

Road Construction Updates

August 3-17, 2012: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan carefully to maximize fun and minimize delays during your visit. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety. Thank you for your patience.

Where are the longest delays or inconveniences?

You will find **20-minute to 1-hour delays** between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest sequoia grove and General Sherman Tree. *Construction schedules may change with little notice.*

How to avoid long delays

Traffic is permitted to pass from either side of the construction zone according to the following schedule. Plan your travel to arrive at the construction zone close to these times.

DAYTIME - Traffic passes through construction zone:

Monday - Friday, August 6-10

- 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. Every 20 minutes on green light
- 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Every hour** at:
7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, August 6-9

- 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

Monday - Friday, August 13-17

- 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. Every 20 minutes on green light
- 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Every hour** at:
7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, August 13-16

- 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Every 20 minutes on green light

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by a visitor center, and ask a ranger to help plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates:
www.nps.gov/seki (the only official website for these parks).
- **For the latest road updates** call (24 hrs):
559-565-3341 (press 1, 1, 1).

NIGHT TIME

Road closed overnight - Only **one** pass-thru at 11:30 p.m.:

Sunday - Friday, August 5-10

From 9 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Friday

Sunday - Friday, August 12-17

From 9 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Friday

WEEKENDS

Traffic passes thru construction zone every 20 min:

Friday - Monday, August 3-6

From 5 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday

Friday - Monday, August 10-13

From 5 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday

Halstead Bridge Project

(between Lodgepole and Dorst Campground)

Tentatively scheduled on:

Aug. 9 (7 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Paving road at both ends of bridge with maximum 30 minute delays at times; otherwise 10 minute delays in place. Minimal use of 30 minute delays.

Aug. 13-14 (11 p.m.-6 a.m.)

Repairs to bridge deck on both nights. All emergency traffic allowed passage with notification. Normal traffic flagged through with maximum 30 minute delays.

RVs AND TRAILERS

The main road (Generals Hwy) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length) shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should enter and exit the parks via Hwy. 180 at Kings Canyon National Park.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!