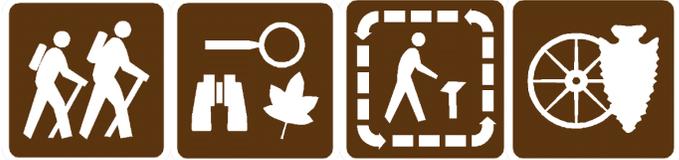




Hiking Trails

Sequoia National Forest

Hume Lake Ranger District



1. Chicago Stump Trail

Distance: ¼ mile (loop trail)

Difficulty: Very Easy

Time: 15 minutes

Three (3) miles past the Visitor Center on Hwy 180 will be a large intersection and parking area named Cherry Gap and is the turnoff for Chicago Stump Trailhead. Go left on Forest Road 13S03 until you come to the marked trailhead.

The General Noble Tree was cut down to display at the Colombian Exposition in Chicago, 1893. The Department of the Interior paid a local contractor \$15,000 to fell the “giant redwood” and deliver it for display at the fair. The tree was portioned, shipped and reassembled in Chicago for the exhibit. The stump now bears the name of the tree’s final resting place.

2. Boole Tree Trail

Distance: 2.5 miles (loop trail)

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2 hours

Four (4) miles past the Visitor Center on Hwy 180 will be Forest Road 13S55. There will be directional signs next to the road marker. Make a left turn onto Forest Road 13S55 and drive through Stump Meadow towards the marked Boole Tree Trailhead.

The Boole tree is one of the few standing monarch trees in the Converse Basin area left after the historic logging in the late 1800s. The tree was named for the Converse Mill foreman, Frank Boole. It is ranked eighth largest in the world and is the largest tree on National Forest System.

3. Indian Basin Trail

Distance: .5 and 1.0 mile (double loop trail)

Difficulty: Easy – a portion is ADA accessible

Time: 45 min.-1 hour

Five (5) miles past the Visitor Center on Hwy 180 will be the Princess Campground. Turn right into the campground entrance. At the first intersection, near the campsite hosts, make a left turn and drive another 150 yards towards the marked Indian Basin Trailhead.

Located at Princess Campground is the Indian Basin Sequoia Grove; this trail offers marvelous views of Indian Basin meadow and the regenerating Sequoia trees. The basin was the historic cabin site of Charles Converse for which the Converse Basin is named. Interpretive signs help explain the unique features of this Sequoia Grove and several benches along the way invite you to sit and enjoy the quiet beauty of the forest scenery.

5. Hume Lake Loop Trail

Distance: 2½ miles (several access points)

Difficulty: Easy (a portion is ADA accessible)

Time: 1½ hour

Ten (10) miles past the Visitor Center will be Hume Lake. Right past Princess Campground will be a right turn to Hume Lake. Parking is available near Powder Can Day Use Area, Hume Lake Day Use Area, or at Sandy Cove Day Use Area which is past the privately owned concessionaire facilities.

Hume Dam is a unique multiple arch design, and it was completed in April 1909. The dam was nominated to the National Register of Historic Landmarks in 2001 and can best be viewed from one of the two bridges that are features of this trail. The trail runs around the entire perimeter of the lake. From Powdercan Day Use Area to the Dam, the trail is a dirt hiking trail. From the Dam to Sandy Cove Day Use Area, the trail is paved offering ADA accessible hiking. The portion of trail from the Sandy Cove to Hume Lake Christian Camp is hardened surface, though not fully accessible.

6. Evans Grove Loop Trail

Distance: 1.5 miles +

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult

Time: 1 – 1.5 hours

For the Evans Grove Trail, follow Burton Pass Road for 5 miles and turn left at Forest Road 13S26 to Kennedy Meadows then follow the signs for 2 miles to Kennedy Meadows trailhead.

Starting at the Kennedy Meadow Trailhead, you’ll hike on an old logging road for about a mile. Turn left at the signed junction and descend into the eastern old growth forest. At the bottom of the descent there’s an old railroad bed created by the Hume-Bennett Company. Turn right at junction brings you back to another junction, turn right again and ascend up until you get to the prior junction, continue forward back to the trailhead.

7. Little Boulder Grove Trail

Distance: 1.7 miles (3 miles round trip)

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Time: 2 hours

For the Little Boulder Grove Trail, follow Burton Pass Road for 10.5 miles then follow Forest Road 13S23 for 3 miles until you see Little Boulder Grove trailhead marker on the left side of the road.

The Little Boulder Trail meanders through a portion of the Evans Grove Complex. Along this trail there are views of Kings Canyon to the north, including the 7 Sisters or the Grand Dike across the canyon in Monarch Wilderness.



8. Yucca Point Trail

Distance: 3.6 miles (7.2 miles Round Trip)

Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous

Time: 4-6 hours

Fourteen (14) miles past the Visitor Center the trailhead is along the left side of the road heading East toward Cedar Grove.

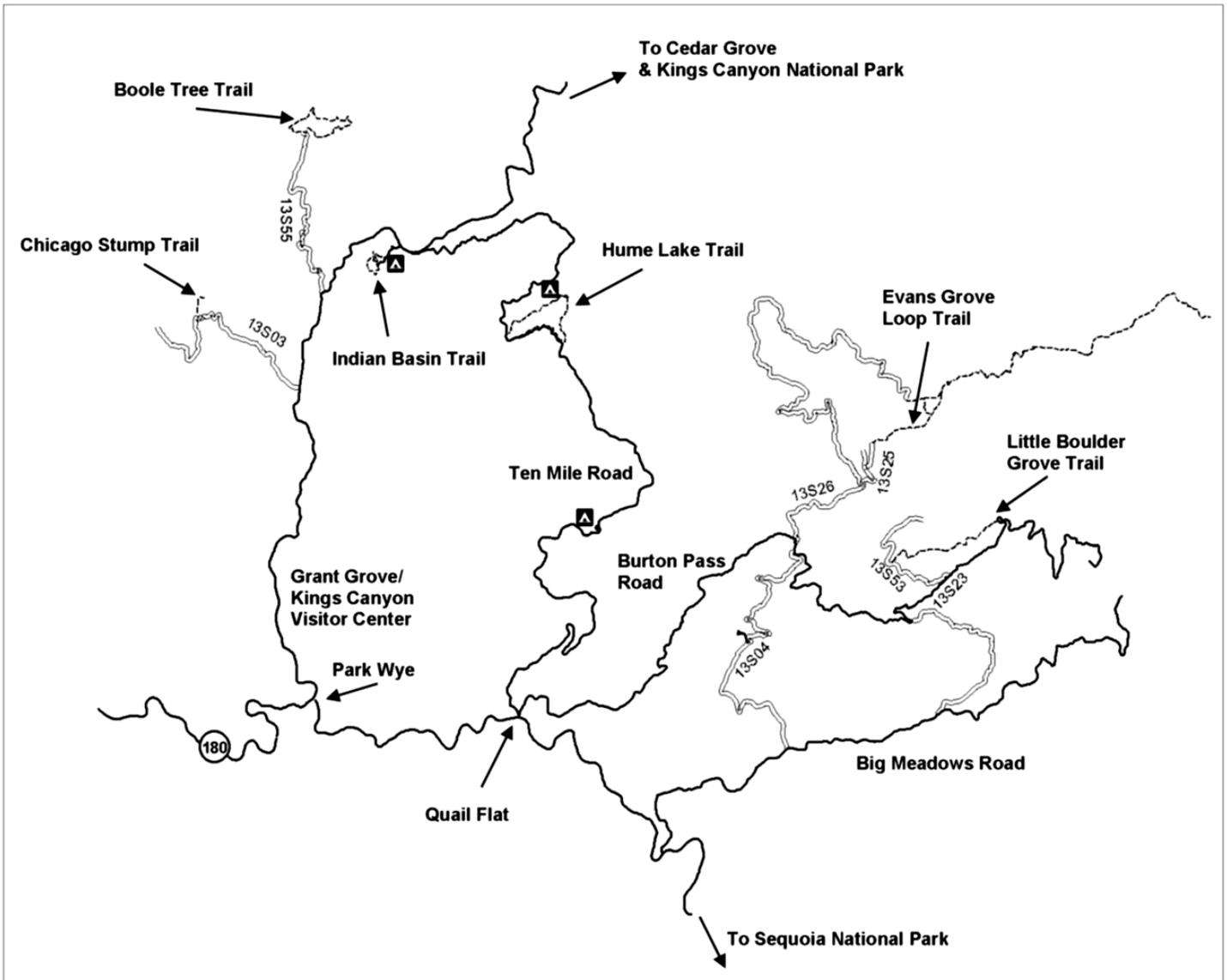
The vistas of the Middle Fork and South Fork of the Kings River lies at the bottom of the Sierra's deepest canyon, which is accessible by the Yucca Point Trail. The trail is an out and back, 3.6 miles long with a 1,360ft descent and ascent. It is a short and scenic hike that begins at Hwy 180 and ends at Kings River. Beware of poison oak and rattlesnakes.

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)

