



Trail of 100 Giants

Sequoia National Forest

Giant Sequoia National Monument



About:

Trail of 100 Giants is an easy, accessible walk through Long Meadow Grove, one of the premier groves of giant sequoias. The grove showcases monarchs estimated to be up to 1,500 years old. About 1.3 miles of paved trail offers several loop options with interpretive signs.



On April 15, 2000, President William J. Clinton proclaimed the establishment of the Giant Sequoia National Monument and made his announcement beneath one of the giant trees at the Trail of 100 Giants. The grove contains approximately 125 giant sequoias greater than 10 feet in diameter and more than 700 giant sequoias less than 10 feet in diameter. The largest tree in the grove has a diameter of 20 feet and is 220 feet in height. The grove defined by the outermost giant sequoia trees covers 341 acres.

A Grove of Giants:

Giant Sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) grow only on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada in California. The groves are scattered over a narrow 260-mile belt 15 miles wide between the elevations of 5,000 - 7,500 feet. Related are the coastal redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) which occupy two million acres of fog belt along the northern California coast. Giant Sequoias are slightly shorter than the coastal redwoods, more massive, and considered to be the largest tree in the world in terms of volume.

Where:

Located on the Western Divide Highway (107), facilities include a paved parking area, restrooms, picnic area and campground nearby. A \$5.00 per vehicle fee is charged to help maintain and improve these facilities.

Across the road from Redwood Meadow Campground and 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.

Open Season:

End of May - November 15 depending on weather conditions.

It is best to visit in the summer when the road is open, or in the winter by snowmobile.



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