

Big Basin Redwoods State Park Interpretation

Interpretive Periods

- **The Early Park Years: 1900 to 1941**
This period begins with the end of the tanbark harvesting in Big Basin, and the 1900 founding of the Sempervirens Club.
- **The Hoover Family: 1912 to 2006**
This period starts with Theodore Hoover's purchase of 200 acres of land in the Waddell Valley, and ends with the death of Hulda Hoover McLean.
- **Native California Indians: Prehistory to 1810**
This period represents the main period of occupancy and use by various area tribes and ends in the early 1800s.
- **The Portolá Expedition: 1769**
This period covers the passage of the Portolá expedition through the park area, and their experience camping in Waddell Valley.

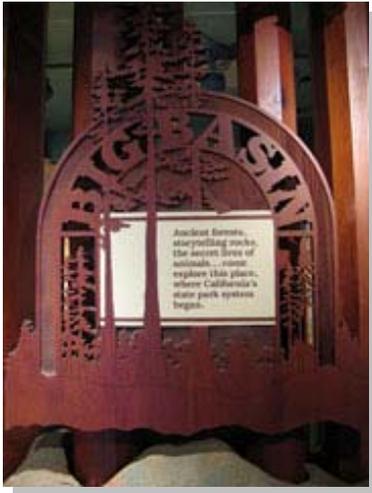
Interpretation Goals

- *Increase the public's awareness of the park's diversity and opportunities. Connect visitors with the natural world, cultural history and varied outdoor recreational activities.*



Sempervirens Room exhibit

- *Interpret the site's history and important natural and cultural features through visitor programs and exhibits.*
- *Interpret the purpose and events surrounding the founding of the original California Redwood Park.*
- *Emphasize themes on early park recreation and facility development, interpretation, natural resource management and land use history.*



Explore where California state park system began

- **Logging, Homesteading, and Tanbark: 1862 to 1900**
This period includes the arrival of William Waddell in Waddell Valley, and the time when many logging camps and mills operated in and around what is now park land.
- **The Park During and After World War II: 1941 to today.**
This period includes the changes in recreation use and park development during and post-WWII, and park expansion, changing environment, and discovery of the first documented marbled murrelet nest.

- *Create links between past and present, develop cultural and natural history interpretation that uses a flow of history approach to examine how different groups of people have viewed and used the park's natural resources.*



The auto tree located in Governor's Camp

- *Work closely with the park's cooperating associations and volunteers to improve interpretive resources, programs, and opportunities.*
- *Reach out to diverse populations, including underserved groups and non-traditional users.*



Redwood tree exhibit – historic timeline