

SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

ACCOMODATIONS FOR RESEARCHERS



Wolverton Service Camp (~7,000 ft elevation) is available (on a space available and seasonal basis) for camping at no cost for permitted researchers and official park volunteers. Season of operation varies with park staffing, weather, and road access. Make a reservation via the science coordinator or other park staff. The camp is equipped with picnic tables, fire rings, bear-resistant food storage lockers, porta-potties and hand-washing stations. Summer days are warm and comfortable with cool nights. Afternoon thunderstorms are common. Location is in prime black bear habitat, so encounters with bears are possible. Public showers, laundry, post office, a small store, gift shop and NPS Visitor Center are located at the nearby Lodgepole Campground. The closest metropolitan areas are Fresno (2 ½ hours), and Visalia (1 ½ hours).

Ash Mountain Dormitory has six beds available by reservation at low-cost (currently \$11.40 per night/person). The rustic dorm has a kitchen with limited supplies and a bathroom. It is located within walking distance from the Foothills Visitor Center/Ash Mountain Headquarters. Make a reservation via the science coordinator or other park staff. You will need to check in/out to sign the agreement, pick up/return keys, and pay the fee.

Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) Sequoia Field Station at Wolverton is operated by UC Merced in partnership with SEKI and the Delaware North Corporation. See <http://snri.ucmerced.edu/sequoia-field-station> for more information and to make reservations.

Researchers are allowed to occupy **administrative camp sites** (if available) if NPS has specifically requested the research (as in a cooperative agreement) or if the researchers are helping with government business and are signed up officially in the Volunteers In Parks (VIP) program. In the latter case, the parks' staff involved with the study should facilitate the researchers becoming VIPs, supervise the volunteers, ensure that they abide by applicable park protocols (including safety), and facilitate reservation of an admin campsite. Whether or not research is considered government business depends on whether or not the research falls within the scope of the parks' programs and how involved the park staff is in the project. It is not a reflection of the value of the research to the NPS.

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Office of the science coordinator is located at the south end of the Ash Mountain Headquarters building, on the top floor in the Resource Management & Science office. The headquarters building is attached to the Foothills Visitor Center, which is on the north end.

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