

Long Meadow Grove – Trail of 100 Giants

WESTERN DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT

GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST



Background

Long Meadow Grove has a high concentration of giant sequoias compared to other groves. The 341-acre grove contains approximately 125 giant sequoias greater than 10 feet in diameter. The largest tree has a diameter of 20 feet and is 220 feet in height. The estimated age of the larger giant sequoias is up to 1,500 years old.

Located along the Western Divide Highway, this is one of the most visited groves in the Giant Sequoia National Monument. On April 15, 2000, President William J. Clinton established the Giant Sequoia National Monument, making his announcement beneath one of the giant trees at the Trail of 100 Giants.

How to Get There

This trail is ONLY accessible by road during the summer months (May 15-November 15, weather depending) The trail is located on the Western Divide Highway (M107), across the road from Redwood Meadow Campground and the Trail of 100 Giants parking area. The trail is about 45 miles northwest of Kernville, 41 miles southeast of Springville, and 15 miles northeast of California Hot Springs.

From Kernville, travel 22 miles north on County Mountain Route (M) 99 to Johnsondale. Continue west 7 miles on M50 to M107, and turn right (north). Travel 2½ miles to the Trail of 100 Giants parking area or Redwood Meadow Campground. Travel time is about 1½ hrs.

From Bakersfield, take Hwy 65 north to Avenue 56 and turn east to Ducor and Fountain Springs. At Fountain Springs, continue straight on M56 through California Hot Springs. Pass the Hot Springs Work Center and continue up the mountain approximately one mile beyond Parker Pass, stopping at the intersection of M107. Turn left (north) on M107 and drive 2½ miles. Travel time is about 1½ hrs.

From Porterville, take Hwy 190 east through Springville (you will pass the Western Divide

Ranger Station). Hwy 190 turns into the Western Divide Highway (M107) near Quaking Aspen; stay on it as it heads south. From Quaking Aspen, the driving distance is about 13 miles. Travel time from Springville is about 1½ hrs.

Recreation Opportunities

Trail of 100 Giants is a paved, interpretive trail with several loop options that are accessible to persons with disabilities. A paved parking area, restrooms, drinking water, and picnic tables are located on the

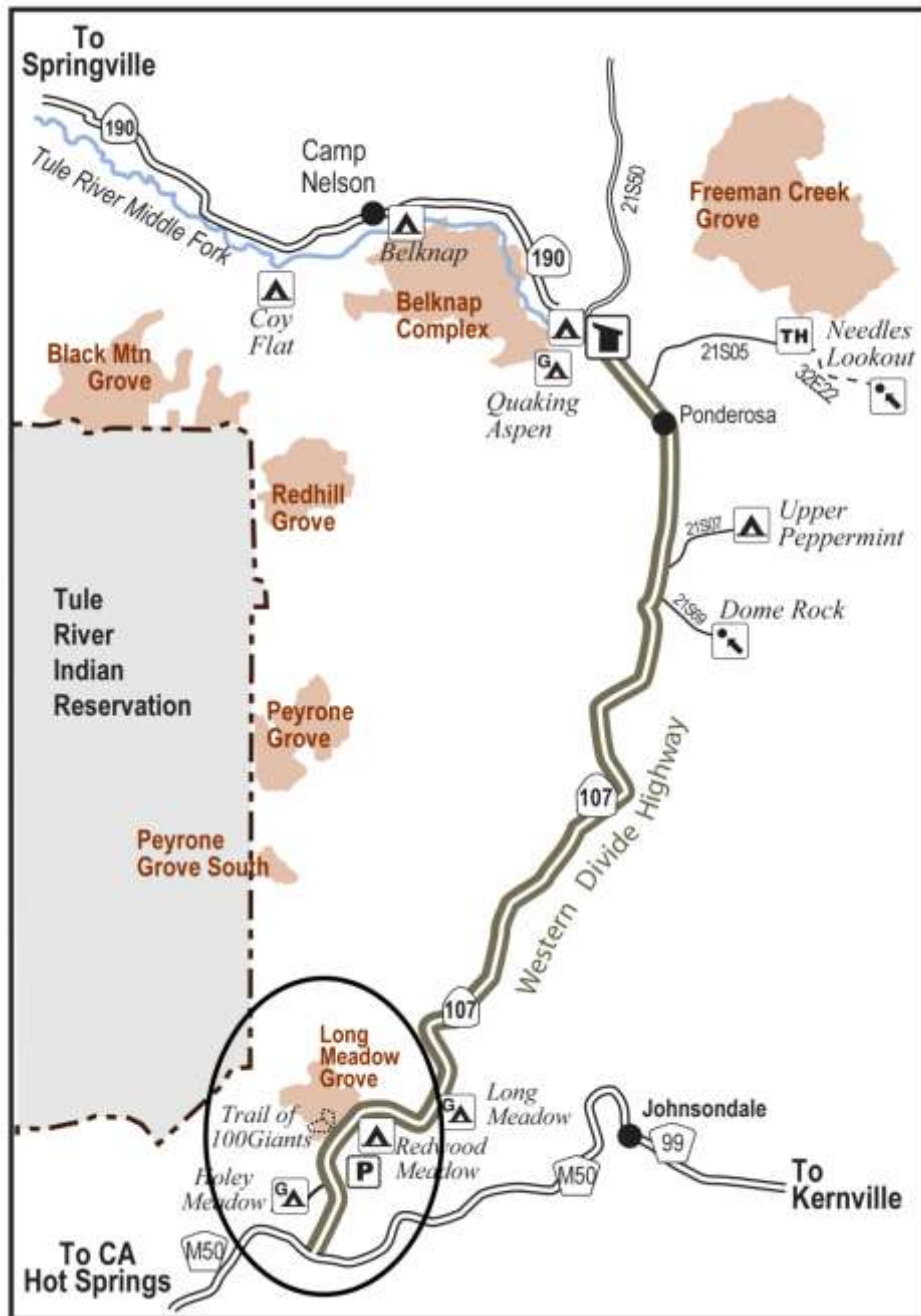


In 2000 President Clinton signed the proclamation establishing the Giant Sequoia National Monument the base of this tree along the trail.

east side of the Western Divide Highway (M107). The interpretive trails are across the highway on the west side. There are several loops approximately ½ mile. There is a small day use fee charged per vehicle.

Notable sights along the trail are fallen giants with large, hollow fire scars, and several meadows. In June and July wildflowers bloom in the grove. In October and November the leaves of the black oaks turn a brilliant shade of gold.

Redwood Meadow Campground is located next to the parking area. Other camping options include Upper Peppermint campground and the group facilities at Holey and Long Meadows. Reservations for the group sites and Redwood Meadow can be made from the website www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877- 444-6777.



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