

SOCIAL STORY

Independent Family Visit to Visalia, California



We are going to the city of Visalia! It is located in the middle of California. Visalia is near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.



The city of
Visalia is
170 years old.

It was founded
in 1852.



We will be staying
in a hotel during
our trip.

Visalia has a lot of
different hotels to
choose from.



If my family has any questions about Visalia or Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks we can call or go to the Visit Visalia office.

Their office is located on Main Street in downtown.



The Visit Visalia office is a
Certified Autism Center.

It also recognizes the
Hidden Disabilities
Sunflower Program.



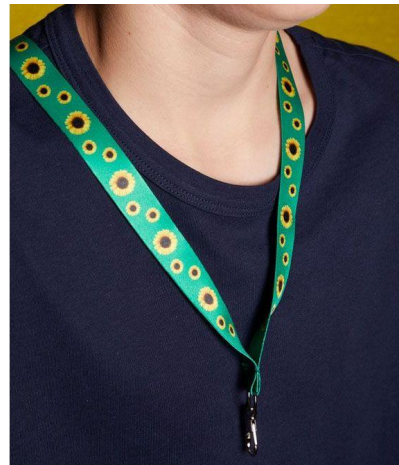
At the Visit Visalia office, my family can ask a staff member if we can check out a sensory backpack.

If one is available, I can use it during our entire trip. It will include different sensory toys for me.

If we check out a sensory backpack, it must be returned before we leave Visalia.



I can also pick up a free Sunflower product at the Visit Visalia office. I can choose between a lanyard, ID card, lapel pin or wristband.



As we explore Visalia,
if we see a business
with a Sunflower
sticker in their window
it means that their staff
are trained to
recognize and help
those wearing the
Hidden Disabilities
Sunflower.



By utilizing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, you can discreetly let hotel, attraction and restaurant staff know that you or someone you are traveling with has a hidden disability.

Additional accommodations may include:

- Expedited hotel check-in or restaurant seating when possible
- Consideration for a specific seating request
- Quick checkout if the need to leave arises
- Allowing outside food or accommodating a special request for the individual on the spectrum
- Understanding that the person may be non-verbal, have difficulty sitting still and making eye contact



There are a lot of different things to do in Visalia.
Some places are loud and some are quiet. Some are
crowded and some have fewer people. Some are
inside and some are outside.

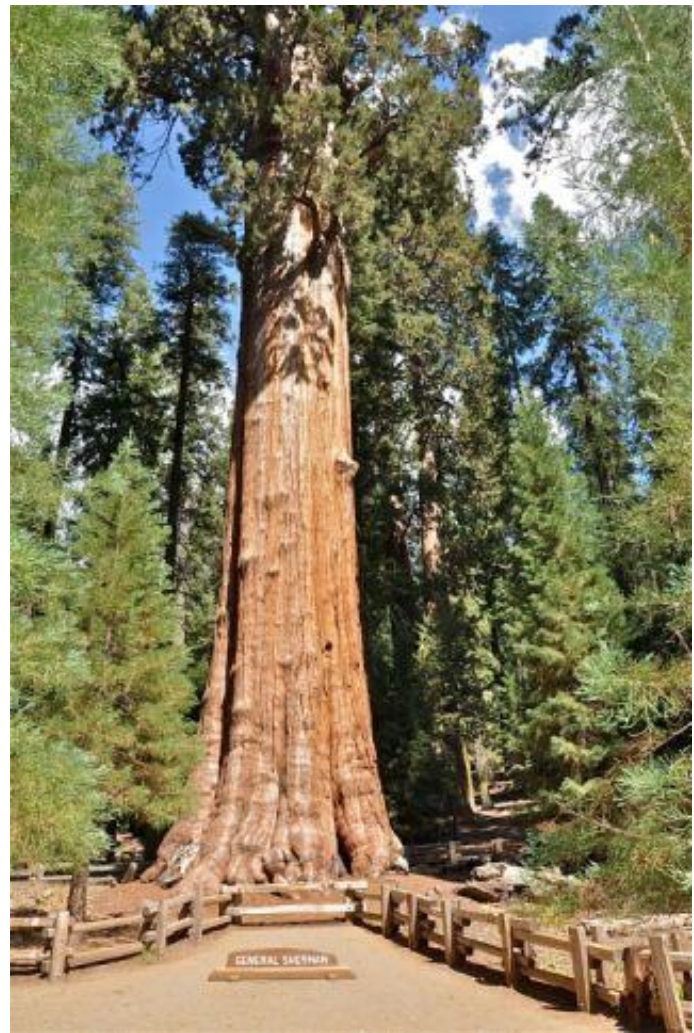


If we drive outside of
Visalia we can visit
Sequoia National Park
and Kings Canyon
National Park.

Both parks are good
places to go on a hike.
I will get to see huge
trees.



The largest tree in the world is in Sequoia National Park. It is named the General Sherman Tree. It stretches almost 275 feet tall and over 36 feet in diameter.



When I get hungry, there are a lot of yummy restaurants to eat at in Downtown Visalia.



Visalia also has a lot of fast food options that I may already like.



I am going to have so much fun in Visalia!
I am ready to go!

