Where is the tree you can drive through? This question is asked hundreds of times each year by visitors to Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. They are surprised to hear that the famous tunneled sequoia tree they seek wasn’t in the Forest or the Monument or in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. It was in Yosemite National Park... And this famous sequoia, the Wawona Tree (1), fell down over 35 years ago, during the winter of 1969.

You can no longer drive through the tunnel cut into the Pioneer Cabin Tree (2) in Calaveras Big Trees State Park, but you can walk through it. It is along a 1.5 mile loop trail in the North Calaveras Grove.

You can no longer drive through the tunnel that was cut into this dead and burnt giant sequoia tree (3) but you can walk or bike through it. It is in the Tuolumne Grove in Yosemite National Park.

The Hercules Tree (4) in Mountain Home State Forest has a room carved into it. You can walk up steep steps and into the middle of this tree which is still alive.
You can drive through a tunnel cut into a fallen giant sequoia tree in Sequoia National Park. This is the Tunnel Log (5) and it is in Giant Forest along the Moro Rock Road.

Tharp’s Log (6) in Sequoia National Park is a fallen giant sequoia into which a 19th century cattleman built his home. It is located in Giant Forest near Crescent Meadow.

There are three drive-through coastal redwood (not giant sequoia) trees on U.S. 101 along the “Avenue of the Giants” highway in northern California. All are private businesses, which charge a small fee to drive your car through the tree. From north to south they are:

- Klamath Tour Thru Tree - use the Terwer Valley Exit in the town of Klamath.
- Shrine Drive-Thru Tree - Use the Avenue of the Giants exit near the town of Myers Flat.
- Chandelier Tree in the Drive-Thru Tree Park - follow signs off Hwy 101 in the town of Leggett.

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