



# President George Bush Tree

## Sequoia National Forest

### Giant Sequoia National Monument

#### Western Divide Ranger District



#### About the Site:

The President George Bush Tree is located in the 1,700-acre Freeman Creek Sequoia Grove off of the Lloyd Meadow Road (Road 22S82), on the Western Divide Ranger District within the Giant Sequoia National Monument on the Sequoia National Forest.

The tree was named for President George H. W. Bush in response to the proclamation he signed to protect all of the sequoia groves throughout the Sierra.

President Bush himself signed the proclamation at this site.

The grove is accessible from May to October, depending on weather conditions.

The Freeman Creek Grove is the largest unlogged grove outside of a National Park. There are a couple trees with a diameter of 20 feet, more than 100 with 15-foot diameters, and over 800 with 10-foot diameters. There are estimated to be over 2,000 sequoias with a diameter of over 5 feet in the grove.

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

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

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

#### Directions:

To reach the Freeman Creek Grove and the Bush Tree, turn off of Road SM50 a half mile west of Johnsonsdale Ranch north onto Road 22S82, the Lloyd Meadow Road. Continue on Lloyd Meadow Road for about 19 miles. You will see the sign for the Bush Tree to the left.

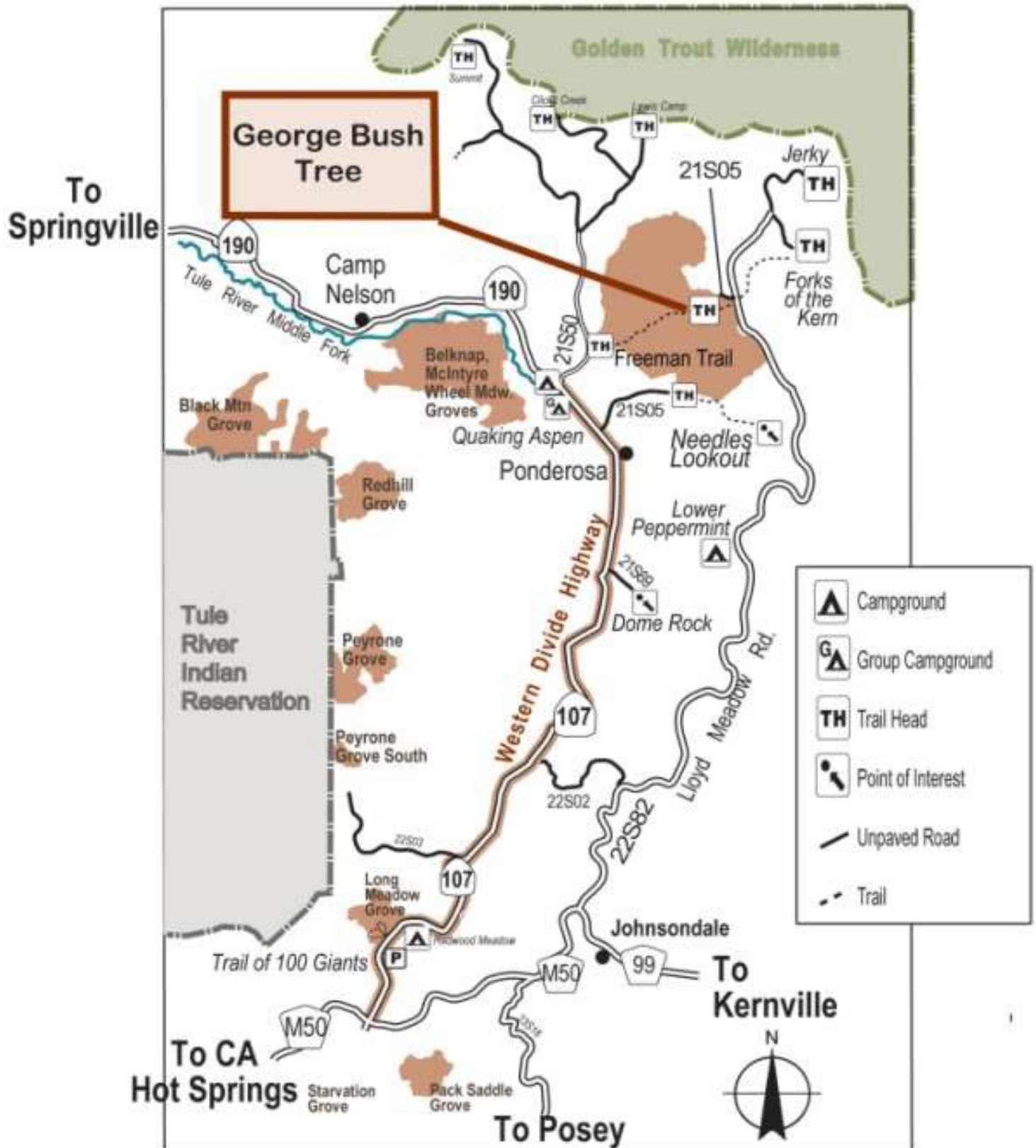
Take dirt road 20S78 about a mile to the parking area. There is a signed loop trail from the parking area. The tree is encircled with a wooden fence and has an engraved stone marking the site.

An alternate way to reach the tree is with a longer hike from a higher elevation. From Springville, drive east about 24 miles up Highway 190 to the turnoff for 21S50 (The North Road) on the left, which is a tenth of a mile shy of Quaking Aspen Campground.

Take the North Road 0.4 mile past a little meadow on the right. Watch for the sign and park at the Freeman Creek Trailhead. Follow the trail (33E20) about 3.2 miles to the Bush Tree. You will drop from about 7,000 feet down to about 5,750 feet. This trail is suitable for hikers, horses, and mountain bikers. Mountain bikers must remain on the trail.

Along the trail, you will experience meadows, the Freeman Creek, Jeffrey pines, Sugar pines, White fir, Black Oaks, Dogwood, California Hazelnut, and Bracken Fern. The young 1,000 year-old sequoias begin to appear as you move downward along the trail. This is the eastern-most grove of sequoias, which typically live on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada range.





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