympians couldn't compete with many of the animals of Sequoia National Park. Join Ranger Glauco Puig-Santana and discover which animal athletes are champions in events common to the Olympic Games, and see how humans measure up against the competition.