

# Sequoia & Kings Canyon 2009 Fact Sheet

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
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<b>Superintendent</b>	Craig C. Axtell		
<b>Established</b>	<p>September 25, 1890 – Sequoia National Park          October 1, 1890 – General Grant National Park          July 3, 1926 – Great Western Divide, Kern Canyon, and Mt. Whitney were added to Sequoia National Park.          March 4, 1940 – Kings Canyon NP, which absorbed General Grant NP          August 6, 1965 – Cedar Grove and Tehipite Valley added to Kings Canyon NP          November 10, 1978 – Mineral King area added to Sequoia NP          September 28, 1984 – Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness designated and Chimney Rock area added to Kings Canyon NP          December 28, 2000 – Dillonwood Grove added to Sequoia NP          February **, 2009 – John Krebs Wilderness designated and Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness enlarged</p> <p><i>Sequoia and Kings Canyon have been jointly administered since 1943</i></p>		
<b>Size</b>	Kings Canyon N.P.	458, 831 acres	717 square miles
	Sequoia N.P.	406,426 acres	635 square miles
	Total	865,257 acres	1,352 square miles
	Wilderness designation: (93.4% of the parks)	807,962 acres	1,262 square miles
<b>Visitation- Combined for Both Parks</b>	2008:	1,529,215	
	2007:	1,584,390	
	2006:	1,533,951	
<b>Base Budget</b>	\$15,000,000 (approximate)		
<b>NPS Staffing</b>	Permanent	205 (approximate)	
	Temporary (seasonal)	265 (approximate)	
	Volunteers (2008)	1,393 (contributed 38,990 hours of work)	
<b>Campgrounds &amp; Picnic Areas</b>	RVs and/or tents	14 campgrounds (1209 sites)	
	Midsize Group Sites	2 campgrounds (19 sites) 7-19 people	
	Group Sites (12-60 people)	3 campgrounds (10 sites)	
<b>Park Roads</b>	153 miles	244 kilometers	
<b>Trails</b>	842.4 miles	1347 kilometers	
<b>Caves</b>	265 caves, cumulative length of more than 30 miles		
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>	<p>Kern River: North Fork, 28.9 miles; designated “wild”          Kings River: Middle Fork, 29.5 miles designated “wild”, South Fork,          24.1 miles designated “wild” and 7.6 miles designated “recreational”</p>		

<b>Points of Interest And Elevations Above Sea Level</b>	Lowest point in park	1,370 ft.	418 m
	(Middle Fork Kaweah River below park headquarters)		
	Foothills Visitor Center, Ash Mountain	1,720 ft	518 m
	Crystal Cave	4,540 ft	1,384 m
	Moro Rock	6,725 ft	2,050m
	General Sherman Tree	6,906 ft	2,112 m
	Wuksachi Village and Lodge	7,057 ft	2,158 m
	Highest point on Generals Highway	7,600 ft	2,316 m
	(Big Baldy saddle)		
	Grant Grove Village	6,589 ft	2,008 m
	Cedar Grove Village	4,635 ft	1,412 m
Mineral King Ranger Station	7,580 ft	2,318 m	
Bearpaw Meadow Camp	7,800 ft	2,377 m	
Mt. Whitney	*14,494 ft	4,417 m	
(Highest mountain in contiguous United States. *Still much debate by many agencies.)			

<b>Wildlife</b>	Amphibians	13 native (including 1 extinct)	13 total
	Birds	199 native (including 1 extinct)	208 total
	Fish	5 native	11 total
	Mammals	73 native (including 2 extinct)	81 total
	Reptiles	24 native (including 3 extinct)	24 total

### Federal Listing

Federal Endangered species—1	Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep
Federal Threatened species —1	Little Kern golden trout
Candidate species —3	mountain yellow-legged frog, Yosemite toad, fisher
Sensitive species—46	
Alien or introduced species—22	
Extirpated (extinct within these parks) species—7	foothill yellow-legged frog, side-blotched lizard, coast horned lizard, California condor, grizzly bear, elk, California legless lizard

### California Listing

Threatened—3	Swainson's hawk, red fox, wolverine
Endangered—5	peregrine falcon, great grey owl, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep, willow flycatcher, bald eagle

<b>Plants</b>	Number of species:	1530 — includes 48 tree species (22 deciduous, 26 evergreen)
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<b>Sequoia Statistics</b>	Largest tree	General Sherman (52,508 cubic feet; 1487 cubic m)
	Largest grove in Kings Canyon NP	Redwood Mountain (2,086 acres)
	Largest grove in Sequoia NP	Giant Forest (1,800 acres).
	Current best estimates are that roughly one-third of all naturally occurring sequoias grow in these two parks.	

<b>Average Annual Precipitation</b>	Ash Mountain – 25.4 inches (1" snow)
	Lodgepole – 50 inches (260" snow)
	Grant Grove – 42.5 inches (184" snow)
	(wettest months are December, January, February and March)

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