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THE SEQUOIAS

ONLY A FEW HOURS FROM BAKERSFIELD, THE LARGEST TREES IN THE WORLD ARE WAITING FOR YOU. Visitors from throughout the world come to central California to see these wonders in person. Here are a few suggestions of where to see them.

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Foothill Visitor Center, 47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271, (559) 565-4212

Open daily. Visit the world's largest trees at Sequoia, America's second national park. The Foothill Visitor Center, one mile past the park's southern entrance, is about two hours from Bakersfield. Giant Forest and Gen. Sherman Tree (the largest living thing in the world) are about one hour past that. Travel north on Hwy. 99 to Hwy. 198 (exit 97) east and follow signs to the park.

KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Grant Grove Village, 8000 Generals Highway
Kings Canyon National Park, CA 93633, (559) 565-4307

America's third national park is open daily. The visitor center is approximately 2.5 hours from Bakersfield. Travel north on Hwy. 99 to Hwy. 198 (Exit 97) then north on Hwy. 63 (Exit 107A) then east on Hwy. 180. It also can be reached from Sequoia National Park by driving north on the Generals Highway, then east on Hwy. 180.

TRAIL OF 100 GIANTS

Western Divide Highway 107
Western Divide Ranger Station (559) 539-2607

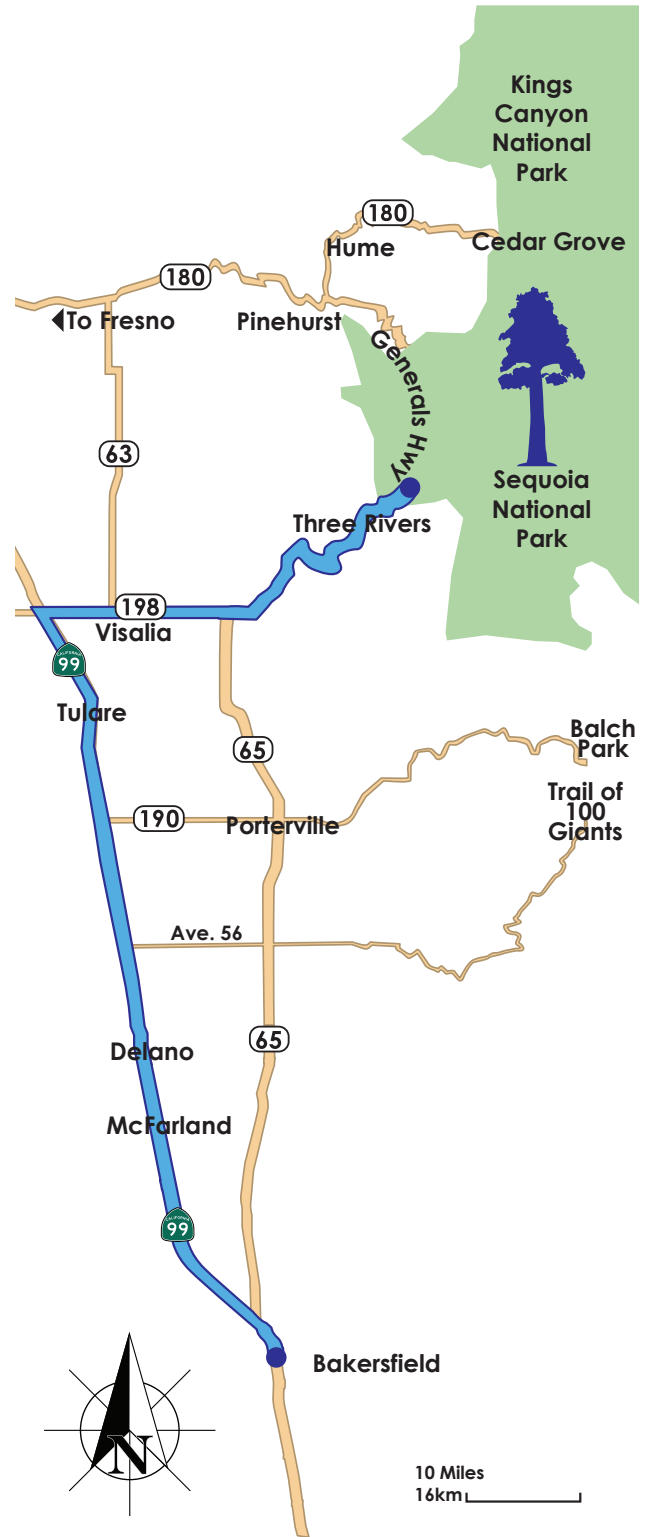
The trail, located within Giant Sequoia National Monument in Sequoia National Forest, is accessible by road May to November, weather permitting. From Bakersfield travel time is about 2 hours. Take Hwy. 99 north to Ave. 56 in Earlimart (Exit 65), then turn right (east) to Ducor and Fountain Springs. At Fountain Springs continue straight on M56 through California Hot Springs. Two miles/3km past California Hot Springs, turn left on M50/Parker Pass Road. In about 12 miles/19km, turn left at the stop sign for Western Divide Highway (107), then drive two miles/3km. Parking \$5.

BALCH PARK

48200 Bear Creek Drive, Springville CA
(559) 624-7227, (559) 539-3896

This Tulare County park is open May to October, weather permitting. Travel north on Hwy. 99 to Hwy. 190 in Tipton (Exit 76). Right on Hwy. 190 to Springville, then left on Balch Park Rd./Springville-Milo Rd., right on Bear Creek Rd., and follow the signs. The park is approximately 2¼ hours from Bakersfield.

Note: Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest are different places.



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