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PRESS AND GENERAL BULLETIN OF INFORMATION.

Many inquiries are being received by the Superintendent of the Sequoia National Park about conditions for the public in the park now and during the coming summer. There appears to be much uncertainty as to whether or not war conditions have closed the park, stopped fishing, or greatly changed the service given to visitors.

The Sequoia National Park has been open the year around to the public for the past 23 years; and meals and sleeping accommodations, of some nature, have been available at all seasons for the past 22 years.

The Sequoia National Park is now open. There are public campgrounds available at Hospital Rock (2600 feet elevation) and Buckeye Flat (2700 feet). The public campgrounds at Giant Forest (6400 feet) and Lodgepole Camp (6700 feet) will be open shortly after May 1st. There are picnic places already open at Giant Forest, Lodgepole Camp and other points.

The Generals Highway between Giant Forest and Grant Grove is now open permitting a loop trip from the Valley to the Big Trees and back.

The Crystal Cave will be open to the public on a limited schedule some time in May. Later announcement will be made on the exact date and schedules.

Fishing during the regular season, May 1 to October 31, will be permitted as usual with very minor changes owing to war conditions. Full information will be posted on streams and a special Fishing Bulletin is available at Ranger Stations.

Park Rangers will conduct evening campfire programs, particularly for members of the armed forces, but the usual full program will be curtailed.

Pack and saddle stock will be available for rent as usual at Giant Forest and Wolverton to meet demands. The date this service begins will be announced later. Meanwhile arrangements for stock may be made with Earl McKee at Three Rivers. At Mineral King, Ray Buckman will operate pack and saddle service. His address is Three Rivers, California.

The Giant Forest Postoffice will open as usual on May 16.

Trips to the High Sierra may be made as they were in the past years. The High Sierra Trail from Giant Forest to Mt. Whitney over the Kaweah Gap will be open about July 1. Trails on the floor of Kern Canyon are now open and may be reached by low elevation routes from Fairview and Camp Nelson. The higher sections of the Kern area and the higher passes into the back country should be open at various dates from toward the end of June to the end of July. Park Rangers are already stationed in the Kern Canyon.

Camp Conterno, in the Kern Canyon, will be operated this summer as usual.

Hospital and Medical Service: A registered nurse will be present at the Lodgepole Hospital during the summer season. The service of a doctor will be available in any emergency from the Woodlake Hospital.

The Sequoia National Park is east of the dim-out ~~zone~~ but local regulations about campfires must be observed.

The Pay Accommodations in the park are, at present, limited to housekeeping cabins, fully equipped for sleeping and cooking, with central bathhouse and comfort station. There is a limited lunch counter service. There are groceries for sale, but visitors should bring in, for the present, their own perishable foodstuffs, such as vegetables, butter, eggs, bread, etc. Gasoline and motor oils are available but no repair service.

Resumption of full summer service, stage schedules, etc. will be announced later. Meanwhile, more detailed information may be secured from Mr. George L. Mauger, General Manager, Sequoia-Kings Canyon Parks Company, Visalia, California.