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Dear Friends,

Welcome to *California Escapes* magazine.

Californians have long found community pride and personal enrichment from our State Park System. Our residents realize the tremendous value and the importance of protecting the opportunities presented by our parks to explore our vast cultural, historical, natural, and recreational resources.

With public support for parks reaching an all-time high, we have built on the largest statewide investments in park improvements in a generation. This past year, our State Park System grew from 267 to 273 parks. Record numbers of visitors have flocked to State Parks, with attendance reaching approximately 85 million. Californians have consistently supported State Parks at the ballot box, passing two major Park Bond Acts that have protected more of California's unique resources.

I am proud of this remarkable support for our world-class parks and their surrounding communities. In 2002, California's State Park System helped to generate \$2.6 billion in direct spending for local communities. That translates to \$6.7 billion in total economic impact and more than 100,000 jobs supported by park visitors.

This support of our State Park System is proof that we can take care of our environment and our economy at the same time. I invite you to visit our State Parks and enjoy what you have helped to create and preserve.

Sincerely,

Gray Davis, Governor



Welcome Friends,

Our magnificent California State Park System continues to preserve and protect some of the finest natural, historical, cultural, and outdoor recreational resources found anywhere in the world. Our message to you is to come and enjoy, but give us a helping hand.

As you visit, take the time to learn more about California's environment, history, and diversity of people past and present. Your State Park System is a living legacy of our land and our people.

However, it is a fragile and perishable system. To keep it healthy, we ask that you become more than a visitor. We ask that you become a park helper. First, in this time of budget crisis, what you do to help keep our parks clean saves us millions of dollars. Second, think about being a volunteer or just being a voice in support of our State Park System. Your voice and thousands more spreading the word about preserving and protecting the values of our park system can make a difference.

In the meantime, this magazine gives you a snapshot of an adventure that began in 1864 and continues today. Come and explore. Come and help. Don't miss them!

Have Fun!

Ruth Coleman

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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS— THEY'RE SYNONYMOUS WITH "ESCAPE."

It's an unending adventure. It's a priceless resource. It's so rich with history, natural beauty, and opportunities for fun that it's simply been nicknamed the Golden State. "It," of course, is California—the place where mountains, sand, and sea coexist in near-mythical balance. In the popular imagination California is a dream destination, a land that's bursting with culture—the ultimate escape. And the best way to make that escape is to visit your State Parks. Visit—meaning weekend jaunts as a resident user. Visit—meaning vacations as a tourist. Visit—meaning volunteering your services, however you can.

So *Don't Miss Them*. Visit California's state parks, and see for yourself all that makes us so proud.

SURF, TURF, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

The California State Parks are *your* parks—all 273 of them! That's a lot of parks, and a lot of variety. If State Parks make you think of giant

redwood forests, beaches, cascading waterfalls, and winding mountain trails, well, we can't argue with that; but California State Parks offer so much more.

When a surfer gets barreled on a six-foot wave at San Onofre, he or she is at a state park. When a group of off-road vehicle riders explores Hungry Valley, in the hills north of Los Angeles, they're at a state park. When children learn about their family heritage at La Purísima Mission (founded in 1787) in Lompoc, they're at a state park. Even the "Best U.S. Monument" in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2000 Readers' Choice Awards is a state park: Hearst Castle® at San Simeon, a world-renowned showcase of European art and California opulence.

And California's state parks are virtually everywhere. Last year, a record 85 million people visited state parks, historic sites, and beaches to camp, hike, bike, swim, surf, sightsee, and just about anything else you have in mind.

This guide will help you do any or all of those things. We want to get you on the road, wave, mountain bike trail, or wheelchair-accessible path; whatever it takes for you to make the most of our parks and beaches. Whatever is right for you.

WHERE TO GO? AND HOW? ABOUT THIS GUIDE

What's your passion? Whale-watching? Fishing? Bird-watching? Perhaps you're a train buff, and you want to take in some railroad history. Maybe you're a cyclist, an equestrian expert, or an aspiring nature photographer. No matter: Your interests are our pleasure.

It's also our pleasure to tell you *how*. How can you reserve a campsite? How can your family hold an outdoor reunion on the shores of Point Sur? How can you tour the Weaverville Joss House, the oldest in-use, intact historic Chinese temple in California? How do you find remnants of the classic television show *M*A*S*H* in Malibu Creek State Park? We'll tell you.

This guide answers all of your questions. In the pages that follow you'll find:

- Accessibility information, reservations, and more.
- A large overview map of California (page 18)
- Maps of the 12 California travel regions showing the locations of the parks.
- Regional charts listing facilities (including visitors' centers, food/dining, lodging, RV hookups, and much more) and activities (biking, boating, camping, windsurfing, and more).

- Capsule descriptions of the parks, including telephone numbers and road directions for those parks that are a little out of the way.

And Remember...

The best way to get the big picture, along with the latest information on each park and the many activities offered, is to visit the California State Park's website at www.parks.ca.gov. It's what really puts the state park system at your fingertips, any day, any time.

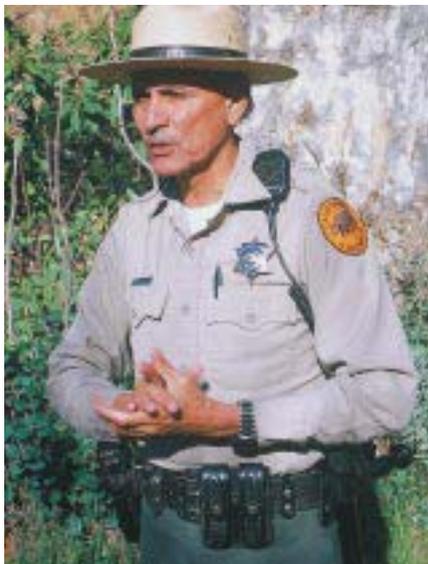
At www.parks.ca.gov you can scout campsites, trails, and find out which times of year are best for watching migratory birds; you can inquire about wheelchair accessibility and OHV regulations, availability of boat ramps, horse camps, and guides who'll give you tours of historical sites. Finally, if you like what you see, you can make a reservation. It's that easy.

CALIFORNIA, ALL WAYS

The State Park System is essentially a giant outdoor health club, and an activity and cultural center for your family and friends, a virtually endless escape that's open 24/7, 365 days a year. Just look at the options: Sacramento Delta boating, Sierra Sno-Parks, Off-Highway Vehicle areas, hiking and biking and horseback riding, camping,



LEFT: A stump for the ages at Calaveras Big Trees SP. ABOVE: Windsurfer in search of big breezes at Morro Strand SB



Ranger Simon Cavazos at Point Mugu SP

scuba diving, and educational tours of historic sites (including the State Capitol Museum and California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento). The cultural history of Your Parks is as multifaceted as the many natural destinations available.

Taking full advantage of the park system's diversity, you can live a healthful and active lifestyle, spend more quality time with your loved ones, and benefit from educational and cultural opportunities. For a deeper understanding of the stories and science behind the parks, take part in one of our park programs. These ranger-led walks, campfires, and living history re-enactments are fun-filled and informative.

Tip: The Wrong Time is the Right Time

Do yourself a favor: Explore the possibilities of parks in their off-seasons. Thanks to California's mild weather, you don't need a summer day to hike through a giant redwood grove or share a campfire with family and friends. Historic sites that make great winter escapes include Hearst Castle®, Bidwell Mansion, Old Town San Diego, or Old Sacramento (with its California State Railroad Museum). Summer tip: Campsites are often available and less crowded midweek, even in prime Sierra park locations.

RANGER RECRUITMENT

Looking for a career with a little fresh air? A job that offers culture, escape, and adventure? California State Parks is looking for rangers and lifeguards, offering career choices beyond working in the woods, including lakes, beaches, deserts, and urban parks.



Sightseeing at Año Nuevo SP

Accessibility: Everyone is a V.I.P.

- California State Parks welcomes all visitors, regardless of their abilities. When planning your visit, please call the park to obtain additional information or request suitable arrangements.
- You can find accessible features throughout the system at parks.ca.gov/accessibility.

- Disabled Discount Passes are also available (see Fees, pg. 15).
- Department staff are working

to implement accessibility improvements and remove barriers to access.

Should you encounter obstacles, please ask for assistance onsite.

- We are proceeding systematically with our vision of universal access-facility design and programs that will benefit all visitors. As projects are funded over the coming years, access is provided by the retrofitting

and construction of new facilities statewide.

- General recommendations and comments may be made to the Department's Accessibility Section, (916) 445-8949, or via e-mail at access@parks.ca.gov. As you can see, California State Parks are for everyone. For a large-format version of this publication, please visit www.parks.ca.gov

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

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When you think of a California state park, images of beauty, serenity, trees, beaches and sunsets—even cool historic sites probably come to mind. The best state park system in America needs your help right now. Take a few minutes to get involved. California State Parks protect all that is wild and beautiful. They preserve our land and waters, provide inspiration and education, and keep our history alive. But with more visitors than ever, our parks need your help.



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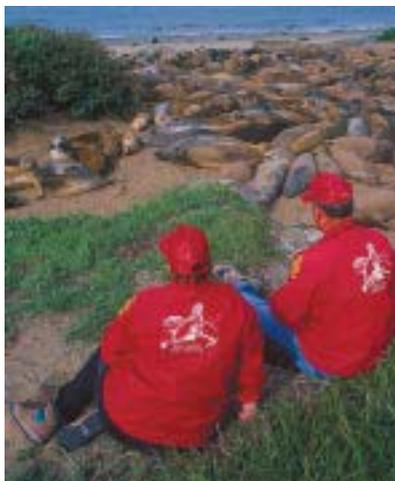
Private companies can support state parks by providing needed goods and services. California State Parks is looking for partners who complement the State Parks' image as a leader in recreation, historic preservation, environmental conservation, and education. To become a Park Partner, contact our Marketing Division at (916) 651-6700.

BECOME A PARK VOLUNTEER

Whether locally or farther afield, you can be a campground host, teach children about their heritage, even build and maintain trails. Each year, 12,000 volunteers give back to the community while making new friends and learning about nature and history. For information go to www.parks.ca.gov/volunteers, or call (916) 653-9069.

JOIN A COOPERATING ASSOCIATION

These community-based organizations raise millions of dollars annually to aid state parks. Their support makes possible important services such as new visitor centers, free park maps, and unique in-park programs. To join this distinguished group, call (916) 654-5397 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/associations.



Volunteers monitoring resident elephant seals at Año Nuevo SR

THEY'RE YOUR PARKS, SO WHY NOT PROTECT THEM?

Increasing demand and decreasing budgets mean your state parks are threatened. To help make a difference, you can join the California State Parks Foundation, which for more than three decades has spoken up for the protection and preservation of California's State Parks, funding a variety of projects and working to educate the public and elected officials. Help give State Parks a voice: go to www.calparks.org or call (800) 963-7275.



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HOW A NIGHT IN THE WOODS SPAWNED A STATE FULL OF PARKS

The very idea of a state park system was born in the redwoods on a spring evening 101 years ago. That night, a group of visionaries vowed to preserve their favorite forest; they passed a hat and collected a whopping \$32. The result was the establishment of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, which covers 18,000 acres in northern California. Today, the park's campfire center commemorates those men and women.

DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY IN NUMBERS

As California's population grew, so did the state park system—to the tune of 270-plus. As Governor, Gray Davis acted on the need for parks in urban areas, especially where open space was scarce. State parks bring the benefits of nature, culture, and healthy recreation within reach of every Californian.

HISTORY AND LEGACY AT EVERY TURN

A trip through the state park system is a trip through time, California-style, from the Pomo Indians to the Spanish Missions to the '49ers of Gold Rush country. In *your* parks, there are Chumash cave paintings and craftsman-style architecture, as seen at Asilomar Conference Grounds. In *your* parks you can learn a Chaw'se Native American dance, grind corn for tortillas with mano and metate, or pan for gold like a 19th century prospector. And don't forget the Spanish Mission at La Purisima SHP; Moro Rock at Point Sur SHP, sighted by Juan Cabrillo in 1552; and Colonel Allensworth SHP, the only town in California founded, financed, and governed by African-Americans. Perhaps the many ethnic strands woven through the seemingly unending tapestry of California history are best seen on Angel Island, the first stop for so many emigres to the Golden State.

FOR THE RECORD

Of course, it wouldn't be California without a few random superlatives, like the most popular railroad museum in North America (California State Railroad Museum), the best view of California (Mt. Diablo SP), and the best-preserved Western ghost town (Bodie SHP, California's official State Gold Rush Ghost Town).

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Our scientific, ecological, and historical assets, which make possible day trips, environmental-living overnights, in-school programs, and video conferencing, served more than 20,000 school groups last year. Some 560 schools also booked tours at California's State Capitol Museum. Using video technology, the museum connects to classrooms nationwide for presentations on Capitol architecture, the legislative process, and Sacramento's role in the Gold Rush.

» **DID YOU KNOW?** California State Parks is one of the largest state agency providers of education.

VIRTUAL DIVING, A NEW WAY TO LEARN

One of our favorite video programs allows underwater divers at Crystal Cove SP to broadcast in "real time" to classrooms. Children interact with the divers, watch the marine life of one of the state's most pristine environments, and learn about the effects of commercialization and residential growth. This technology also lessens the impact of visitors on sensitive environments and allows children with disabilities to participate. Visit www.parks.ca.gov/schoolprograms for more about these and other programs.

Add it all up, and the state parks are a priceless resource for generations to come. Outings to the state parks don't just teach our children, they create lasting memories.

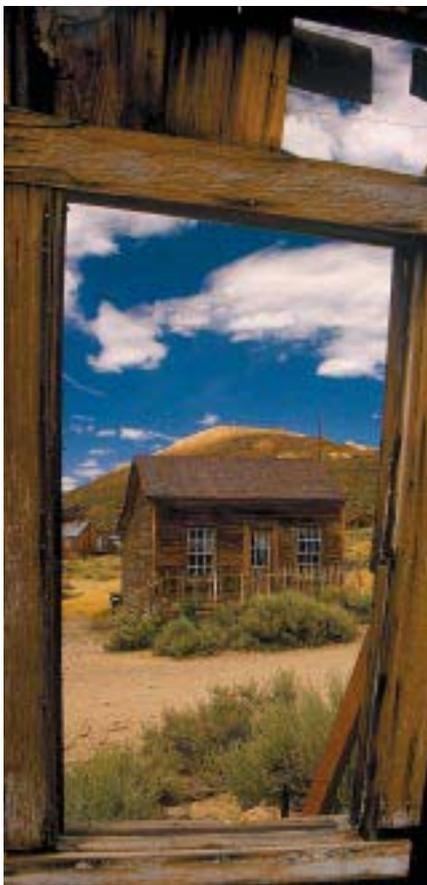
FOR THE KIDS

Your state parks offer many learning opportunities for children and families. In the **Junior Ranger Program**, kids learn how issues in parks relate to larger global concerns. The **Junior Lifeguard Program** teaches young visitors ages 8 to 15 about water safety and physical conditioning. Our **Litter-Getter Program** rewards children with a prize for every bag of litter they collect, helping them to make their own contribution to the park. Call for a schedule of programs at the park of your choice.

ENJOYING CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

California is teeming with rare legendary species, such as our Giant Sequoia trees and huge elephant seals. It's where majestic bald eagles soar above mountains that are peppered with bighorn sheep. All of these species call California State Parks home, where they thrive in habitats as various as sparkling tide pools, snowy peaks, foggy redwood groves, and sun-blasted desert basins. Nature lovers, scientists, and travelers come from all around the world to see and experience California's rich natural heritage.

Our state parks are priceless repositories of nature, sanctuaries for the human spirit, places where anyone can observe, explore, and marvel at the beauty of the natural world.



LEFT: Waterfalls at Big Basin Redwoods SP.
ABOVE: Wild west remnants haunt Bodie SHP



Monarch butterflies blend in at Pismo SB

- >> **DID YOU KNOW?** California State Parks collectively contain one of the largest, most diverse holdings of any such agency in the U.S.
- >> Although California's population has doubled over the past few decades, public use of state parks has increased eightfold.

PRESERVING YOUR PARKS

To protect this vast and varied heritage requires active management to repair damaged landscapes and restore natural cycles. Unfortunately,

human impact on California's natural resources has been significant over the centuries, and our state parks also pay a price for their popularity. If the resources we enjoy and take for granted are to survive for future generations, we must all accept responsibility for their preservation.

HOW CALIFORNIA HELPS TO PRESERVE YOUR STATE PARKS

Fire: Because total fire suppression has resulted in dangerous accumulations of dry tinder that feed destructive wildfires, prescribed burn fires are allowed to slowly burn away duff, smaller brush, and some trees.

Non-native species:

The impact of non-native plant and animal species on native ecosystems is of national concern. Park staff work to control exotic species that threaten endangered native species. Among the greatest problems is the well-intentioned feeding of feral animals—such as stray domestic cats—which has resulted in greater rabies hazard and threatens endangered native species.

Endangered species:

The past three decades in California have seen 137 native animal species and more than 400 native plant species classified as endangered or threatened.

Success stories:

By 1994, the peregrine falcon and the California gray whale had come back from the brink of extinction. Animal rescue programs have also saved species such as California bighorn sheep at Anza-Borrego Desert SP and the tule elk at Tule Elk SR from disappearing.



Smooth dunes and low tide at Half Moon Bay SB

TOP: MARK J. DOLYAK; FRANK S. BALTHIS

PRESERVING OUR PAST

Finally, archaeologists, historians, and restoration specialists are involved in the study of California's diverse cultures, helping to identify and protect Native American burial grounds, restore Spanish missions, and even maintain the state of "arrested decay" of the Gold Rush ghost town of Bodie. California State Parks' ongoing preservation work makes it possible to educate thousands of schoolchildren each year about the importance of California's past.

PRESERVATION RULES

- Put litter in its place.
- Stay on designated trails (no shortcuts).
- Avoid disturbing tidepool creatures.
- Don't feed the animals.
- Do not dispose of wastewater in lakes and streams.
- Do not disturb historic and archaeological artifacts.



Elephant seals taking it easy at Año Nuevo SR

fun stuff



RECREATION: IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

Thanks to our state park system, recreation has become a veritable birthright of Californians. With more than 280 miles of coastline, 800 miles of river and lake shoreline, thousands of campsites and picnic areas, and hundreds of sites of historical, cultural, and ecological interest, your state parks have something for everybody.

Traditional recreation includes plant and wildlife viewing, sunning, picnicking, and walking. There's also biking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, OHV driving, scuba diving, swimming, and beach volleyball. Extreme athletes can indulge in mountain biking, rock-climbing, motorcycling, surfing, hang-gliding, and windsurfing.

» **DID YOU KNOW?** California State Parks constitute 1/4 of California's coastline.

BEACHES

California's state park beaches are legendary, from the ruggedly beautiful North Coast to Pt. Lobos (called the greatest meeting of ocean and land in all the world) to the sand playgrounds of coastal southern California, where "beach culture" was virtually invented. Indeed, when you listen to the Beach Boys, watch old *Gidget* movies, or spike a beach volleyball, you're living a lifestyle perfected at state parks such as Malibu Lagoon and Huntington State Beaches.

CAMPING

California camping is so popular that busy parks may be full if you arrive without reservations, particularly during the summer season (generally from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend). Many coastal parks remain busy year-round, especially on weekends. Fortunately, campsites for individuals, families, or groups can be reserved up to seven months in advance at www.parks.ca.gov/camping or via **Reserve America** at (800) 444-PARK (7275). Other campgrounds may be available on a first come, first served basis. For information call (800) 777-0369 or (916) 653-6995. Many campsites are open without reservations in non-peak seasons.

HORSE CAMPING

Several parks, some with horse rental facilities, provide equestrian camping. Most sites have picnic tables, barbecues or fireplaces, and pit toilets. Call (916) 653-6995 for information.



Fun 4-wheeling in the Golden State

Off-Highway Vehicles—Come Out And Play

More than three decades ago California State Parks began an effort to responsibly manage a recreational sport that continues to grow. Today, the state offers the largest off-highway vehicle recreation program in the U.S., with the most environmentally friendly rules of any state park system in the country.

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division operates six main recreation areas and provides for a statewide system of managed recreational opportunities through funding to other public agencies. Among its visitors are dirt bikers, all-terrain vehicle drivers, 4x4 and dune

buggy riders, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, equestrians, cross-country skiers, backpackers, hikers, campers, and even rock climbers. Visit www.ohv.parks.ca.gov or contact OHVMR, POB 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296; (916) 324-4442 for more information regarding OHV access.

SIERRA SNO-PARKS

Easy access to some of the Sierra's finest cross-country ski trails, snowmobile routes, and snow play areas can be found at various snow-cleared parking lots. California State Parks administers this program from November 1 through May 30; from September to March, rangers offer hikes and ski tours.

CONSERVE ENERGY: GO CAMPING AT A STATE PARK

In addition to switching off the lights when you leave the room, you can help save energy by enjoying yourself at the California State Park of your choice. You'll feel better, and the light switches in your house will, too.



PARK REGULATIONS

- **Collecting** of flowers, rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts is prohibited.
- **Firewood** should not be gathered; it can be purchased at most parks.
- **Fireworks** are prohibited.
- **Fishing** licenses are required by state law.
- **Hunting** or the possession of loaded or unloaded firearms is prohibited in most state parks.
- **Pets** must be kept on a leash or in a vehicle.
- **Off-road vehicle** driving is only allowed in California's off-highway motor vehicle parks.
- **Bicyclists** under 18 years old are required by California state law to wear helmets.

Fees + Passes

● **Day Use:** There is a nominal Day Use parking fee; if you're on the move during the same day, you can visit other California State Parks (of a like or lesser Day Use fee) for free.

● **Annual Day Use Pass & Annual Boat Launch Pass:** Passes are good for one year from date of purchase. For more information call (800) 777-0369 ext.5, or purchase at store.parks.ca.gov

● **Camping Fees:** Call for fees. Please plan ahead; many parks accept reservations up to seven months prior. Visit www.parks.ca.gov/camping or call (800) 444-PARK (7275). Payment may be made by American Express®, VISA®, Discovery®, or MasterCard® by phone. You can pay by personal check, traveler's check, or money order by mail.

● **Sno-Park:** Daily fees apply; seasonal pass available. Parking permits do not guarantee a parking space. Send legal-sized

self-addressed stamped envelope to Sierra District, POB 266, Tahoma, CA 96142 or visit www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. Recorded information: (916) 324-1222.

● **Boating:** Launch fees vary. Overnight mooring fees apply.

● **Historic Sites and Museums:** Most are free or have a nominal charge. Tour fees vary (children's fees usually cost less). Avoid long waits at Hearst Castle® and Año Nuevo by calling (800) 777-0369 or visiting www.parks.ca.gov/reservations.

● **Senior Discounts:** Campers aged 62 or older receive a nightly discount, but only if requested at the time the camping reservation is made. Reservation must be in the name of the eligible person and that person must occupy the campsite. Proof of eligibility required; parking discounts available.

● **Golden Bear Pass:** Allows parking at State Park-operated facilities for those aged 62 or over and/or anyone receiving aid on a limited income. Apply in person at most State Parks.

● **Limited Use Golden Bear:** Free parking for those 62 and over, excluding peak season (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Apply in person at most state parks.

● **Other Discount Passes:** For disabled campers, the **Disabled Discount Pass** offers 50 percent off regular camping fees and day use; call for fee. The **Disabled Veteran/Prisoner of War Pass** gives complimentary camping and day use at all California State Parks; call for fee. For all rules, qualifications, and a pass application, please call (916) 653-4000 or write to: California State Parks Pass Program, POB 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296.

Please note: Fees, services, and hours of operation have changed. Visit our website for the most current information.



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REGIONAL INFORMATION

The state of California can be divided into 12 distinct regions that encompass a rich diversity of culture, terrain, and wildlife. From the Gold Country to the San Francisco Bay Area, from the Central Coast to San Diego County, these regions are home to more than 270 state parks renowned for their natural beauty, historic significance, and recreational opportunities.



California's state marine mammal, the gray whale



THE STATE ICONS

STATE ANIMAL

Ursus arctos horribilis, as the California Grizzly Bear was called, definitely lived up to his name. But he is seen today only on the state flag or state seal.

STATE FLOWER

The golden poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) blooms somewhere in California every month of the year.

STATE MARINE MAMMAL

You can spy the mighty California gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) as it travels in groups called pods off the coast each winter and spring.

STATE BIRD

Stout and social, the California quail (*Callipepla californica*) can be seen individually or in flocks of up to 1,000.

STATE REPTILE

The desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) is an endangered species that has lived in California for thousands of years. It should never be handled.

STATE FISH

The golden trout (*Oncorhynchus aguabonita*) can be found in certain high-altitude Sierra streams and lakes.

NORTH COAST



This wild, green, and rugged part of the state is characterized by old- and second-growth redwood forests, coastal bluffs, secluded coves, and wildlife areas. The rich history of the North Coast includes the site of the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt; the site of the last California mission built at Sonoma; and Fort Ross, Imperial Russia's southernmost outpost in North America.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM STANDLEY SRA

Escape the crowds for a day of quiet picnicking and hiking at this 45-acre redwood grove. A rough unpaved road continues to the coast.

ANDERSON MARSH SHP

Once home to the Pomo tribe, the 1,065-acre park is popular for picnicking, hiking, bird-watching, and its August Blackberry Festival. (707) 994-0688.

ANNADEL SP

This park preserves significant native and early California quarry industry sites and the most outstanding example of northern oak woodland in existence. Trails within Annadel's 5,000 acres are popular with hikers, equestrians, and

bicyclists. The park is open for day use only. District office (707) 938-1519.

ARMSTRONG REDWOODS SR

The 440-acre grove preserved by Colonel James Bodyston Armstrong in the 1890s has grown to 805 acres that offer visitors many relaxing options. The park has a multisensory accessible trail, as well as accessible restrooms, parking, visitor center, and picnicking. District office (707) 865-2391.

AUSTIN CREEK SRA

Open forests and steep rugged terrain are a contrast to the cool, dark redwood grove in the adjoining Armstrong Redwoods SR. More than 25 miles of trails are ideal for hikers and equestrians.



Open road in Humboldt Redwoods SP

The road, closed to vehicles more than 20 feet long and pulled trailers of any length, begins at the Armstrong Redwoods picnic area. District office (707) 865-2391.

AZALEA SR

Western azaleas thrive in this 30-acre reserve north of Eureka. During spring, a profusion of pink and white blossoms scents the air. (707) 488-2041.

BALE GRIST MILL SHP

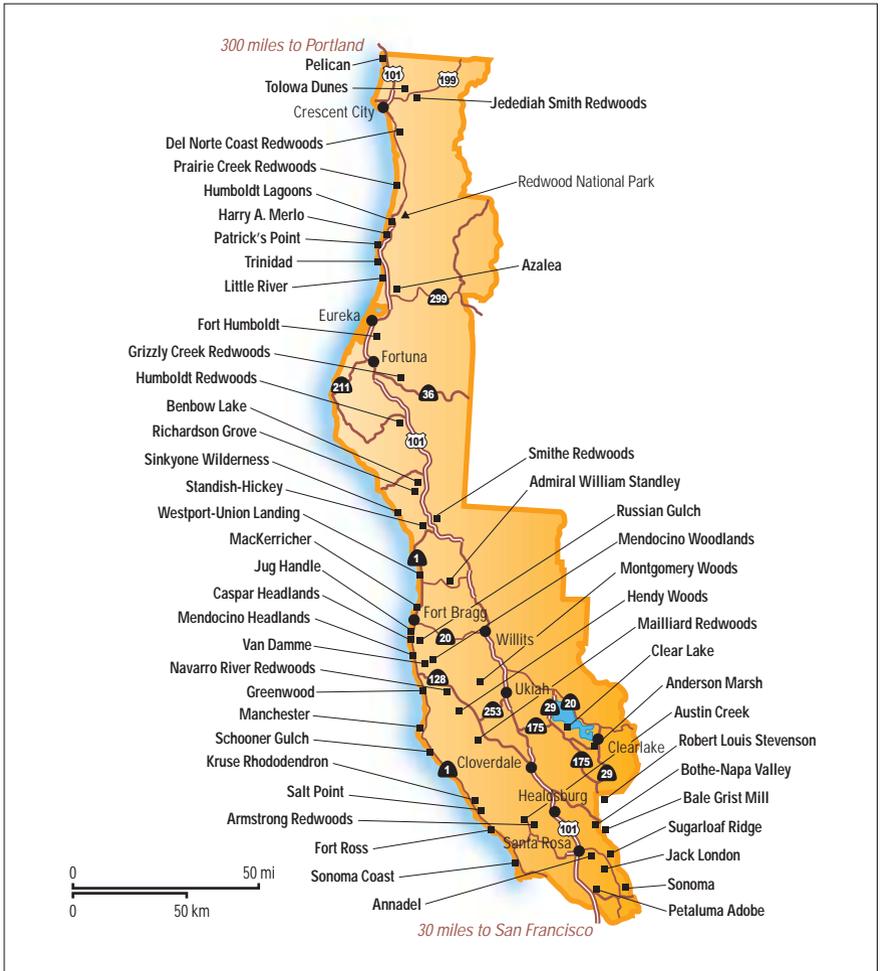
Edward Turner Bale turned Napa Valley's grain into flour on land received via a Mexican grant in the 1840s. The park is open every day, and the restored mill is open most days. (707) 942-4575.

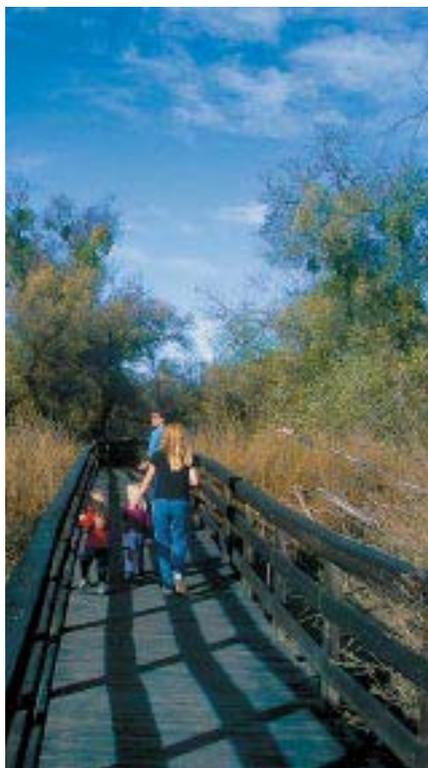
BENBOW LAKE SRA

Located on the Eel River near the historic Benbow Inn, this park offers accessible camping and picnicking. The day-use area has group sites and a seasonal lake for water-oriented activities. Benbow hosts a summer arts festival and Shakespeare performances. (707) 247-3318.

BOTHE-NAPA VALLEY SP

This area was home to the Wappo Indians until the 1840s. The park has a seasonal swimming pool and accessible camping, picnicking, visitor center (open weekends), and trails. A horseback riding concession operates during summer and fall. (707) 942-4575.





Hiking at Anderson Marsh SHP

CASPAR HEADLANDS SB & SR

These 2 park units protect about half a mile of sculpted rocks, crashing waves, and splashy displays of seasonal wildflowers. Surrounded by a housing development, the reserve's entry permit can be obtained free of charge at the California State Parks district office 2 miles north of Russian Gulch on Pt. Cabrillo Dr., off Hwy. 1. (707) 937-5804.

CLEAR LAKE SP

This park is on the south end of California's third-largest freshwater lake. Fishing for bass, catfish, and bluegill is accessible, as are picnicking and camping. Summer brings swimmers and water-skiers to the lake's relatively warm waters. (707) 279-4293.

DEL NORTE COAST REDWOODS SP

Combining spectacular Pacific coastline with dense stands of old-growth redwoods, this park has a campground with accessible campsites, restrooms, and exhibits. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5120 or 5064.

FORT HUMBOLDT SHP

This partially reconstructed outpost, built in the 1850s to settle the conflict between local Native Americans and incoming settlers, features a historical museum with military and native displays depicting then-common events of the region. The park has a logging museum and exhibit and 2 operational steam engines. (707) 445-6567.

FORT ROSS SHP

Fort Ross was in operation from 1812 to 1841 as a trading outpost for the Russian-American Company. One original building and five reconstructed structures exist within the stockade walls. A visitor center with accessible restrooms reveals the 3,000-acre park's unique natural and cultural history. The Reef Campground is located 1 mile south of the fort and is open seasonally (no reservations accepted). (707) 847-3286.

GREENWOOD SB

Sea stacks and coastal bluffs make this a classic North Coast park. Once the site of a redwood lumber mill, now it is favored by picnickers and anglers. (707) 937-5804.

GRIZZLY CREEK REDWOODS SP

Once the noon stop for horse-drawn stagecoaches, this 399-acre park is a fine place for swimming or fishing in the Van Duzen River and hiking through the redwoods. (707) 777-3683.

HENDY WOODS SP

This 850-acre park encompasses more than 100 acres of old-growth redwoods. Two campgrounds have become base camps for travelers visiting the Wine Country. (707) 937-5804.

HUMBOLDT LAGOONS SP & HARRY A. MERLO SRA

Three lagoons grace the two parks. During heavy storms, they can overflow into the ocean, carving a deep channel, which can drop their water levels by as much as 6 feet in an hour. Later, the surf and tide reform the beach. (707) 488-2041.

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS SP

This park includes 17,000 acres of old-growth redwoods and the majestic Avenue of the Giants among its 53,000 acres. Campers can choose from family campsites, environmental sites, trail camps, a hike and bike camp, group and horse camps. (707) 946-2409 or 946-2015; or www.humboldtredwoods.org.

JACK LONDON SHP

The *Call of the Wild* author made Sonoma's Valley of the Moon his home in 1905. From his cottage, he wrote numerous short stories, novels, and articles while overseeing ambitious agricultural enterprises. With 1,400 acres of cultural and historical trails. (707) 938-5216.

JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS SP

This 10,000-acre park with some of the world's tallest old-growth trees was named for Jedediah Smith, who in 1827 became the first white man known to have crossed the coastal mountain range. Group and hike/bike sites, hiking trails, river access, and fishing are also available. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5112 or 5101 or 5064.

JUG HANDLE SR

This reserve offers a firsthand look at 500,000 years of California's geological history. A 2.5-mile nature trail leads through 5 terraces uplifted from the sea approximately 100,000 years apart. The lowest terrace still battles ocean waves, the third terrace has a unique pygmy forest, and terraces above display more advanced vegetation. (707) 937-5804.

KRUSE RHODODENDRON SR

This park boasts thickets of sun-loving rhododendrons, which sprang up after a forest north of Jenner was destroyed by fire. Now, clusters of pink blossoms cover much of the reserve from April through June. District office (707) 865-2391.

LITTLE RIVER SB

The park's 112 acres of undeveloped expanses of flat sand and low dunes are located on the south side of Little River. (707) 488-2041.

MacKERRICHER SP

Eight miles of beach offer refuge for harbor seals and a playground for hikers, bicyclists, and birdwatchers, along with accessible camping, trails, a visitor center, exhibits and fishing. There are 139 developed and 10 walk-in campsites, and a horseback riding concession nearby. From December through March, the park's headland offers a great vantage point for viewing migrating whales. (707) 937-5804.

MAILLIARD REDWOODS SR

By redwood park standards, Mailliard Redwoods is quite small, with only 242 acres of old-growth and second-growth forests, but it is a good place in which to escape crowds. (707) 937-5804.

MANCHESTER SP

The San Andreas Fault runs into the ocean at 1,400-acre Manchester State Park in southern Mendocino County. The park offers winter steelhead runs in 2 creeks, habitat for tundra swans, great surf fishing, and 5 miles of sandy beach. (707) 937-5804.

MENDOCINO HEADLANDS SP

Wind through the picturesque village of Mendocino, just off Hwy. 1, and you will be greeted by headlands that jut into the Pacific Ocean. The park's paths wind along these bluffs and provide ocean vistas, seasonal whale migration viewing, and springtime wildflower displays. The 7,400-acre Big River Unit has a sandy beach, redwood forest trails, and estuary exploration opportunities for non-motorized watercraft travelers. (707) 937-5804.

MENDOCINO WOODLANDS SP

This 720-acre, year-round retreat is deep in a peaceful redwood forest 7 miles east of Mendocino's spectacular coastline. Each of its 3 camp areas is equipped with rustic, well-appointed dining and recreation halls, 2- and 4-bedroom cabins, and communal restrooms with hot showers and electricity. Built during the 1930s, the 3 camps can accommodate groups only. For information and reservations call (707) 937-5804.

MONTGOMERY WOODS SR

Remote and beautiful, the reserve's 1,140 acres offer picnicking and a 2-mile nature trail that winds through small yet impressive old-growth stands of redwoods. West of Hwy. 101 in the heart of the Coast Range, it is near the hot springs resort of Orrs Springs. (707) 937-5804.

NAVARRO RIVER REDWOODS SP

This 673-acre park parallels the Navarro River and Hwy. 128. Walking paths through redwood groves and limited fishing are available. There are 2 year-round campgrounds: Paul M. Dimmick, with 25 developed sites, and Navarro Beach, with 10 primitive sites (no water, chemical toilets). Ranger-led canoe trips are offered at Navarro Beach spring through fall. (707) 937-5804.

PATRICK'S POINT SP

Whale watching from high bluffs, wandering miles of beach, exploring tide pools, and searching for agates are typical activities at Patrick's Point. Sumeg, a recently constructed Yurok Indian village, offers a look at an ancient



A bull of an elk, Prairie Creek Redwoods SP

and fascinating culture. Accessible camping, lodging, picnicking, exhibits, and trails. (707) 677-3570.

PELICAN SB

Travel north of Crescent City along California's coastline to find this small, secluded beach, a quiet retreat for beachcombers. Pay close attention, as the road to the beach is easy to miss; take the last road before the agricultural inspection station, 21 miles north of Crescent City on Hwy. 101. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5151.

PETALUMA ADOBE SHP

General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo created an agricultural empire on his 19th-century, 66,000-acre Mexican land grant. From 1834 until 1850, Vallejo ran his cattle hide and tallow business, raised sheep, bred horses, and grew numerous crops. Part of his 2-story adobe headquarters has been restored and outfitted with early California furnishings and ranch equipment. (707) 762-4871.

POINT CABRILLO LIGHT STATION

The preserve occupies a spectacular headland thrusting out into the Pacific Ocean. Park and walk the half-mile down the access road to explore the Light Station. It is comprised of the lighthouse and three original lightkeepers' houses and outbuildings. The fully restored lighthouse is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the first weekend in March

through the last weekend in October. The preserve grounds are open for pedestrian use from sunrise to sunset daily. Accessible parking is available in front of the light station residences. (707) 937-0816.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS SP

Paralleling 8 miles of Hwy. 101, 50 miles north of Eureka, lies one of California's most popular redwood parks. Roosevelt elk graze in the open prairie adjacent to the highway and along much of the Gold Bluffs Beach. Fern Canyon, a steep-sided canyon with walls blanketed with ferns, is just one destination along the park's 75 miles of trails. Accessible camping, exhibits, and trails. The 14,500-acre park has 75 sites in Elk Prairie Campground and 25 along Gold Bluffs Beach. (707) 464-6106, ext. 5301 or 5300 or 5064.

RICHARDSON GROVE SP

Stately old-growth redwood trees line the south fork of the Eel River in this 2,000-acre park named after a former California governor. The park is a traditional destination for vacationing families and offers camping, picnicking, hiking, and swimming. The historic lodge building has a visitor center and a nearby self-guided nature trail. (707) 247-3318.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON SP

In 1880, the author of *Treasure Island* spent his honeymoon on the slopes of 4,343-foot Mount

FRANK S. BALTHIS

St. Helena. Today hikers climb the 5-mile trail to the Napa Valley mountain's summit for spectacular views of Mt. Shasta, Lassen Peak, and, on clear days, the Sierra Nevada. (707) 942-4575.

RUSSIAN GULCH SP

Mendocino's coast, waterfalls, and trails highlight this 1,300-acre park. Waves enter via the "Punch Bowl" tunnel, churning inside a large collapsed sea cave. (707) 937-5804.

SALT POINT SP

This 6,000-acre park offers 6 miles of dramatic coastline, with an underwater park that's a favorite of free-divers and S.C.U.B.A. enthusiasts. Hike through Bishop pines to see a pygmy forest and prairie, or walk along the bluffs. Campsites and picnic areas available. (707) 847-3221 or 865-2391.

SCHOONER GULCH SB

This small beach and headland is for picnicking, beachcombing, and surfing. (707) 937-5804.

SINKYONE WILDERNESS SP

Located on the rugged Lost Coast of California, this park has spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife, and over 20 miles of hiking/backpacking trail. There is a primitive campground at Usal Beach and walk-in tent sites at Needle Rock. Access roads are steep, narrow, and unpaved; trailers and motor homes are not recommended. (707) 986-7711 or 247-3318.

SMITHE REDWOODS SR

Formerly a private resort, this stand of old-growth redwoods makes a pleasant stopping point for travelers on Highway 101. There is undeveloped access to the Eel River for fishing and swimming. No restrooms. (707) 925-6482.

SONOMA SHP

Sonoma was home of the last California mission, San Francisco Solano, built in 1823. Later it was secularized by the Mexican commander of San Francisco's presidio, Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, who was imprisoned by American settlers in 1846 during the Bear Flag Revolt. (707) 938-9560.

SONOMA COAST SB

Spectacular views, sandy strands, and quiet coves invite exploration of 19 miles of coastline. Enjoy picnics, exhibits, and trails (accessible); spring wildflowers, colorful sunsets, and whale watching. Reservations (800-444-7275) recommended at the 2 popular coastal camgrounds:

Bodega Dunes (wheelchair accessible) and Wright's Beach. (707) 875-3483.

STANDISH-HICKEY SRA

Located at the southern gateway of the redwoods, this park offers camping and hiking in the redwoods, and good access to the south fork of the Eel River for swimming and fishing. (707) 925-6482.

SUGARLOAF RIDGE SP

The park's 2,700 acres offer 21 miles of hiking trails and a horseback riding concession. Clear days bring breathtaking views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Sierra Nevada from the summit of Bald Mountain. Accessible picnicking, exhibits, and observatory (call for access to the telescope). (707) 833-5712 or 938-1519.

TOLOWA DUNES SP

The Smith River ends its journey to the Pacific after passing through a rich delta that consists of a sandy beach, grass-covered dunes, lakes, ponds, and marshes. Coastal accesses are not well signed. Take Lake Earl Dr., turn west on Lower Lake Rd., and access the park by turning west on Kellogg or Pala Rd. For access from the south, take Northcrest Dr. north from Crescent City, turn west on Old Mill Rd. and follow to the end. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5151.

TRINIDAD SB

Tucked in a secluded cove in the small town of Trinidad, the small, sandy beach is a pleasant retreat from the traffic of nearby US 101. It's a short hike through woods, across open bluffs, and past seasonal wildflowers down to the beach. There is a natural arch near the north end of the beach. Low tide is the best time to visit. (707) 488-2041.

VAN DAMME SP

The park's sheltered and easily reached beach is a gathering place for abalone divers. Ten miles of trails follow the Little River. The park has accessible camping, visitor center, and exhibits, as well as a wheelchair-accessible trail leading to a pygmy forest. (707) 937-5804.

WESTPORT-UNION LANDING SB

This park has beautiful beaches and blufftop camping. The 41-acre park is a narrow, 2-mile-long strip with camping. It is a haven for tidepool explorers, surf anglers, abalone divers, and spearfishing enthusiasts. (707) 937-5804.

SHASTA CASCADE



The grand drama of the Shasta Cascade area combines sleeping volcanoes and an old Chinese temple, ancient lava flows and the ruins of a Gold Rush town. Historic adobes and a 26-room mansion bring home the stories of some of California's great pioneers. Here a verdant park full of coldwater springs vies for attention with 4,000-foot granite spires, and a rich variety of wildlife abounds.

AHJUMAWI LAVA SPRINGS SP

Surrounded by a network of rivers and lakes accessible only by boat, this park northeast of Redding contains abundant springs of cold, clear water. The springs originate from basaltic lava flows to the north where the water sinks underground. Canoeists, boaters, and hikers can explore this park's 6,000 acres of waterways, pools, lava flows, and wildlife. (530) 335-2777.

BIDWELL MANSION SHP

Agriculturalist, social activist, and politician John Bidwell's 26-room, 10,000-square-foot home dates to the 1860s. (530) 895-6144.

BIDWELL-SACRAMENTO RIVER SP

The park's 180 acres include 4 miles of riverfront that serve as an access point for river rafters, canoeists, and kayakers. Take Hwy. 32 at the

river crossing between Chico and I-5, then turn south one mile on River Rd.(530) 342-5185.

CASTLE CRAGS SP

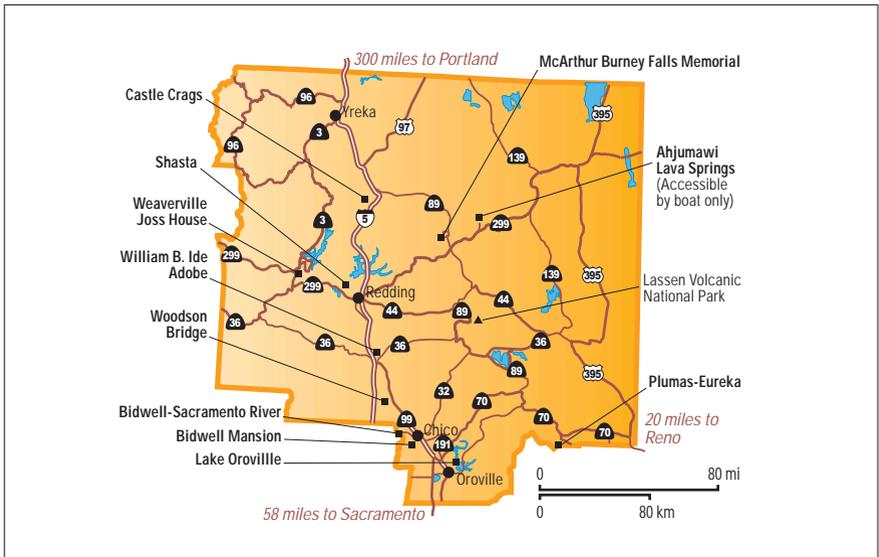
The 4,350-acre park offers views of granite spires towering above the Sacramento River. It has 76 developed campsites. (530) 235-2684.

LAKE OROVILLE SRA

The second-largest reservoir in California, the lake supplies boaters and horsecampers with 167 miles of shoreline and 23 square miles of lake surface. (530) 538-2219.

MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS MEMORIAL SP

Camp to the ambient sounds of 100 million gallons of water flowing over this 129-foot falls each day—surely one of the most dramatic scenes in the region (530) 335-2777.





100 million gallons per day, and counting, at McArthur-Burney Falls SP

PLUMAS-EUREKA SP

The 6,700-acre park protects the remains of the Mohawk Stamp Mill and several other buildings. Camp and fish here during summer and cross-country and downhill ski in winter. (530) 836-2380.

SHASTA SHP

This historic park honors the “Queen City of the Northern Mines” and main shipping point for supplies and gold from the 1849 rush. The restored courthouse is now a visitor center and museum displaying more than 100 fine paintings by early California artists. (530) 243-8194.

WEAVERVILLE JOSS HOUSE SHP

The oldest continuously-used intact Chinese temple in California, this joss house was rebuilt in 1874 after the first one burned. (530) 623-5284.

WILLIAM B. IDE ADOBE SHP

The historic park honors William B. Ide, a leader of the Bear Flag Republic for its 22 days of existence. (530) 529-8599.

WOODSON BRIDGE SRA

Flanking both sides of the Sacramento River, 428 acres of meadows offer great shad, steelhead, striped bass, and salmon fishing. (530) 839-2112.

REGION 2 SHASTA CASCADE	FACILITIES													ACTIVITIES												
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating	Supplies	RV hook-ups	Trailer sanitation station	OHV access	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing	
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William B. Ide Adobe SHP	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Woodson Bridge SRA	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

For detailed current information about parks, including reservations and accessibility, visit the Web site www.parks.ca.gov.

A = Accessible. Specific phone numbers: Accessibility (916) 653-8148; Campsite reservations (800) 444-7275; OHV operations (916) 324-4442. Other parks in this region are owned by California State Parks but operated by local authorities. **SP = State Park; SHP = State Historic Park; SHM = State Historical Monument; SR = State Reserve; SRA = State Recreation Area; SB = State Beach; SVRA = State Vehicular Recreation Area.**

GOLD COUNTRY



The excitement of the 1848 gold discovery at Coloma, the Gold Rush that followed, and the movement for statehood come to life in this region. Roam the “diggings,” and visit Gold Rush towns to learn about the adventurous men and women who built them. Among the attractions are the Governor’s Mansion, the State Capitol Museum, and the State Railroad Museum (one of the world’s finest). Come ride a steam engine through classic Western countryside!

AUBURN SRA

Whitewater rafting, mountain biking, off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding, and wilderness hiking in this 42,000-acre park include 40 miles of steep river canyon on the north and middle forks of the American River. Lake Clementine offers access for fishing, limited power boating, and boat-in camping (reservations required), and primitive camping (first come, first served). (530) 885-4527.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM

Tours and exhibits delve into the California State Capitol’s past and present. Restored rooms offer fascinating glimpses into California’s turn-of-the-century architecture, society, and politics. Free guided tours are given hourly from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For group tours of 10 or more, call toll-free (866) 240-4655. Tours, exhibits, and most areas of the Capitol and its grounds (including a 40-acre garden) are accessible; assistive hearing devices are available for use on tours. (916) 324-0333.

CALIFORNIA STATE

INDIAN MUSEUM SHP

As many as 300,000 Indians lived in California before the arrival of the first Europeans. In addition to a fine collection of Native Californian cultural artifacts, the accessible museum includes an exhibit that explores the impact of the Gold Rush on California’s indigenous peoples. (916) 324-0971.

CALIFORNIA STATE

MINING AND MINERAL MUSEUM

The museum displays California’s official mineral collection, established in the 19th century. Nearly 20,000 specimens make up these treasures of nature, including many rarities discovered during the mid- to late 1800s. Displays include the Fricot Nugget, the largest crystalline gold specimen discovered during the Gold Rush era, and exhibits that relate the importance of minerals and mining in the past, present, and future. Largely accessible. (209) 742-7625.

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

The role of the railroads in shaping the overall development of California and the West is depicted throughout the building, widely regarded as the finest interpretive railroad museum in North America. Included is a Pullman-style sleeping car and a fully equipped dining car. Exhibits and restrooms are accessible. Steam train rides are available weekends, April through September. (916) 445-6645, www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

COLUMBIA SHP

Between the 1850s and the 1870s, the “Gem of the Southern Mines” produced more than 2.5 million ounces of gold. A boomtown during the rush for gold, Columbia had shrunk to a small



Nothing but smiles at Sutter’s Fort SHP

community by the time the gold was gone. The old business district has been preserved, with shops, restaurants, and 2 hotels that maintain the flavor of the Gold Rush. (209) 532-0150.

DELTA MEADOWS

Delta Meadows preserves a remnant of the Sacramento River Delta as it was before dams and levees controlled the annual flooding. The 300 acre park is most accessible by boat. Boats may anchor for up to 15 consecutive days in "Railway Slough," behind the town of Locke. (916) 777-7701.

EMPIRE MINE SHP

Grass Valley was an active gold-mining town for more than 100 years, and its Empire Mine was one of the richest, producing nearly 6 million ounces. The entrance to 367 miles of abandoned

and flooded mine shafts is open, along with many of the mine yard buildings, the former owner's home, and the formal gardens. (530) 273-8522.

FOLSOM LAKE SRA

Located at the base of the Sierra Nevada gold country, Folsom Lake is one of the most popular recreational lakes in the state. Its 75 miles of shoreline offer beautiful vistas of the Sierra Nevada foothills as well as boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and picnicking. Access to more than 32 miles of paved bike/hike paths provides connection to longer trails. Multi-purpose trails offer horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking opportunities. Within the park, Lake Natoma's 14-mile shoreline offers non-motorized recreation, such as fishing,





Panning for gold at Marshall Gold Discovery SHP

swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and picnicking. Accessible features include the visitor center, fishing pier, picnicking, trails, and camping. (916) 988-0205.

FOLSOM POWERHOUSE SHP

The Folsom Powerhouse brought electric power to Sacramento in 1895, with the roar of a 100-gun salute to mark its debut. Fully operational until 1952, it still looks much as it did 100 years ago. The vintage turbines are still in place, as is the marble control switchboard. Accessible restrooms. (916) 988-0205; tours (916) 985-4843.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION SHP

The mansion was built by hardware store merchant Albert Gallatin in 1877. It became the official residence for California's governors in 1903 and was used by all subsequent governors until 1967, when Ronald Reagan became the last governor to reside there. Guided tours offer insight into the lives of the families that lived here. (916) 323-3047.

INDIAN GRINDING ROCK SHP

The park offers camping year-round among the pines and oak woodlands where Miwoks once lived. There is a reconstructed village used for celebrations and ceremonies by several

California Native American communities; the Chaw'se Regional Indian Museum displays Miwok culture. Accessible camping, picnicking, exhibits, and video. (209) 296-7488.

LELAND STANFORD MANSION SHP

Sacramento businessman Shelton C. Fogus built this home in 1857. Four years later, Leland Stanford, one of the Big Four of the Central Pacific Railroad, and governor of California from 1862 to 1864, purchased the mansion. Stanford expanded and remodeled the home, residing in it until 1874. Closed for restoration. (916) 324-7405.

MALAKOFF DIGGINS SHP

Though legal battles between mine owners and downstream communities ended the mining technique of using powerful streams of water to wash away the hillsides, the effects are still visible in the 3,000-acre park. Accessible camping, picnicking, exhibits, restrooms, and fishing (with assistance). (530) 265-2740.

MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY SHP

This park encompasses about 70 percent of the town of Coloma. Visitors can see displays on Gold Rush-era mining methods, household articles, and tools. Other exhibits tell the story of John A. Sutter and James Marshall and the gold discovery that altered their lives. There are hiking trails and picnic areas along the South Fork of the American River. (530) 622-3470.

OLD SACRAMENTO SHP

Old Sacramento is a registered National Historic Landmark. A lot of Sacramento—and California—Gold Rush history can be seen in such structures as the Big Four Building, where much of the Transcontinental Railroad was planned, and the B.F. Hastings Building, the western terminus of the Pony Express. (916) 445-6645; www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

PRAIRIE CITY SVRA

With approximately 850 acres of rolling hills and cobbled mine tailings to ride on, beginners as well as experts find the variety of terrain, trails and tracks for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and 4-wheel-drive vehicles both challenging and enjoyable. Prairie City is located at the base of the Sierra Nevada foothills, 20 miles east of downtown Sacramento and 3 miles south of Hwy. 50. The park is open Friday through Tuesday for day use only. (916) 985-7378.

RAILTOWN 1897 SHP

In the heart of California's Gold Country, the home of the historic Sierra Railroad Shops and Roundhouse combines industrial heritage and railroad history with the lore of Hollywood's film industry. The park's historic locomotives and railroad cars have appeared in more than 200 films, TV productions, and commercials. On weekends from April through October, climb aboard for a scenic steam train ride through the Sierra foothills. Accessible parking and exhibits. (209) 984-3953 or (916) 445-6645; www.railtown1897.org.



The California State Railroad Museum at Old Sacramento SHP

SOUTH YUBA RIVER SP

This park stretches 20 miles along the South Yuba River canyon from Edwards Crossing to Bridgeport, site of the world's longest single-span wooden-truss covered bridge. Bridgeport has a Living History program, docent-led history talks, bird and wildflower walks, and scheduled gold panning demonstrations on the river. There is an accessible trail with access to the river and accessible picnic and fishing areas. The whole-access Independence Trail follows the old Excelsior Ditch. (530) 432-2546 or 273-3884.

SUTTER'S FORT SHP

John Sutter, a Swiss immigrant, applied for a 48,000-acre Mexican land grant in the Sacramento Valley in 1839. Sutter's Fort became the destination for early immigrants coming to California, including the ill-fated Donner Party. Later, Sutter was instrumental in the 1848 Gold Rush. The fort has been restored to its 1846 appearance and is open daily, except for some major holidays. Accessible grounds, exhibits, restrooms, and text transcripts. (916) 445-4422.

REGION 3 GOLD COUNTRY	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating access	Trailer sanitation station	OHV access	RV hook-ups	Bike trails	Educational exhibits & programs	Family & children's programs	Guided tours	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing	
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CA State Mining & Mineral Museum																					
California State Railroad Museum	A				A																
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Delta Meadows River Park																					
Empire Mine SHP					A																
Folsom Lake SRA					A																
Folsom Powerhouse SHP					A																
Governor's Mansion SHP					A																
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Malakoff Diggins SHP					A																
Marshall Gold Discovery SHP																					
Old Sacramento SHP					A																
Prairie City SVRA																					
Railtown 1897 SHP																					
South Yuba River SP					A																
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HIGH SIERRA



Cystal-clear lakes high in the snow country, steaming hot springs, and giant sequoias reaching for the clouds—these describe the beautiful High Sierra. This region also is the site of a large gold mining ghost town; a state historic park used for Native American ceremonies; and both magnificent Lake Tahoe and eerie Mono Lake, whose 60 square miles of salty, alkaline waters and stark “towers” of tufa tempt photographers.

BODIE SHP

California's most notorious gold mining town, Bodie attracted miners, hotel operators, gamblers, and prostitutes. Now it's the best-preserved ghost town in the West. (760) 647-6445.

BURTON CREEK SP

Boasting 2,000 acres of undeveloped forest, meadows, and streams, much of the park is open in winter for cross-country skiing. Park: (530) 525-7232. Ski center: (530) 583-5475.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES SP

Two protected groves of giant sequoias provide a mid-Sierra Nevada elevation experience in this state park located northeast of Stockton. (209) 795-2334.

D.L. BLISS SP

This stunning Lake Tahoe beach also has trails and campsites. (530) 525-7277.

DONNER MEMORIAL SP

A memorial to the Donner Party's attempted mountain crossing in the winter of 1846-47, the park offers cross-country ski trails, the Emigrant Trail Museum, swimming, and accessible camping and picnicking. (530) 582-7892.



On the right track at Donner Memorial SP

EMERALD BAY SP

One of Lake Tahoe's most photographed natural attractions, this park also showcases Vikingsholm, an eclectic combination of Scandinavian building types. (530) 525-7277.

GROVER HOT SPRINGS SP

Cross-country skiing and 102 degree mineral spring waters provide this park's appeal. (530) 694-2248.

KINGS BEACH SRA

Visitors come to swim, bask in the sun, and play volleyball at this day use-only park on the north end of Lake Tahoe. (530) 546-4212.

LAKE VALLEY SRA

This Lake Tahoe-area state park offers a championship 18-hole golf course during summer and a snowmobile and cross-country ski area during winter. Park: (530) 525-7277. Golf course: (530) 577-0802.

MONO LAKE TUFA SR

Surrounded by the Sierra Crest, volcanoes, and the Great Basin desert, Mono Lake offers spectacular scenery, including unusual tufa formations that developed under the lake's surface. The alkaline lake supports large bird populations. (760) 647-6331.



Monoliths at Mono Lake Tufa SR

SUGAR PINE POINT SP

Year-round campgrounds complement access to beach areas and the Ehrman Mansion in summer and miles of maintained cross-country trails in winter. (530) 525-7232.

TAHOE SRA

This 57-acre park offers excellent views of Lake Tahoe, direct access to the lake shoreline, a pier, and 39 campsites. (530) 583-3074 or 525-7232.

WASHOE MEADOWS SP

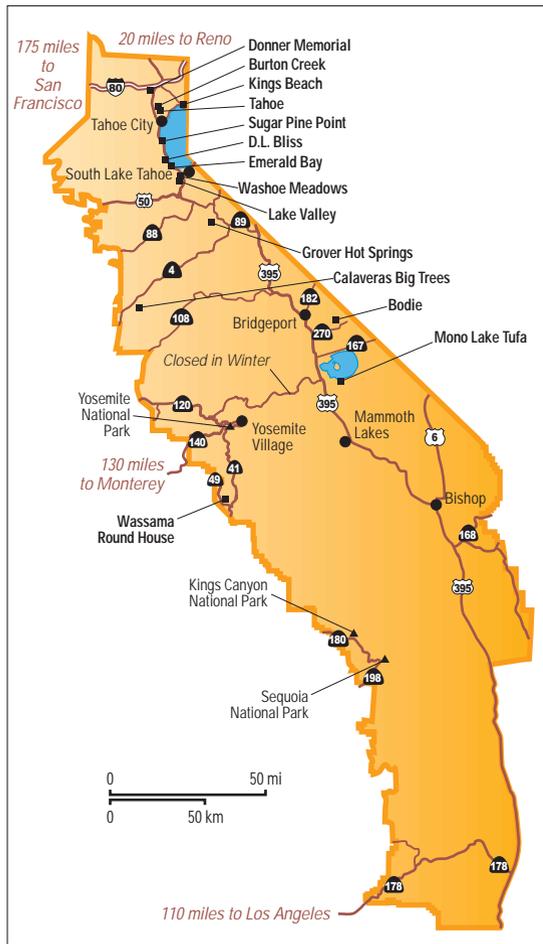
The Washoe tribe of Native Americans fished in this area for thousands of years. The 620-acre park's meadows and forestlands have not been developed. (530) 525-7277.

WASSAMA ROUND HOUSE SHP

This 27-acre park is used primarily as a ceremonial meeting place for California's Native Americans. (559) 822-2332.

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Bodie SHP	A	A
Burton Creek SP
Calaveras Big Trees SP	A	A	A
D.L. Bliss SP
Donner Memorial SP	.	A	.	.	.	A
Emerald Bay SP	.	A
Grover Hot Springs SP	A	A	.
Kings Beach SRA
Lake Valley SRA
Mono Lake Tufa SR
Sugar Pine Point SP	A	A
Tahoe SRA
Washoe Meadows SP
Wassama Round House SHP

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



This region is home to some of the world's most recognizable sights as well as the first State Park at Big Basin. Sheltered coves and tidal marshes lead to redwood forests traced by hiking and horse trails; northern elephant seals breed on an austere point that also marks the path of a Monarch butterfly migration. Lighthouses, oak-studded hillsides, a mountain that surveys 20,000 square miles—it's the San Francisco Bay Area.

ANGEL ISLAND SP

A brief ferry trip from San Francisco, Tiburon, Vallejo, or Oakland/Alameda, this former Civil War camp preserves many of its wooden army buildings. It was next a jumping-off point for soldiers returning from the World War II Pacific campaigns and later home to a Nike missile base. The island offers campsites, biking and hiking trails, bike rentals and sea kayak tours with breathtaking views. The Immigration Station Museum details the historic arrival of Asian immigrants. Accessible picnicking, boating, tram tour, exhibits, Cove Café, and a van with a lift (call ahead). (415) 435-1915. Tram tours: 897-0715.

AÑO NUEVO SR

This reserve, a major gathering area for northern elephant seals, offers the spectacle of males battling and females giving birth on the dunes. During the breeding season, December 15 through March 31, daily access to the reserve is only available via guided walks: (800) 444-4445. Wheelchair-accessible guided walks and ASL

guides are offered weekends only, December 15 through March 31: (650) 879-2033. Accessible picnicking and visitor center: (650) 879-0227.

BENICIA SRA

On the Carquinez Strait where it narrows before emptying into San Francisco Bay, the park's grass-covered hillsides and wetlands have become a popular destination for outdoor exercise enthusiasts, including runners, cyclists, walkers, and in-line skaters. (707) 648-1911.

BENICIA CAPITOL SHP

California's early statehood saw a succession of capitals, with Benicia the third before Sacramento became the seat of government. The Capitol's interior has been restored in intricate detail, showcasing mid-19th century craftsmanship. (707) 745-3385.

BETHANY RESERVOIR SRA

This lake is popular among anglers, windsurfers, and cyclists. (209) 874-2056 or (209) 826-1197.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS SP

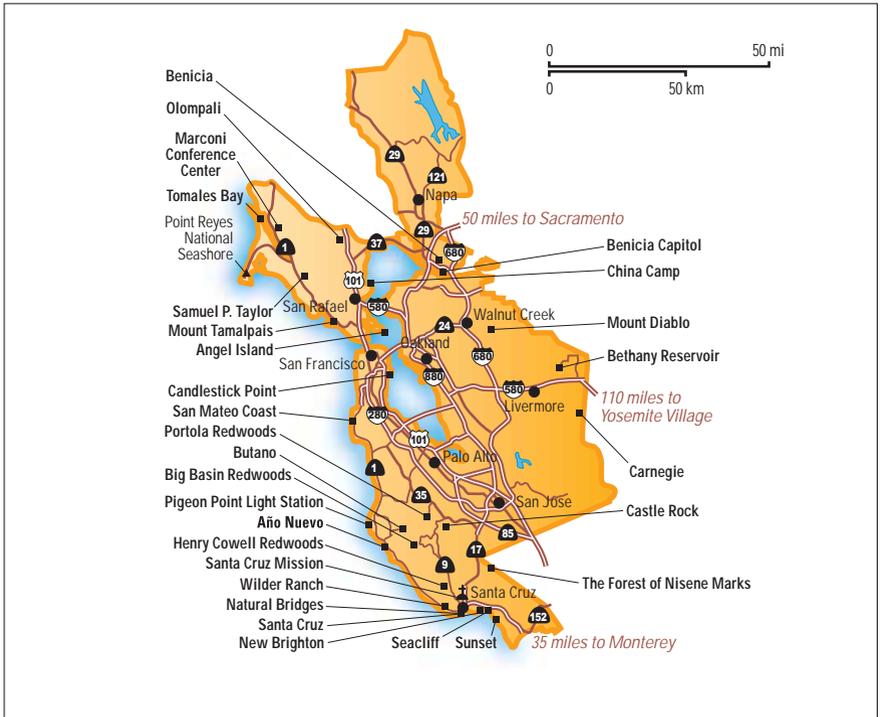
California's oldest state park, established in 1902, has grown to more than 18,000 acres, with over 80 miles of trails passing among streams, waterfalls, and old-growth redwoods. There are 147 developed campsites (some accessible), 5 trail camps, 35 tent cabins, and accessible natural and cultural history exhibits. Other accessible features include nature and hiking trails and tent cabins. (831) 338-8860.

BUTANO SP

Located in the Santa Cruz mountains, this park is only 3 miles from the ocean. Trails meander through coastal scrub and redwood forests. The higher mountains afford coastal views. Butano offers 20 developed campsites, as well as 18 walk-in sites. (800) 444-7275. Accessible visitor center. (650) 879-2040.



A distant view of San Francisco from Angel Island SP



CANDLESTICK POINT SRA

This popular Bay Area park has much to offer—windsurfing, group picnicking, and riding bikes along the bike trail. Accessible approach to pier, fishing platform, picnic area, and garden. (415) 671-0145.

CARNEGIE SVRA

With more than 1,500 acres of open riding area, Carnegie offers a variety of terrain upon which to ride. Characterized by dry rocky washes, rolling hills and steep rugged canyons, the park provides a setting for off-highway vehicle users of all skill levels. Carnegie offers two motocross tracks, an ATV/MC track, a 90cc track for younger riders, and a 4X4 obstacle course. The riding area also includes a campground and picnic area. Carnegie is located in the hills off I-580 between Livermore and Tracy. Day use hours are from 8 a.m. until sunset and the park is open seven days a week. (925) 447-9027.

CASTLE ROCK SP

Dense stands of coast redwood, madrone, and Douglas fir are broken by rock formations and superb views of the coast range stretching to the ocean. More than 33 miles of trails for hikers and

equestrians wind through the park. Overnight camping for backpackers. (408) 867-2952 or (831) 338-8861 (for backcountry registration).

CHINA CAMP SP

Site of the Bay Area's last Chinese shrimp-fishing village—dating to the 1880s—this park offers 30 developed walk-in campsites. But most come to watch the multitudes of birds, hike, swim, fish, boat, or windsurf. Accessible camping. (415) 456-0766.

THE FOREST OF NISENE MARKS SP

In 1963, the Marks family donated 10,000 acres of undeveloped, second-growth redwood forest to the state. There are several picnic areas, but the only campground is a trail camp, located 6 miles from the nearest parking area. (831) 763-7062 or (831) 429-2850.

HENRY COWELL REDWOODS SP

Enjoy some of the most spectacular redwoods in the Bay Area at this convenient park. In winter, anglers fish for steelhead and salmon. The nature center, nature trail campground, gift shop, and programs are all accessible. (831) 335-4598.

MARCONI CONFERENCE CENTER SHP

Once home to a mile-high antenna which controlled ship-to-shore communications for the western seaboard. Historic buildings provide a spectacular setting for walking trails and views of Tomales Bay and its abundant wildlife. (415) 663-9020.



Mountain biker at China Camp SP

MOUNT DIABLO SP

Some 20,000 square miles including Lassen Peak, the Farallon Islands, and the Sierra Nevada are visible from the summit on a clear day. The park offers camping as well as day use. Camping reservations recommended. (925) 837-2525.

MOUNT TAMALPAIS SP

This park's twisting road to the 2,571-foot summit is a paradise for hikers and bicyclists. It has 16 developed walk-in campsites, and 10 rustic cabins perch on a bluff overlooking the Pacific. Accessible picnicking and cabin; annual Mountain Play. (415) 388-2070.

NATURAL BRIDGES SB

Named for picturesque rock formations off its coastal bluffs, the park is world-famous for its annual monarch butterfly migration (October to February). Picnicking, nature trail, visitor center, and exhibits are accessible. Call for beach wheelchair and tide pool tours. (831) 423-4609.

OLOMPALI SHP

This park was the site of the largest Coast Miwok villages. The discovery of a 16th-century English coin suggests possible contact with Sir Francis Drake. Day use only. Accessible picnicking. (415) 892-3383.

PIGEON POINT LIGHT STATION SHP

The grounds of this historic 1872 lighthouse are open for tours on weekends; the light house itself is closed for repairs. Reservations recommended for youth hostel. Hostel office is closed between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (650) 879-2120.

PORTOLA REDWOODS SP

This state park is covered by Douglas fir, oaks, and giant coast redwoods, one of which, at 300 feet in height, is among the tallest in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some campsites. (650) 948-9098.

SAMUEL P. TAYLOR SP

Enjoy open hillsides with hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails, creeks, canyons, and thriving redwoods. Some accessible campsites, 2 group camps, an equestrian camp, accessible picnic area and trail. (415) 488-9897.

SAN MATEO COAST SBs

Between San Francisco and Santa Cruz, travelers are greeted by a series of beaches: **Gray Whale Cove, Montara, and Half Moon Bay**. South of **Half Moon Bay** lie **San Gregorio, Pomponio, Pescadero Marsh Nature Preserve, and Bean Hollow** state beaches. Most beaches have parking lots, picnic tables, and restroom facilities. For marsh and tide pool: (650) 879-2170. Overnight accommodations: **Point Montara Light Station**, (650) 728-7177. State beach information: (650) 726-8819.

SANTA CRUZ SBs

Several popular state beaches line this part of the coast. At **New Brighton**, swimming, fishing and accessible picnicking and camping are the rule; (831) 464-6330. Call for surf conditions at **Manresa** (831) 475-2275, where accessible camping is also available. **Twin Lakes** is a popular place for swimming and picnicking, and bird watching at Schwan Lagoon is excellent. (831) 427 4868.

SANTA CRUZ MISSION SHP

Dating to 1793, this mission was lost to earthquake damage in 1857; the Neary-Rodriguez Adobe, the last building to survive, tells the story. The park has picnic facilities and accessible restrooms and exhibits. (831) 425-5849.

SEACLIFF SB

This long stretch of sand and bluffs has great accessible facilities including picnicking, an interpretive center, fishing pier, a stranded cement ship, and RV-only camping (reservations recommended year-round). Call for beach wheelchair. (831) 685-6500.

SUNSET SB

Pines and dunes protect this beach's accessible campground from stiff breezes. An accessible picnic area is close to surf fishing and beach combing. Strong currents make swimming hazardous. Call for beach wheelchair. (831) 763-7062.

TOMALES BAY SP

Featuring sheltered coves, beaches, tidal marshes, and a forest of bishop pines, this day-use park is great for swimming, windsurfing, and hiking. Located adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore, it also offers accessible picnic areas. (415) 669-1140.

WILDER RANCH SP

The ranch offers 33 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails through coastal terraces and wooded valleys. Tours and an accessible museum present the history of early dairy ranchers and farmers. (831) 426-0505.

REGION 5 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating nearby	Supplies	RV access	Trailer sanitation station	Bike racks	Bike trails	Boating	Canoing/kayaking	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Historic sites	Hiking	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing
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Angel Island SP	A	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ano Nuevo SR	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bean Hollow SB		A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Benicia SRA		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Benicia Capitol SHP		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bethany Reservoir SRA		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Big Basin Redwoods SP	A	*	*	*	A	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butano SP	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Candlestick Point SRA		A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carnegie SVRA	A	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Castle Rock SP		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
China Camp SP	A	A	*	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Forest of Nisene Marks SP		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gray Whale Cove SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Half Moon Bay SB	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Henry Cowell Redwoods SP	*	*	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manresa SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marconi Conference Center SHP		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Montara SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mount Diablo SP	A	A	A	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mount Tamalpais SP	*	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Natural Bridges SB	A	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
New Brighton SB		A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Olmopali SHP	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pescadero SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pigeon Point Light Station SHP	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*
Point Montara Light Station		*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pomponio SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Portola Redwoods SP	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Samuel P. Taylor SP		A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Gregorio SB		A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Santa Cruz Mission SHP	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Seacliff SB	A	A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sunset SB		A	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tomaes Bay SP		A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Twin Lakes SB		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilder Ranch SP	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CENTRAL COAST



In this breathtaking region, redwoods march down to the sea, and lighthouses guard the coastline. Dream-like Hearst Castle® floats ethereally above the clouds, and missions take us back to California's Spanish heritage. Beaches, waterfalls, natural and cultural preserves, and world-renowned Asilomar Conference Center are all part of the Central Coast.

ANDREW MOLERA SP

The Big Sur River and miles of trails wind through this park. A horse riding concession allows visitors to enjoy much of the area on horseback. (831) 667-2315.

ASILOMAR SB & CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Conference Grounds, rolling dunes, rugged and sandy coastlines, and historical buildings on the Monterey Peninsula. Conference facilities and individual lodging: (831) 372-8016. Ranger's office: 372-4076.

CARMEL RIVER SB

This coastal strand, near its charming namesake town, offers a lagoon, fishing, and bird-watching. Extremely dangerous surf. (831) 624-4909.

CARPINTERIA SB

So named by the Spanish in honor of the Chumash Indian handmen who used the area's oils to seal plank boats. This park offers a mile of swimming beach and tide pools. Call ahead for beach wheelchair. (805)968-1033.



A guided tour of the legendary Hearst Castle®

CHUMASH PAINTED CAVE SHP

Bring a flashlight to view this colorful sandstone cave painted by Chumash Indians circa the 19th century and beyond. (805) 968-1033.

EL CAPITAN SB

Rocky tide pools, a sandy beach, and stands of sycamore and oak make for great swimming, fishing, surfing, or beach-going afternoons. Call ahead for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

EL PRESIDIO DE SANTA BARBARA SHP

Until 1846, this presidio served as the military and government headquarters for lands from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo. (805) 965-0093.

EMMA WOOD SB

The ruins of a World War II artillery site occupy this popular beach just outside the quiet surf town of Ventura. (805) 968-1033.

ESTERO BAY

This 350-acre parcel offers pristine coastline with 3 miles of ocean frontage, and beautiful beachside bluffs. (805) 772-7434.

FRÉMONT PEAK SP

Mountain and astronomical vistas come together here, where an observatory with 30-inch telescope is available on some evenings. Picnicking, camping, and educational exhibits and programs are also offered. (831) 623-4255; Observatory 623-2465.

GARRAPATA SP

There are miles of Big Sur coast and trails from ocean beaches through stands of cacti and redwood groves. There are no entrance signs; park at Soberanes Point. (831) 624-4909.

GAVIOTA SP

At 2,458-feet, Gaviota Peak grants a spectacular view of the Channel Islands. Call for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.



HEARST CASTLE®

Also known as “Hearst San Simeon SHM,” this estate was the collaboration of publisher, art collector, and builder William Randolph Hearst and architect Julia Morgan. Its 165 rooms, art collection, and 127 acres of gardens, terraces, and walkways make it is among the largest public-donated estates in the United States. Wheelchair accessible; tours (800) 444-4445; www.hearstcastle.com.

HENRY W. COE SP

A hiker’s paradise with over 400 miles of trails and dirt roads. (408) 779-2728.

HOLLISTER HILLS SVRA

The Lower Ranch offers more than 2,400 acres and 64 miles of trails for motorcycles and ATVs. The Lower Ranch contains a practice motocross

track, ATV track, a TT track, mini-bike trail and track. The Upper Ranch, an 800-acre area, is used for 4-wheel-drive, recreation, and motorcycle special events. A fenced motocross track is located here. The park is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The Upper Ranch is open from 8 a.m. until sunset. (831) 637-3874.

JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS SP

Encompasses some of Big Sur’s most spectacular coastline. (831) 667-2315.

LA PURÍSIMA MISSION SHP

Founded in 1787, the mission includes a visitor center, museum, 3-mile trail, and historic buildings. (805) 733-3713.

LIMEKILN SP

This rugged area includes redwoods, crashing surf, and the unique history of limekilns. (831) 667-2403.

LOS OSOS OAKS SR

California is famous for its oak trees, and this small reserve protects several fame-worthy stands dating back 700 years. (805) 772-7434.

MARINA SB

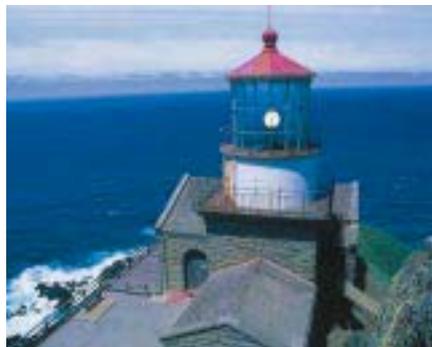
This beach offers a ranger station, concession building, and accessible hang-gliding service. Hazardous rip currents. (831) 384-7695.

McGRATH SB

This is one of the state's best bird-watching areas, with over 200 species. Call ahead for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

MONTAÑA DE ORO SP

Located between San Luis Obispo and Hearst Castle, this park boasts 6.5 miles of coastline, an accessible beach overlook trail, cozy campsites, and bike trails. (805) 528-0513 or 772-7434.



Point Sur Lighthouse SHP

MONTEREY SB

Enjoy scuba diving, kayaking, surf-fishing, kite-flying, an accessible boardwalk, and volleyball at this park's 3 beaches. Please note: While impressive, the dark, churling water is known for its hazardous rip currents. (831) 384-7695.

MONTEREY SHP

As an early capital under Spanish and Mexican rule, this area is filled with showcase historic buildings and sites, as its museum and educational exhibits can attest. (831) 649-7118.

MORRO BAY SP

This park offers boating, fishing, birdwatching, and golfing. Overlooking the bay is the Museum of Natural History. (805) 772-7434.

MORRO STRAND SB

Kite flyers and windsurfers come for the reliable gusts; fishing enthusiasts come for the catch; anyone else may come for the beach and the view. (805) 772-7434.

MOSS LANDING SB

East of the park, a reserve offers great opportunities for birdwatching. Surfing and surf-fishing are popular here, but water recreation is hazardous. (831) 384-7695.

OCEANO DUNES SVRA

Oceano Dunes SVRA is located south of Pismo Beach in San Luis Obispo County. This SVRA includes 1,500 acres of open sand dunes for OHV recreation. It's the only state park in California where vehicles may drive and camp on the beach. Reservations: (800) 444 7275. For hours of operation and additional information, (805) 473-7223.

PACHECO SP

This park offers panoramic views of the San Joaquin and Santa Clara valleys, where California's agricultural industry thrives. (209) 826-6283.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR SP

Here, the Big Sur River, giant redwoods, and rugged coastal mountains coincide, providing spectacular camping and hiking. (831) 667-2315.

PISMO SB

With 6 miles of sandy beach noted for such activities as surf-fishing, hiking, and surfing, the park also offers an accessible nature center and one of the largest monarch butterfly over-wintering sights on the West Coast. (805) 489-2684.

POINT LOBOS SR

Sea lions, harbor seals, gray whales, sea otters, and seabirds make this reserve their home. You can make a great day of it by hiking or picnicking. (831) 624-4909.

POINT MUGU SP

This park includes the Boney Mountain State Wilderness area and over 5 miles of shoreline with excellent whale watching. Beach wheelchair. (818) 880-0350.

POINT SUR SHP

Home to the only complete turn-of-the-century light station open to the public in California, this historic park truly captures the state's seafaring past. (831) 625-4419.

REFUGIO SB

Palm trees lend a tropical look to the beach's campsites and picnic areas. Call ahead for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

SALINAS RIVER SB

The park includes protected habitats of snowy plover and other native dune animals and plants. Swimming and water sports are hazardous. (831) 384-7695.

CENTRAL VALLEY



Here in California's agricultural heartland flows a seemingly endless aquatic treasure of rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, offering unsurpassed opportunities for recreation. Historic sites include the only town founded, financed, and governed by African-Americans; a U.S. Army fort from the 1850s; a tule elk reserve; and the last of the early small-town opera houses.

BRANNAN ISLAND SRA

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta forms a maze of waterways, islands, and marshes ideal for wildlife viewing, boating, and windsurfing. Brannan Island has 100 campsites, boat launch, and 32 slips. (916) 777-6671 or 777-7701.

CASWELL MEMORIAL SP

Preserving an aquatic habitat of 258 acres of willows, oaks, and cottonwood trees, this park provides homes for an abundance of wildlife. (209) 599-3810.

COLONEL ALLENSWORTH SHP

In 1908, a group of African-Americans, led by Colonel Allen Allensworth, established a small

farming community in the San Joaquin Valley. Today, the town is coming back to life as a state historic park. (661) 849-3433.

COLUSA-SACRAMENTO RIVER SRA

Visitors enjoy educational programs, picnic sites, and a launch ramp for boats. RV hookups make it ideal for highway-tired road-trippers; fishing and camping make it ideal for overnight anglers. (530) 458-4927.

FORT TEJON SHP

The Army's 1st U.S. Dragoons established a permanent fort here in 1854, designed to protect and control Native Americans living in the Sebastian Indian Reservation. (661) 248-6692.





Sharing heritage at Colonel Allensworth SHP

FRANKS TRACT SRA

This Sacramento River Delta area, noted for its fishing, is accessed by boat. (916) 777-6671 or 777-7701.

GEORGE J. HATFIELD SRA

With oak woodlands and expansive lawn areas, the park lies near the confluence of the Merced and San Joaquin rivers. (209) 826-1197.

GREAT VALLEY GRASSLANDS SP This park offers anglers access to the San Joaquin River. (209) 874-2056 or (209) 826-1197.

McCONNELL SRA

This recreation area showcases the Merced River with picnicking, camping, swimming, and fishing. (209) 394-7755.

MILLERTON LAKE SRA

This area offers shady campsites near shore, boating, fishing, swimming, and canoeing. In spring, wildflowers carpet the hills; in winter, bald eagles may be spotted from special tour boats. (559) 822-2332.

SAN LUIS RESERVOIR SRA

Includes 3 reservoirs with world-class boardsailing, fishing, picnicking, camping, and swimming. Weather: (800) 805-4805; info. hotline: (800) 346-2711; park: (209) 826-1196.

TOMO-KAHNI SHP

This 240-acre park offers (guided-only) walking tours of the Nuooah Native American Village Site on spring and fall weekends. Not recommended for small children. (661) 942-0662.

TULE ELK SR

The reserve hosts a herd of elk descended from the 28 left in 1895. (661) 764-6881.

TURLOCK LAKE SRA

This recreation area offers campers fishing, boating, and picnicking (all accessible) as well as waterskiing. (209) 874-2008 or 874-2056.

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE SHP

This is the last of the once-numerous opera houses of California's early small towns; open for tours and classes. (530) 666-9617.

REGION 7 CENTRAL VALLEY	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating access	RV hook-ups	Trailer sanitation station	OHV access	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Educational exhibits & programs	Family & children's programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Historic sites	Hiking	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Surfing	Swimming	Windsurfing
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COURTESY CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



This area is rich in natural and cultural significance, from acres of high-desert wildflowers to museums devoted to local Native American cultures; from surfing beaches made famous in Hollywood movies to an adobe built by the last Mexican governor of California. Wild places and canyonlands abound within minutes of the homes of millions, and the climate invites outdoor adventure.

ANTELOPE VALLEY CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE SR

From mid-March to mid-May, fresh rains transform this 1,780-acre reserve from a parched, high-desert landscape to fields of golden poppies and other wildflowers. Eight miles of trails lead from the visitor center through the fields. Accessible 200-foot pathway, exhibits, restrooms, and picnicking. Located on Lancaster Rd. (Ave. I), 15 miles west of Hwy. 14 near Lancaster. (661) 724-1180 or 942-0662.

ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM SHP

Carved into the bedrock of Piute Butte, this museum features California, Great Basin, and Southwest American Indian cultures. Open weekends from mid-September through mid-June. Accessible restrooms, limited access to the visitor center. On East Ave. M, between 150th and 170th Streets East, about 20 miles east of Lancaster. (661) 942-0662.

ARTHUR B. RIPLEY DESERT WOODLAND SP

This 560-acre woodland preserves some fine examples of California juniper and Joshua trees. On the north side of the park near the entrance, springtime visitors may take a self-guided walk among acres of wildflowers. Located 5 miles west of the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve; access the park via Lancaster Rd., and an extension of West Ave. I. near Lancaster. (661) 942-0662.

HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA

Hungry Valley includes more than 19,000 acres with 4,000 acres designated for open riding. The open riding zone contains 130 miles of trails and a wide variety of trails and terrain. Riding opportunities provide excitement for both beginner and experienced off-roaders. Visitors can enjoy the Quail Canyon motocross track, 4WD obstacle course, and a practice track for 90cc (or smaller) motorcycles and ATVs. Camping is available throughout the Open Use/Camping Zones. The park is located off I-5 at Gorman, 60 miles north of Los Angeles. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (661) 248-7007.

KENNETH HAHN SRA

This park offers picnic and play areas, two fishing lakes, a manmade stream, and hiking trails. Its Olympic Forest holds one tree for each of the



A quiet strand at El Matador SB



140 nations that participated in the 1984 games in Los Angeles. The area was also the site of the 1932 Olympic Village for athletes in the 10th Olympiad. Located at 4100 S. La Cienega Blvd. in Baldwin Hills. (323) 298-3660.

LEO CARRILLO SP

Named for a state parks advocate and 1950s Hollywood celebrity descended from Californios, this 1.5-mile beach and canyon park offers tide-pooling, swimming, windsurfing, and hiking. Visitors can explore a remote pond or canyon streams via backcountry trails. Giant sycamores shade the campground. Accessible camping, picnicking, partial pathway, beach wheelchair, and restrooms. Located 25 miles west of Santa Monica on Hwy. 1. (818) 880-0350.



Staying cool at Leo Carrillo SP

LOS ENCINOS SHP

In 1769, Spanish explorer Captain Gaspar de Portolá stopped at a natural spring that had attracted Native Americans for centuries. The land was later purchased by Californios, and eventually became El Encino Rancho, the home of Basque landowners and sheep ranchers. A 1994 earthquake damaged the site's adobe ranch house. A self-guided tour is available. Accessible picnicking and restrooms. The park is located at 16756 Moorpark St. in Encino. (818) 784-4849.

MALIBU CREEK SP

This 8,000-acre park includes land once owned by Twentieth Century Fox. Evidence of productions such as *M*A*S*H* and *Planet of the Apes* may still be seen. Set in the Santa Monica Mountains, the park offers hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails, and fishing opportunities. Tapia Park, a recent addition, is ideal for day use. There are 60 developed campsites and one group site. Accessible camping, restrooms, and a visitor center. The entrance is at 1925 Las Virgenes Rd., 4 miles south of Hwy. 101 in Calabasas. (818) 880-0367.

MALIBU LAGOON SB & ADAMSON HOUSE

Museum exhibits cover the Native American period through the mid-20th century when Rancho Malibu was a 22-mile-long, private



A Joshua Tree at Saddleback Butte SP

coastal domain of 17,000 acres. The Adamson House is known for its decorative ceramic tiles and custom-built features. House tours are available Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (310) 456-8432. On the west side of Malibu Creek Bridge, enjoy nature trails, bird-watching, tide pools, surfing, and picnicking. Accessible: parking, a quarter-mile trail, and the first floor of the house. From Santa Monica, follow the Coastal Hwy. west 12 miles to 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. (818) 880-0350.

PÍO PICO SHP

Pío Pico was the last governor of Mexican California, and the adobe home he built on what is now a 3-acre state park was once the headquarters of his 8,891-acre ranch. It will re-open in the summer of 2003 after a complete restoration of the historic facilities. Located in Whittier, west of I-605 at Pioneer and Whittier Blvds. (562) 695-1217.

POINT DUME SB

This undeveloped 32-acre beach and natural preserve is a small park with significant resources. It is the southern limit for a rare flowering plant, the giant coreopsis, and has an excellent view of the annual gray whale migration. Two miles of scenic trails traverse grasslands, southern coastal bluff scrub, and sand dune/coastal strand communities. Limited onsite parking on Cliffside Drive. Shuttle service available from Westward Beach Road. An accessible pay parking lot at Westward Beach just off Hwy. 1 gives access to a trail to the top of the bluff. (818) 880-0350.

ROBERT MEYER MEMORIAL SBs

The incredibly scenic “pocket” beaches of **El Matador, La Piedra, and El Pescador** are great for sunbathing, photography, surfing, swimming, and diving. Parking is on the bluff, and the beaches are accessed by long descending staircases and trails. About 22 miles west of Santa Monica on Hwy.1, these beaches are within one mile of each other; but they make you feel a world away from everything. (818) 880-0350.

SADDLEBACK BUTTE SP

This 3,651-foot-high butte, standing 1,000 feet above the valley floor, offers spectacular views. The primitive campground at this 3,000-acre park has limited accessibility. Parking is accessible, and there is a nature trail through a unique botanical community. Park entrance is on East Ave. J and 170th St., 17 miles east of Lancaster. (661) 942-0662.

SANTA SUSANA PASS SHP

This 670-acre historic park offers panoramic views of the rugged natural landscape as a striking contrast to the developed communities nearby. Hikers enjoy scenic open space with a set of networking trails. The park is approximately 1 mile south of Hwy. 118. Follow Topanga Canyon Blvd. south and turn right on Devonshire to park entrance. (310) 454-8212.

TOPANGA SP

More than 11,000 acres of the rugged Santa Monica Mountains are preserved in this park. Hikers enjoy 36 miles of trails; mountain bikers are restricted to fire roads. The vast majority of the park is located entirely within the boundaries of the city of Los Angeles. Accessible parking. The park’s entrance is on Entrada Rd., off of Topanga Canyon Blvd., 8 miles south of U.S. 101. (310) 455-2465.

RICHARD CUMMINS



The lush hills and calm waters set the scene at Malibu Creek SP

WILL ROGERS SHP

Humorist and actor Will Rogers made his home here during the 1920s and 1930s. His love of horses resulted in the construction of stables, riding and roping rings, and a polo field (week-

end matches still take place). The park sits on 186 acres, just east of the Pacific Ocean. Accessible visitor center. Located off Sunset Blvd., in Pacific Palisades, at 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd. (310) 454-8212.

REGION 8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating access	Supplies	OHV access	RV hook-ups	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Family & children programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windburfing	
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Arthur B. Ripley Desert Woodland SP	•	•																			•	A		•			
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FRANK S. BALTHIS

ORANGE COUNTY



Broad, level expanses of sand make this part of California a beach-lover's paradise. Dramatic cliffs frame the antics of swimmers, divers, and beachcombers, while nature preserves draw those who enjoy watching birds. Visitors flock here for wooded canyons threaded by bike trails and a small beach community established in the 1920s.

CRYSTAL COVE SP

This 2,800-acre park is an undeveloped area of wooded canyons, open bluffs, and more than three miles of Pacific coastline. Crystal Cove is used by mountain bikers inland, scuba and skin divers underwater. Swimmers, surfers, and sunbathers congregate on the beach. Accessible picnicking, restrooms, paved pathway, and boardwalk. The park is located off Pacific Coast Hwy. between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach. (949) 494-3539.

DOHENY SB

This 62-acre park has 120 developed campsites, some only steps from the beach. Many campsites (some accessible) are within walking distance of picturesque Dana Point Harbor and only 4 miles from San Juan Capistrano Mission. The south day use area is popular for beach parties and evening campfires, and large groups

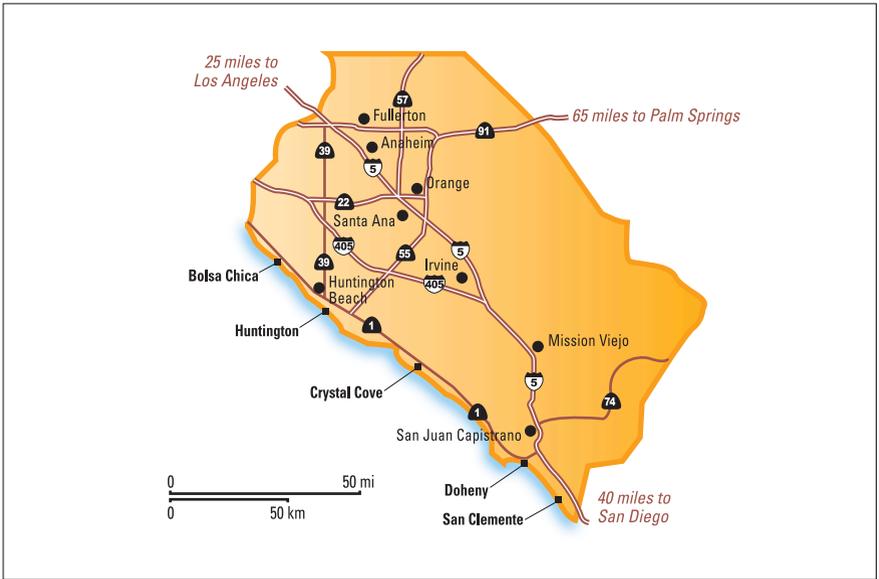
can enjoy the shaded beach areas of the north day use area. Accessible picnicking, visitor center, indoor tide pool, aquariums, food service, and beach wheelchair. The entrance is on Dana Point Harbor Dr., off Pacific Coast Hwy. in Dana Point. (949) 496-6171 or 492-0802.

HUNTINGTON AND BOLSA CHICA SBs

These 2 wheelchair-accessible beaches (call ahead to use the beach wheelchairs) are connected by a bike trail. Together, they form 5 miles of sandy beach. Wildlife viewing, surfing, and skating are among the activities of choice. Bolsa Chica, off Pacific Coast Hwy., about one mile south of Warner Ave., has camping for self-contained vehicles only; picnicking, restrooms, and food service are accessible at both beaches. (714) 846-3460. Huntington SB, opposite Magnolia Ave., on Pacific Coast Hwy., has a 7.5-acre preserve for the least tern and snowy plover. (714) 536-1454.



Historic cottages line the shores at Crystal Cove SP



SAN CLEMENTE SB

San Clemente is a camping park along a scenic stretch of California coast that evokes the Golden Era of the 1920s. There are 157 campsites, of which 72 offer RV hookups. Trails lead to a mile of beach that is popular with surfers, body surfers, swimmers. Accessible camping, restrooms, picnicking, trail, and exhibits. Call ahead to use the beach wheelchair. Entrance via the Avenida Calafia exit off I-5 near the south end of San Clemente. (949) 492-3156.



Another sunny day at Doheny SB

REGION 9 ORANGE COUNTY	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating access	RV hook-ups	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Canoeing/kayaking	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Historic sites	Hiking	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Railing	Swimming	Windsurfing	
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Bolsa Chica SB	.	A	.	A	A
Crystal Cove SP	.	A	A
Doheny SB	A	A	.	A	A
Huntington SB	.	A	A
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY



The sandstone bluffs, gentle surf, and wide sandy beaches of this region offer great recreation: Swimming, surf fishing, and strolling on the beach. This is also a place of historic battlefields, lively celebrations of the Mexican and California era, important natural preserves, and access to a world-class observatory at Palomar Mountain.

BORDER FIELD SP

At this beach, an obelisk set into the fence marks the international boundary between Mexico and the U.S. that was established in 1848. Accessible picnicking, parking, and restrooms. The visitor center is located 3 miles north in Imperial Beach. (619) 575-3613.

CARDIFF SB

This level stretch of beach has some of the most popular surfing locations in the state, if not the entire western United States. Accessible restrooms are available, and beachgoers will appreciate the convenient, accessible parking. The park is 1 mile south of Cardiff on Old Hwy. 101. (760) 753-5091.

CARLSBAD SB

This 14-acre beach is located at the foot of coastal bluffs just south of the town of Carlsbad. A gradually sloping shore and gentle surf make it popular with swimmers, surfers, picnickers and anglers. Accessible picnicking and parking. From I-5, take the Tamarack Ave. exit, and go southwest to Carlsbad Blvd/Hwy. S21. (760) 438-3143.

CUYAMACA RANCHO SP

This park covers 24,677 acres of meadows, mountains, and oak woodlands. Its excellent facilities for equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers are a big draw. Accessible camping, parking, picnicking, and campfire center. Located on Hwy. 79, 6 miles north of I-8. (760) 765-0755.



A big cutback at Cardiff SB



OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO SHP

On the site of California's first European settlement, restored and reconstructed buildings with accessible museums, exhibits, shops, and restaurants depict the lifestyle of early Californians. Restrooms and parking are accessible. Park at Taylor and Pacific Hwy., and walk through the tunnel to the park. (619) 220-5422.

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN SP

This 1,897-acre park has spectacular views of the Pacific from its forested vantage point. Visitors can enjoy picnicking, hiking, and fishing here. Accessible camping, restrooms, parking, and campfire center. Located off Hwy. 76, up Hwy. S6, then left on Hwy. S7 State Park Road at the junction near the peak. (760) 742-3462.

SAN ELIJO SB

San Elijo, located in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, offers a prime camping location, with a beautiful view of sunsets, popular surfing breaks, and beaches for tidepool explorations. Accessible camping and restrooms. The park is on Old Hwy. 101 in Cardiff. (760) 753-5091.

SAN ONOFRE SB

San Onofre is a 3,000-acre park with two campgrounds, The Bluffs and San Mateo. The Bluffs campground is located on Basilone Road and has 173 developed, non-hookup campsites.

It is located on a sandstone bluff with beach access to 3 miles of unspoiled coastline and is popular with those who wish to surf and sunbathe. Dogs allowed in certain areas, no hot showers. The San Mateo Campground is located 1 mile east of I-5 on Cristianitos Road and has 65 campsites that offer water and electric hook-ups, and 90 tent campsites. There is a 1.5-mile trail that leads to Trestles Beach, one of the most well-known surf breaks in Southern California. Hot showers and campfire programs. Accessible camping, parking, and restrooms. (949) 492-4872.

SAN PASQUAL BATTLEFIELD SHP

On December 6, 1846, when the Mexican-American War was in full swing, U.S. Army General Stephen W. Kearny's force of 160 men attacked Mexican forces at the village of San Pasqual. In spite of heavy American losses, both sides claimed victory. Accessible museum, restrooms, and parking. Located on Hwy. 78, at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Rd. in Escondido, 1.25 miles east of San Diego Wild Animal Park entrance. (760) 737-2201.

SILVER STRAND SB

This stretch of sandy beach serves as the peninsula separating the San Diego Bay from the Pacific Ocean. Nestled between natural



A gem and mineral store in Old Town San Diego SHP

dunes and endangered plants and species are recreational opportunities such as swimming, surfing, windsurfing, fishing, hiking, picnicking or just building a simple sandcastle. There are stretches of open beach to comb, nature trails, an overnight campground for recreational vehicles (motorhome & trailer only), and a new Aquatics Center specializing in instructional classes for select water sports. (619) 435-5184.

SOUTH CARLSBAD SB

A staircase leads down to the beach at this 110-acre park located 3 miles south of Carlsbad. Visitors can swim, fish, picnic, skin dive, and surf. Its 226 developed, blufftop campsites (some accessible) are a favorite. Accessible 200-foot paved path to the cobbled beach and restrooms. From I-5, take the Palomar Airport Rd. exit west to Carlsbad Blvd. (Hwy. 521), then go south to the park. (760) 438-3143.

TORREY PINES SR & SB

These adjacent park units cover over 1,700 acres of beach, marsh, and coastal bluffs. Hiking trails take in the picturesque pine trees, eroded bluffs, and a gloriously undeveloped set of sandy beaches. Accessible parking, restrooms, and visitor center (at reserve). Reserve entrance on North Torrey Pines Rd. (Hwy. S21) as it parallels I-5, south of Del Mar. (858) 755-2063.

REGION 10 SAN DIEGO COUNTY	FACILITIES															ACTIVITIES									
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INLAND EMPIRE



Majestic mountains and rugged desert-like hillsides surround this region. Four granite-bound peaks more than 10,000 feet high and two lakes are home to a great diversity of plant and animal life, including both bald and golden eagles. Miles of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails wind through this area of abundant recreational opportunities.

CALIFORNIA CITRUS SHP

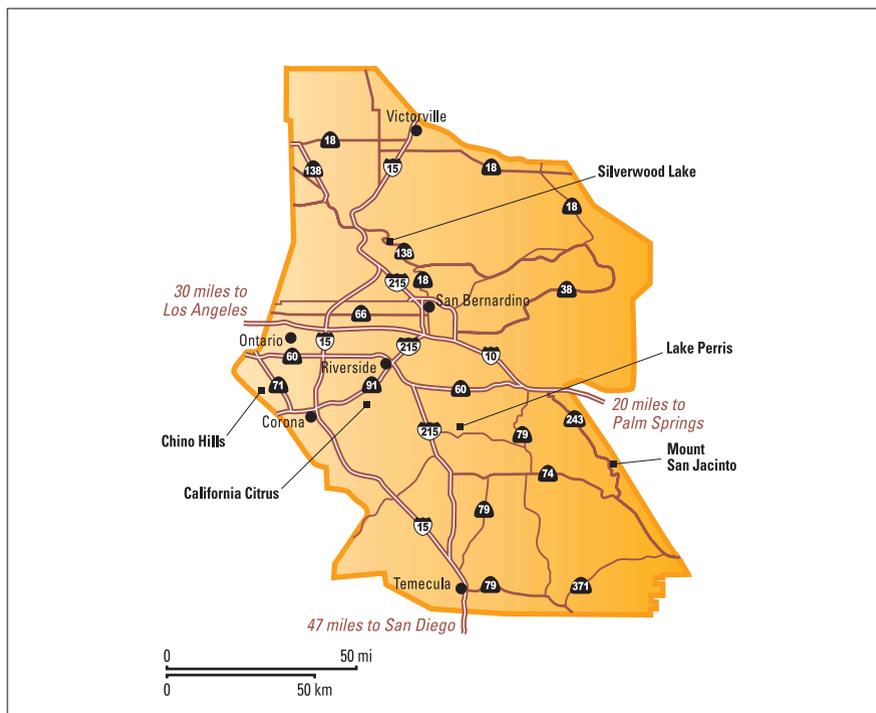
Designed after an early 1900s city park, this 400-acre historic site evokes the days when the word "California" meant oranges (and other easy-to-grow produce) to the rest of the world. The importance of the citrus industry in California is recognized here with an amphitheater, visitor center, and interpretative groves. Accessible restrooms, picnicking, and visitor center. Guided tours and educational programs are also offered. Located in Riverside, one mile east of Hwy. 91. (909) 780-6222.

CHINO HILLS SP

In the hills north of Santa Ana Canyon near Riverside lies an undeveloped, 12,000-acre park. Its 55 miles of trails among stands of oaks, sycamores, and rolling grassy hills welcome hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. (909) 780-6222.

LAKE PERRIS SRA

This 8,800-acre park has a stunning lake amid imposing rock formations. Recreational activities include, but are not limited to, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, rockclimbing, and



picnicking. In addition, Lake Perris hosts one of several regional Indian Museums in the State Park system. Visitors can enjoy 167 tent campsites and 265 paved sites with RV hook-ups. Located 11 miles east of Riverside via Hwy. 60, or I-215. (909) 657-0676.

MOUNT SAN JACINTO SP

Hikers and backpackers may roam this vast and rugged 13,500-acre park, which boasts 4 mountain peaks above 10,000 feet. Wildlife abounds, including lizards, birds, deer, and coyote. There are 31 developed campsites in the Idyllwild campground, with hot showers and flush toilets. Stone Creek campground has 50 developed sites, vault toilets, and fresh drinking water. All sites have picnic tables and fire rings. In the State Wilderness, the 48 campsites in 4 primitive camping areas are not accessible by car. Wilderness permits are required for day hikers and overnight camping permits are required for backpackers. The park can be reached from the mountains via Hwy. 243 or from the desert side via the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (fee), which takes visitors to the Mountain Station at 8,500 feet. (909) 659-2607 or (760) 767-5311.

SILVERWOOD LAKE SRA

At 3,500 feet, Silverwood Lake is the highest reservoir in the California State Water Project. It offers boating, water skiing, fishing, and swimming. The surrounding park offers hiking and biking trails. Numerous picnic areas and a visitor center are available. There are 136 sites in the developed campground, with accessible showers and restrooms. Bald eagles winter in the



Pushing 10,000 feet at Mt. San Jacinto SP

park, giving visitors the rare opportunity to see this national symbol in its natural environment. Guided eagle tours are given (reservations are recommended). Other animal sightings may include coyotes, black bears, bobcats, and deer. (760) 389-2303 or (760) 389-2281.

REGION 11 INLAND EMPIRE	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Museum	Campsites	Boating access	RV hook-ups	Trailer sanitation station	OHV access	Bike trails	Boating	Educational exhibits & programs	Family & childrens programs	Canoeing/kayaking	Camping	Guided tours	Fishing	Historic sites	Hiking	Horse trails	Nature viewing	Railing	Swimming	Windsurfing							
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OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA

More than 70,000 acres of desert are available for off-highway exploration and recreation. Located in east San Diego County and west Imperial County, Ocotillo Wells is accessible via Highway 86. The western boundary connects with the 600,000-acre Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, which is closed to Green Sticker vehicles but open to highway-registered vehicles along established primitive roads. Ocotillo Wells is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (760) 767-5391.

PICACHO SRA

This park is centered near the remains of a former Colorado River gold-mining town. Boating, hiking, fishing, and primitive camping are at their best between fall and spring. Accessible camping and chemical toilets. Take the 24-mile, unpaved road north from Winterhaven. (760) 393-3052.

PROVIDENCE MOUNTAINS SRA

Mitchell Caverns and other limestone caverns are the draw at this 5,500-acre park. Cavern tours take place daily (on weekends only during hot summer months). Activities include accessible camping, picnicking, and hiking. Located 100 miles east of Barstow, 17 miles from I-40 on Essex Rd. (760) 928-2586.

RED ROCK CANYON SP

The colorful rock formations of this 27,000-acre park were a landmark and watering hole for 19th-century stagecoaches and freight wagons. Significant paleontologic sites, the remains of an



Sunset at Salton Sea SRA

1890s mining operation, and many arid-adapted plants and animals are protected here. The 50 primitive campsites, parking, pit toilets, and the visitor center are accessible. The park is located 25 miles northeast of Mojave on Hwy. 14. (661) 942-0662.

SALTON SEA SRA

An accidental break in a hastily constructed dike supplying Colorado River water to the Imperial Valley created one of the world's largest inland seas here. There are 150 developed campsites (some accessible), and 3 primitive campgrounds, plus spectacular fishing, boating, and waterskiing. Accessible picnicking and visitor center. The visitor center is 25 miles southeast of Indio via Hwy. 111. (760) 393-3052.

**REGION 12
DESERTS**

PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES																	
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Museum	Campsites	Boating nearby	Campsites	Boating access	OHV access	RV hookups	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Educational exhibits & programs	Family & childrens programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Horse trails	Nature viewing	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing	
Anza-Borrego Desert SP	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Indio Hills Palms SP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ocotillo Wells SVRA	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Picacho SRA
Providence Mountains SRA
Red Rock Canyon SP	A
Salton Sea SRA	A	A	A

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