

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park

GENERAL PLAN

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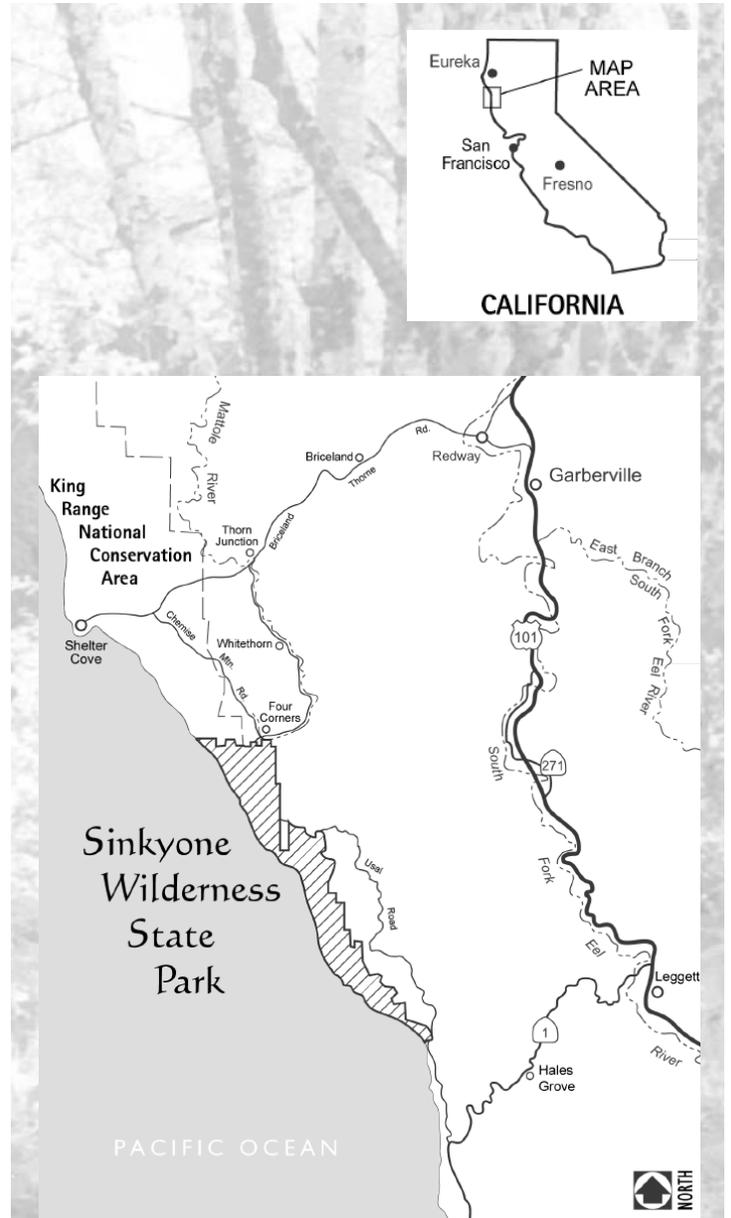
Our first three public meetings have been well-attended, exciting and successful! Thanks to all who attended and shared their ideas about the park's future and to those who filled out the survey. We are now in the process of incorporating your ideas into three alternatives for the General Plan. This Plan will define long-term visions and goals for the park, identify desired improvements, and provide guidelines for protecting significant resources. We are looking to you to share your ideas and participate in yet another opportunity to plan the future of this magnificent park. Please turn to the inside of this newsletter to find out how to stay involved.



California State Parks Workshop, Spring 2003



Wheeler Beach



PUBLIC MEETING #4

Tuesday, July 22
Richardson Grove Lodge
1600 US Highway 101
Garberville, California
Potluck Dinner 5:00–6:00 pm
Alternatives Meeting 6:00–7:30 pm



SINKYONE PLANNING WEBSITE

The California State Parks website: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/generalplans> provides a link to the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park General Plan process. On the left hand side of the page, click on *General Plans–In Progress*. A list of all the state parks undergoing the general plan process will be located at this link. From here you can access the General Plan website for Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. This page contains summaries of previous meetings, the first newsletter, the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report, and the Public Resources Code and State Wilderness Act.

THE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN.

The development of the draft General Plan has been underway since the fall of 2002. We have been researching and documenting the existing conditions of the park and surrounding region. During this process, three public meetings were held to gather public input, and a survey was circulated to interested stakeholders. All input has been summarized and posted on the website.





WHERE WE ARE NOW.

We will be holding our 4th public meeting on July 22nd from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the Richardson Grove Lodge. This will be a potluck gathering, so dig out those secret recipes! At this meeting we will be presenting concepts for three alternatives for the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park General Plan. We will be gathering your thoughts and ideas on these alternatives. With your input, a preferred alternative will be chosen.

WHERE WE ARE GOING.

Once a preferred alternative is chosen and developed, an Environmental Impact Report per the California Environmental Quality Act will analyze the potential impacts of the preferred alternative's future management actions on the environment. Another opportunity for your involvement will come in the fall or winter of this year when the Public Draft of the General Plan and Environmental Impact Report will be circulated for your review and comment. Your comments will be reviewed by Department of Parks and Recreation staff and incorporated into the Final General Plan. A timeline for the planning process is provided on page 4 of this newsletter.



HOW TO GET TO MEETING #4

Richardson Grove State Park is located seven miles south of Garberville on Highway 101. For information call (707) 247-3318 or 247-3319.



TIMELINE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

FEBRUARY 2003	SPRING 2003	JULY 2003	SUMMER/FALL 2003	WINTER 2003	SPRING/SUMMER 2004
Notice of Preparation	Public Workshops #1, 2 & 3; Identify Issues & Concerns; Prepare Existing Conditions Report; Conduct Fieldwork; Develop Alternatives	Public Workshop #4: Alternatives	Develop Draft General Plan & Prepare EIR	Public Review of Draft General Plan and EIR; Public Review & Comment Period	Final General Plan and EIR, Agency Approval

Dates are subject to change.

CONTACT US!

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