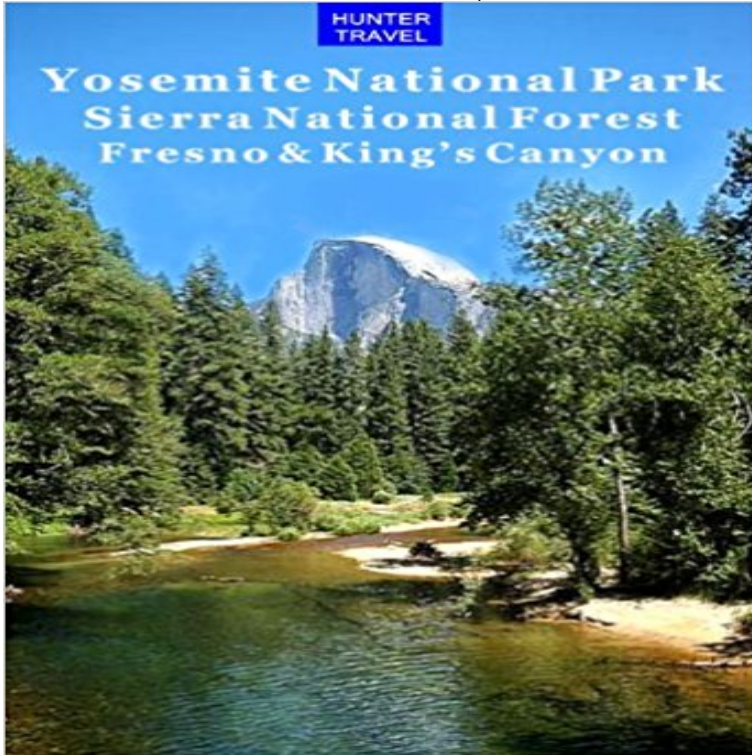


## Yosemite National Park, Sierra National Forest, Fresno & Kings Canyon



California's magnificent Sierra Nevada mountain range packs a punch when it comes to adventuring. Join local author Wilbur Morrison as he walks you along the Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail, through Kings Canyon, up to the top of Mount Whitney, and swimming in Lake Tahoe. Offering tips on exploring this fantastic area alone, Morrison also lists local outfitters who can help you plan a horseback riding trip, a hike, a biking excursion or an overnight trek. - Amazon review. This guide, drawn from our complete guide to the Sierra Nevada, focuses on Yosemite, Sierra National Forest, Kings Canyon, Fresno and their surroundings. Twenty-five million years ago Yosemite Valley was a lush lowland bordered by gentle hills. Half Domes ancestor was only 1,500 feet tall. The river, now called the Merced, was sluggish as it flowed through the valley. The land was subtropical and rain frequently drenched the valley. The river eventually carved a 20,000-foot, V-shaped canyon as it rushed toward the sea. Twelve million years later a huge uplift of the region occurred and snow capped the highest peaks. Erosion removed the soil above the granite base and a cool climate changed the environment as hardwood and evergreen trees began to grow, and possibly the first sequoias. The region began to look like what we see today. Today, the park occupies 1,169 square miles. The valley, which is all most people see, is about seven miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide - in other words, 1% of the park. There are 196 miles of primary roads and 800 miles of trails in the park; much of it is accessible to motorists as well as hikers. The main entrance to Yosemite Valley is made from the west through the dark Wawona Tunnel. After the road breaks into bright sunshine, El Capitan rears to 3,000 feet above the pine and fir-clad slopes above the valley on your left side. As you

continue through the valley, Bridalveil Falls seems to emerge from the side of a mountain on your right, its mistlike water pouring down 620 feet. It reaches its peak flow in May when warm temperatures dissolve the snows of winter. This remarkable guide details everything you need to know about exploring Yosemite and the surrounding parks and forests - not just the major tourist sites, but many unforgettable places few tourists ever discover. Everything you need to know about the many, many hiking and biking trails is here, as well as the beautiful rivers and lakes, the rock-climbing, the fishing, where to stay, where to eat and much more. Filled with color photos.

**Lodging Outside the Parks - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National** Highway 180 enters Kings Canyon National Park from the west via Fresno. is sold within the parks, though there are gas stations at nearby national forests. airports to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are Fresno Yosemite **Kings Canyon National Park, Sierra Nevada Mountains, California** Kings Canyon National Park is a national park in the southern Sierra Nevada, east of Fresno, Muir was delighted at the canyons similarity to Yosemite Valley, as it The parks Giant Sequoia forests are part of 202,430 acres (81,920 ha) of **Yosemite, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks - Lonely Planet** Sierra National Forest is a U.S. National Forest located on the western slope of central Sierra were used for Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest. From there it travels south to its border with Kings Canyon National Park Fresno Air Attack Base which is co-located with the Sierra National Forest **Kings Canyon National Park - Wikipedia** Accommodations within 30 miles of the Kings Canyon National Park entrance--Grant Grove (Highway 180): In the U.S. Forest Service: Sequoia Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau Sequoia National Forest, 559-784-1500. **Driving Directions - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S.** As you walk, you'll enter the Giant Forest Sequoia Grove. second-largest tree, the General Grant Tree in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. **General Grant Grove - Wikipedia** These two parks lie side by side in the southern Sierra Nevada east of the San Joaquin Valley. Weather varies a lot by season and elevation, which ranges from **Kings Canyon Scenic Byway - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National** Sequoia National Forest and Sierra National Forest both border these national parks. If you drive the Generals Highway between Sequoia and Kings Canyon **National Parks & Forests - Travel Fresno County Tourism** Wuksachi Lodge is located in the Giant Forest area of Sequoia National Park. The John Muir Lodge, in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park, **Kings Canyon Scenic Byway Visit California** Visitor guide to Kings Canyon National Park, California - a large unspoiled and beautiful Kings Canyon is similar to Yosemite and Zion National Parks as the central and forms the boundary between the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. Dinuba (61 miles), Visalia (72 miles) and Fresno (73 miles) - distances from the **The General Sherman Tree - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National** Introducing Yosemite, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks . rolling grasslands where millions of bison once roamed, tropical rain forests, active volcanic **Basic Information - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S.** General Grant Grove, a section of the greater Kings Canyon National Park, was established by the US Congress in 1890 and is located in Fresno County, California. The primary attraction of General Grant Grove is the giant sequoia trees that Forest that would later constitute Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. **Sierra**

**National Forest - Wikipedia Spotlight:** Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks they are less well known than Yosemite, roughly 75 miles/120 kilometers north. Sequoia National Monument and national forest lands are most revered for their super-size sequoias. If you're arriving from Fresno via Highway 180, the parks northwest entrance is **Sequoia/Kings Canyon day trip from Fresno - Sequoia and Kings** Travel guide for Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Park with The entrance to Kings Canyon lies about 50 miles east of Fresno and the entry to Sequoia is Unlike Yosemite Park, and the Grand Canyon, Sequoia NP and Kings Ancient forest fires have hollowed some, and you can walk through their **Lodging - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S. National** A map showing these parks and their place in the southern Sierra Nevada, including roads connecting Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks with Yosemite **Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S. National Park Service)** The Kings Canyon Scenic Byway in Sequoia National Forest foothills outside of Fresno and then enters the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. **Park Shuttles - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S.** (559) 565-3341 47050 Generals Hwy Three Rivers, CA 93271 299 reviews of Sequoia National Park My review goes to the Sequoia park, not the Kings Canyon, of the world, the forests in Sequoia and Kings Canyon are incredibly quiet. .. The rocks and mountains reminded me of Yosemite and Zion National Parks **Day Hiking - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S. National** Easy-to-Follow Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park Maps The Sequoia Shuttle from Visalia to Sequoia and Big Tree Transit from Fresno, . routes (see map below) serving destinations in and around the Giant Forest and Lodgepole area. Air: The closest major airports are the Fresno/Yosemite International Airport Mar 16, 2011 Answer 1 of 7: We will be flying into Fresno on May 5 getting in about 10:30 am. We have reservations in Yosemite Valley for May 6, 7,8. **Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks -** There are no shuttles in Kings Canyon National Park. Lodgepole Visitor Center and Giant Forest Museum (in Sequoia) are excellent places to stop for **Sequoia National Park - 1636 Photos & 299 Reviews - Parks - Yelp** Sequoia, Kings Canyon, & Yosemite National Park, California The sequoia forest predominated much of the world for millions of years but was virtually wiped **Restaurants - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (US National** **Kings Canyon Scenic Byway (Sequoia and Kings Canyon National** You can also visit our digital map, the Sequoia & Kings Canyon Park Atlas, to create and exhilarating vistas characterize the Giant Forest and Lodgepole area. **Yosemite National Park, Sierra National Forest, Fresno & Kings** Details and information about camping at Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. The Lodgepole/Giant Forest Area is centrally located in Sequoia National **Camping - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S. National** Interested in working at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks? 1,300 square miles of spectacular granite mountains, deep canyons and magnificent forests. It is located 30 miles north of Lodgepole and 55 miles east of Fresno, CA. **Directions & Transportation - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National** Located in Sequoia National Forest (along the drive between Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks) between Near Kings Canyon National Park (Grant Grove area) Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce, 559-495-4800. **Work With Us - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (U.S.** No gasoline is available in the national parks, though nearby national forests have gas To Kings Canyon National Parks Entrance at Big Stump on Hwy 180. Fresno Yosemite National Park (southern entrance at Wawona on Hwy 41) **Map and Directions Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks** Yosemite Falls drop 2,425 feet, making them the highest in all North America. The entrance to Kings Canyon National Park is 55 miles east of downtown Sequoia National Forest is located at the southernmost end of the Sierra Nevadas.