



# Indian Basin Grove-Princess Campground

## Sequoia National Forest

### Hume Lake Ranger District



#### Background

Indian Basin Grove is a mid size grove of 448 acres with the popular Princess Campground and Indian Basin interpretive trail within its boundaries. Before the Forest Service acquired the grove in the 1930s the area was privately owned. Between 1901 and 1907 the Sanger Lumber Company removed all the mature trees including the ancient giant sequoias. Lumbermen hauled the trees by cable railways over Converse Mountain and down the backside of the mountain to the historic Converse Mill.

Massive, giant sequoia stumps remain as silent reminders of the great trees that once grew here. Young giant sequoias have replaced many of the giants that fell to the saw demonstrating the species resilience. In tree ring studies, the stumps continue to help scientists piece together prehistoric and historic weather patterns, fires and droughts.

The grove is easy to reach by car on State Highway 180. It is best to visit in the summer because the road can be snowy and icy in the winter. The grove is about 215 acres with sequoias mainly on the south side of Indian Basin Creek.

#### How to Get There

Take Kings Canyon Scenic Byway (State Highway 180) or General's Highway (State Highway 198) to Grant Grove in Kings Canyon National Park. Continue north on Highway 180 about 5 miles to the sign for Princess Campground. If you just plan to hike around the grove or meadow, you can park at the Indian Basin Interpretive Trailhead. To reach the trailhead, proceed to the campground and take the spur road to the left instead of bearing right to the campground. The trailhead accommodates 3 vehicles and has a restroom.

#### Recreation Opportunities

Princess Campground is in the middle of Indian Basin Grove beside Indian Basin Meadow and Creek. To reserve a campsite call [1-877-444-6777](tel:1-877-444-6777) or go on-line to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). There are approximately 90 camping sites under a beautiful forest canopy.

Campfire talks and guided hikes are available most weekends from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. The campground hosts have details, and flyers are posted on bulletin boards throughout the campground.

Indian Basin Interpretive Trail has a ½ mile, paved loop accessible to persons with disabilities. There is an additional ½ mile loop through the meadow and grove. Interpretive panels provide information along the way. This trail is for pedestrians only so bicycles are not allowed.

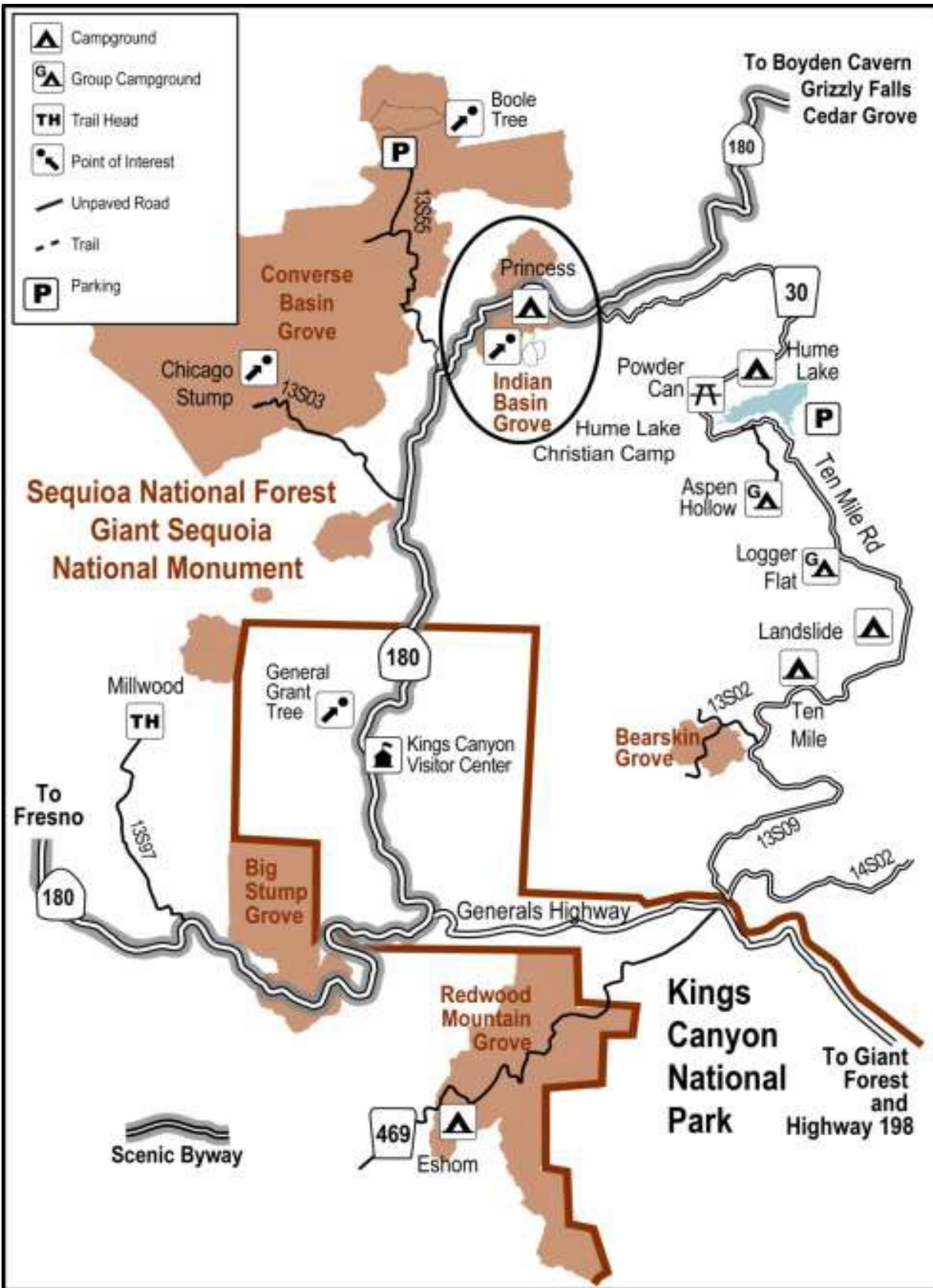
There are additional developed camping facilities, another interpretive trail, and day use facilities at Hume Lake. Visit near-by Converse Basin Grove and hike to the Boole Tree, one of the largest, living giant sequoia trees. Other points of interest in the Converse Basin Grove include the Chicago Stump and Stump meadow.

#### **Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.**

**When you leave your campsite,  
Take all garbage, large and small.**

**PACK IT IN!  
PACK IT OUT!**





Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

**Hume Lake Ranger District**  
 35860 East Kings Canyon Road  
 Dunlap, CA 93621  
[559-338-2251](tel:559-338-2251)

**Forest Supervisor's Office**  
 1839 S. Newcomb Street  
 Porterville, CA 93257  
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)

