

# Saddle Mountain Property & Highway 236

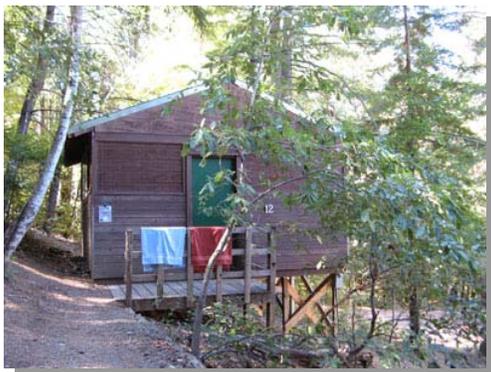
## Existing Conditions

- Saddle Mountain property was acquired in 2007, with a short-term lease agreement to a non-profit organization (Exploring New Horizons).



*Saddle Mountain classroom*

- Existing development includes former restaurant, motel, and cabins that were constructed prior to the State's acquisition and adapted for an environmental education camp for children.



*Cabin at Saddle Mountain*

## Planning Issues

- *Long-term use of the Saddle Mountain property should consider resource values and site constraints, and opportunities to serve park operations, visitor facilities, interpretation and education program needs.*



*Saddle Mountain Trail*

- *Site planning and design of future facilities will require further studies and subsequent environmental impact assessment.*



*Historic Gatehouse*

- A vacant historic building (former gatehouse and residence) north of Saddle Mountain is in poor condition and in need of repair.
- Campground registration and park orientation for new visitors presently occurs at the park headquarters building.



*Campsite registration at Park Headquarters*

- Visitor and non-visitor traffic and parking in the headquarters area reach its capacity during the major holidays and on summer weekends.

- *The location of the former gatehouse on Highway 236 lends itself to several possible uses, while preserving the historic building and interpreting its history with the park.*
- *No park entrance station exists on Hwy 236 for visitor contact from either the north or south directions.*



*Highway 236 into the park*

- *Natural, cultural and scenic resource values need protection when planning for future park facilities and visitor use.*
- *Without a point of contact near the park entrance, visitors generate additional traffic in and around the park while making campsite reservations or seeking parking maps and information.*