

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

California escapes

Discover the many states of California

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Where will the hundreds of California Parks take you today?

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From Doheny to Leland Stanford Mansion to Humboldt Redwoods, get ready for camping, hiking, surfing, and much more in your **278** state parks.

PLUS Cool Maps, Hot Tips, and Insider Information

Welcome



Dear Friends,

California's state park system is the finest in the country, offering some of the world's most varied natural wonders. These national treasures mean many different things to a wide array of visitors, explorers, nature enthusiasts and adventurers who have discovered our breathtaking vistas and rugged landscapes.

Our parks, lush with vegetation and animal life, embody the cultural richness of our state and help preserve California's extraordinary biological diversity. From shoreline tidepools and desert washes to High Sierra meadows and primeval redwood forests, each of California's naturally occurring ecosystems is represented in our state parks. Our parks ensure the survival of precious environmental resources, wildlife and endangered species.

These natural marvels are also key components of California's economic well-being. Our unparalleled park system attracts visitors from around the globe, who spend \$2.6 billion annually while exploring our vast assembly of recreational and historic sites, monuments, campsites and more than 3,000 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

On behalf of all Californians, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all who come to share the timeless splendor of our majestic outdoors. Have a fantastic time!

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor



Welcome Friends,

Where will the hundreds of California state parks take you today?

Like California itself, California state parks are bold, adventurous, inspiring—allowing you to stretch your physical, mental and spiritual boundaries.

California State Parks is an unending adventure with more than 275 state parks consisting of nearly 1.4 million acres, over 280 miles of coastline, 625 miles of lake and river frontage and 13,000 campsites. Whether you are a history buff, cultural admirer, an avid outdoor enthusiast, an off-highway motor-vehicle fan, or a family vacation aficionado, the adventure never stops in the California state parks system, with literally something for everyone.

So prepare to create memories of a lifetime, because whether you're planning your first adventure or your 100th, I guarantee it will take you to a very satisfied state.

Discover the many states of California!

Ruth Coleman
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Playtime at Carlsbad SB,
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Your Parks



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THE NEW LOOK OF CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS!

As a park visitor, you may have always known that California's state parks are what make California unique. That's why California State Parks has launched a new look and advertising campaign that communicates this while emphasizing the many exciting adventures California's 278 state parks have to offer.

For instance, have you explored the place where presidents stayed and movie stars played? Well, now it is your turn. So go see the grandeur of this architectural wonder high in the mountains above the Pacific, and experience the rich history Hearst Castle® has to offer. Or go back in time and feel the excitement of the Gold Rush era as you pan for gold at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. Or discover the thrills of America's most famous method of transportation at the California Railroad Museum.

Leave your troubles behind and step into an adventure. Where will the hundreds of California state parks take you today?

SURF, TURF, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

The California state parks are *your* parks—all 278 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's state parks offer so much more.

California's state parks are virtually everywhere in the state. Last year, more than 85 million people visited this state's parks, historic sites, and beaches to camp, hike, bike, swim,

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS PARKS

- SP= State Park
- SRA=State Recreation Area
- SR=State Reserve
- SHP=State Historic Park
- SB=State Beach
- SVRA=State Vehicle Recreation Area
- SS= State Seashore



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.

WHERE TO GO? AND HOW?

What's your passion? Whale-watching? Fishing? Bird-watching? Maybe you're a cyclist, an equestrian, or an aspiring 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 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:

- Park unit and reservations information.
- A large overview map of California (page 18).
- Maps of the 12 California travel regions that show the locations of the parks.
- Regional charts listing facilities (including visitor centers, food/dining, lodging, RV hookups, and much more) and activities (from camping to biking to windsurfing).
- Capsule descriptions of each park, 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 Parks website at www.Parks.CA.gov. It's what really puts the state park system at your fingertips, any day, any time.

HEALTHY LIVING

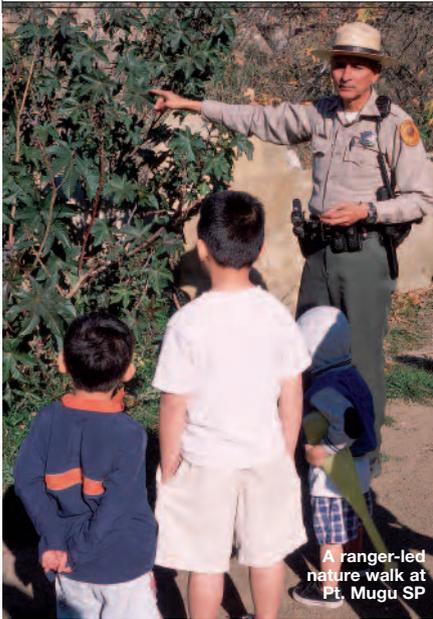
Did you know it is recommended that we do 30 minutes to an hour of physical activity each day to stay healthy? However, our kids often don't have the chance to play outside.

A great way for you and your family to meet its fitness goal is to visit a local or state park. Go for a walk, ride a bike, camp with friends, splash in the ocean or swim in a lake. Park rangers are happy to help you find trails for all fitness levels or discover a new outdoor activity.

A recent Surgeon General's report stated that children who participate in physical recreation at a young age will establish healthy habits that will follow them into and through adulthood. To find a park near you and recreation tips visit www.Parks.CA.gov.

THE WRONG TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME

Do yourself a favor. Explore the 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



A ranger-led nature walk at Pt. Mugu SP

great winter escapes include Hearst Castle®, Bidwell Mansion, or Old Town San Diego. Summer tip: Campsites are often less crowded midweek, even in prime Sierra locations.

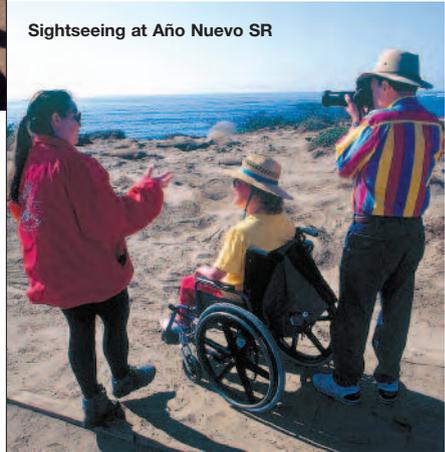
RANGER RECRUITMENT

Looking for a job that offers culture, escape, and adventure? California State Parks is looking for rangers and lifeguards who seek career choices beyond working in the woods, including lakes, beaches, deserts, and urban parks. For information go to www.Parks.CA.gov or call (866) PARK-JOBS.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

When you think of a California state park, images of beauty, serenity, trees, beaches, and sunsets—even cool historic sites—probably come to mind. But with more visitors than ever, the best state park system in America needs your help. Take a few minutes to get involved. California State Parks preserves our land and waters, provides inspiration and education, and keeps our history alive. You can help by being a park volunteer. Whether locally or farther afield, you can serve as 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, or call (916) 653-9069.

Sightseeing at Año Nuevo SR



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 parks at access.parks.ca.gov.
- 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 will be provided by the

retrofitting and construction of new facilities statewide.

- 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 PDF version of this publication, please visit www.parks.ca.gov and look under the publications section.

WHAT'S NEW

Leland Stanford Mansion SHP

One of the state parks system's most special places, the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park in Sacramento, is about to begin writing a new chapter in California's history. The mansion is nearing the end of an \$18 million renovation and will soon be opening not just as a state historic park but also as a working museum and diplomatic affairs center.

Home to Governor Leland Stanford in the 1860s, the house is about to reenter government service, serving our current governor and legislative leaders as the state's diplomatic reception and protocol center, where affairs of state will be conducted much as they are in the White House.

The restoration of the 17,000-square-foot mansion is the result of a successful partnership between California State Parks and the Leland Stanford Foundation. Restored in both form and function to its 19th-century heyday, the stately brick-and-plaster renaissance revival home will reopen to visitors and for business in the fall of 2005; it will be the oldest house in Sacramento to be open to the public.

This historic location will house the governor's office of protocol and serve as the governor's diplomatic center and a meeting place where California's future will be shaped. It will be where California meets the world.

State Parks and SBC Offer Wi-Fi Internet Access in Parks

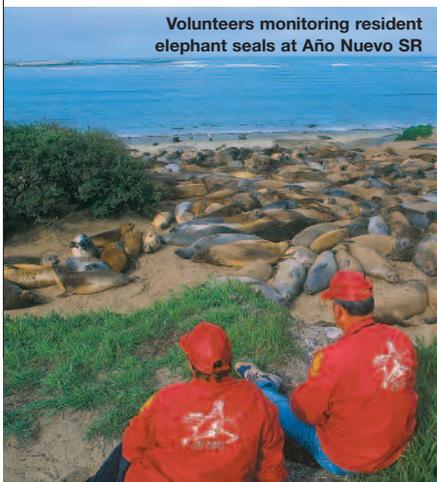
Under an agreement announced in January by California State Parks and SBC Communications Inc., high-speed wireless Internet access (better known as Wi-Fi, which is short for wireless fidelity) is coming to the picnic tables, tents, RV spaces and cabins of the more than 80 million visitors who enjoy state parks each year. San Elijo State Beach, located outside of

San Diego, was the first state park to offer SBC's FreedomLink service. Over the next several months, 84 more California state parks will become SBC Wi-Fi locations—this will constitute the largest Wi-Fi deployment in any park system nationwide.

Consumers are increasingly using the Internet to make their vacation and recreation planning easier, safer, and more enjoyable. Visitors with Wi-Fi-enabled laptops or personal digital assistants (PDAs) can communicate with family and friends, share digital pictures of their vacation, obtain driving directions, or locate hiking trails or nearby restaurants. Park visitors will be able to access such state websites as www.reserveamerica.com (for making campground reservations), www.dot.ca.gov (for getting updates on highway conditions) and www.gocalif.ca.gov (the state's tourism site).

Customers can view a list of SBC Wi-Fi locations and obtain ordering information by visiting www.sbc.com/freedomlink.

Volunteers monitoring resident elephant seals at Año Nuevo SR



YOURS TO KEEP

There are many threats facing these lands, but there is only one independent group committed to preserving and protecting their natural legacy—the California State Parks Foundation. Join us in building on a proud history of environmental stewardship and success. As a member, you'll be more than a spectator of California's natural beauty—you'll be its caretaker too.

Become a member of the California State Parks Foundation and protect our parklands, for you, for future generations—for now and them. Call us today at (800) 963-7275 or go to our website: www.calparks.org.





▶ Family Adventure



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

FAMILY FUN FACTS

This section invites visitors to understand and explore the many fun facts of California State Parks. Throughout it you'll find adventure questions that we hope will engage conversations around the campfire.

DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY IN NUMBERS

As California's population has grown, so has the state park system—to the tune of 270-plus individual units. State Parks bring the benefits of nature, culture, and healthy recreation within the reach of every Californian.

HISTORY AND CULTURE ABOUND

A trip through the State Parks is a trip through time, California-style, from the era of the Pomo

Indians, to that of the Spanish missions, to the Gold Rush of 1849. In *your* parks, you will see Chumash cave paintings and Craftsman-style architecture (as found, for instance, 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 Purísima SHP and Colonel Allensworth SHP in what's left of Allensworth, 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, in San Francisco Bay—as the West Coast's version of Ellis Island, it was the first stop for so many immigrants coming to the Golden State.

LEFT: Castles in the sand at Lake Perris SP

FOR THE RECORD

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

California State Parks is one of the largest state agency providers of education. 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.

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 for more about these and other programs.

Add everything up, and it becomes clear that California's state parks are priceless resources for generations to come. Outings to the 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

>> ADVENTURE QUESTION 2

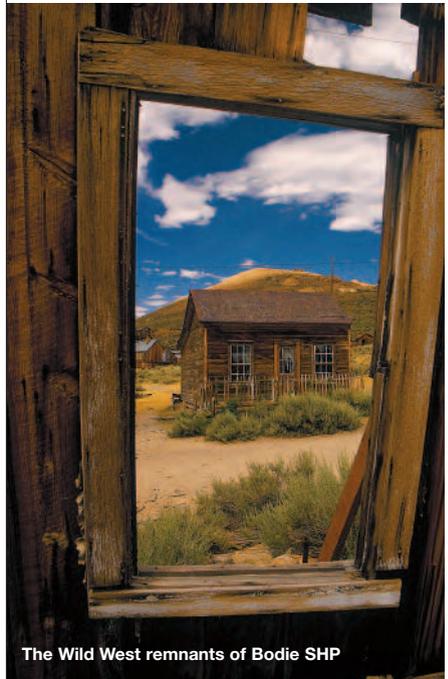
At which Marin County SP was mountain biking first tested in the early 1970s?

Answer 2) Mt. Tamalpais SP

Junior Lifeguard Program teaches 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 species, such as our giant sequoia trees and huge elephant seals. It's a state where majestic bald eagles soar above mountains that are peppered with bighorn sheep. All of these species call California State Parks home, thriving 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 around the world to see and experience California's rich natural heritage.



The Wild West remnants of Bodie SHP

FRANK S. BALTHIS

>> ADVENTURE QUESTION 1

Which state agency, other than the Dept. of Education, is one of the largest providers of education?

Answer 1) California State Parks

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.

PRESERVING YOUR PARKS

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



A bobcat spotted in Pacheco SP

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 management

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

Non-native species

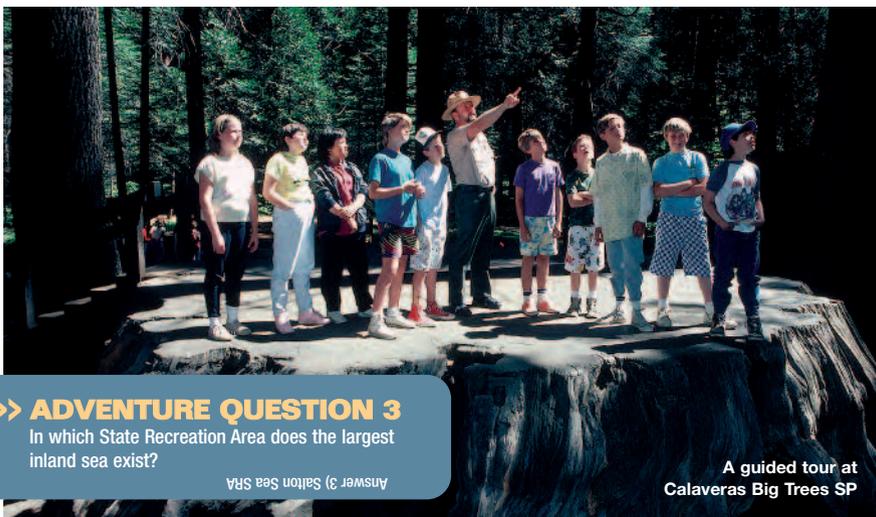
The impact of non-native plant and animal species on native ecosystems is of national concern. Among the greatest problems is the well-intentioned feeding of feral animals, which has resulted in a greater rabies hazard and a threat to endangered native species.

Endangered species

The past three decades have seen, in California alone, 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



>> ADVENTURE QUESTION 3

In which State Recreation Area does the largest inland sea exist?

ANSWER 3) Salton Sea SRA

A guided tour at Calaveras Big Trees SP

A scenic overlook at
Mount Tamalpais SP



PRESERVATION RULES

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

have also kept species such as the California bighorn sheep, found at Anza-Borrego Desert SP, and the tule elk (for which Tule Elk SR is named) from disappearing.

PRESERVING OUR PAST

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" found at 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.

>> ADVENTURE QUESTION 4

In which State Historic Park does the oldest continuously used Chinese Temple exist?

Answer 4) Weaverville Joss House SHP

High drama at San
Jacinto Mountain SP



Fun Stuff



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

ADVENTURE: IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

Thanks to our parks, adventure recreation has become a birthright for Californians. With more than 280 miles of coastline, over 1,200 miles of waterfront, thousands of campsites and picnic areas, and hundreds of sites of historical, cultural, and ecological interest, your state parks have something for everybody.

BEACHES

California State Parks' beaches are legendary, from the ruggedly beautiful North Coast to Point Lobos (called the greatest meeting of ocean and land in all the world) to the sandy playgrounds of southern California, where "beach culture" was virtually invented.

CAMPING

Busy parks may be full if you arrive without reservations, particularly during the summer season. 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 or via [ReserveAmerica](http://ReserveAmerica.com) at

>> ADVENTURE QUESTION 5

What National Park was the first California State Park, before the state's park system existed?

Answer 5) Yosemite National Park

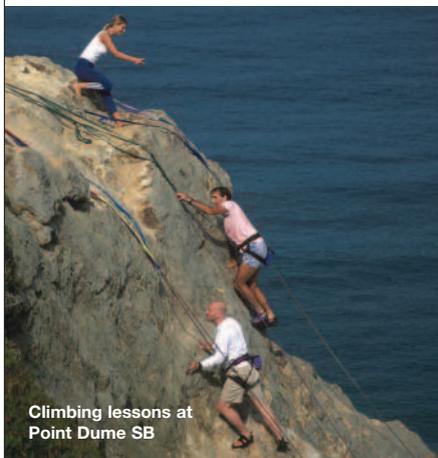
(800) 444-PARK. Other campgrounds may be available first come, first served. For information, call (800) 777-0369 or (916) 653-6995. Several parks, some with horse rental facilities, provide equestrian camping. Call (916) 653-6995 for more information.

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 plowed parking lots. California State Parks administers this program November 1 through May 30; from September to March, rangers lead hikes and ski tours. Call (916) 324-1222 or www.OHV.parks.ca.gov.

HIKING: FOUR SEASONS OF ADVENTURE

With more than 300 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails, California's parks offer four seasons of outdoor adventure and natural beauty. In early spring, Anza Borrego Desert



Climbing lessons at Point Dume SB

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 U.S. state park system.

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 OHV MR, POB 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296; Call (916) 324-4442 for more information regarding OHV access.

State Park features purple sand verbenas. In late spring, columbine, lupine, and leopard lily grace Emerald Bay State Park. Kruse Rhododendron State Reserve, Azalea State Reserve, and Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve display acres of California's beautiful blossoms.

Many California state parks offer surprising displays of autumn foliage: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Point Mugu State Park, Annadel State Park, Sugar Pine Point State Park, and Grover Hot Springs State Park.

During winter, snowshoe in the meadow at Grover Hot Springs, and then take a dip at the natural hot springs; or explore the desert trails at Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

Whether you're visiting California State Parks in the summer, spring, winter, or fall, there will always be an adventure waiting for you.

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; 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. Some restrictions apply. For more information call (800) 777-0369, ext. 5, or purchase at www.store.Parks.CA.gov.

● **Camping Fees:** Call for fees. Plan ahead; many parks accept reservations up to seven months prior. Visit www.Parks.CA.gov or call (800) 444-PARK, ext. 7275. Payment may be made by American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or VISA® by phone. You can also pay by 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. For information, call (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 SR by calling (800) 777-0369.

● **Senior Discounts:** Campers aged 62 or older receive a nightly discount, but only if requested when the reservation is made. The reservation must be in the name of the eligible person, and that person must occupy the campsite. Proof of eligibility required.

● **Golden Bear Pass:** Allows parking at state park-operated facilities for people on SSI or AFDC, or for those over 62 with

stated income limitations. Application process required; call for details at (800) 777-0369, ext. 5.

● **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 or call (800) 777-0369, ext. 5.

● **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 free camping and day use at all California state parks; call for fee. For all rules, qualifications, and a pass application, please call (800) 777-0369, ext. 5 or write to: California State Parks Pass Program, POB 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296.

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and wildlife. From the
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THE STATE ICONS

• STATE ANIMAL

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

• STATE FLOWER

The golden poppy (*Eschscholtzia californica*) can be found blooming 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 Sonoma, the site of the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt and where the last California mission was built, 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. (707) 247-3318.

ANDERSON MARSH SHP

Once home to the Pomo, the 1,065-acre park is popular for picnics, hikes, 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. 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 rugged terrain contrast the cool, dark redwoods in adjoining Armstrong reserve. More than 25 miles of trails are ideal for hikers and equestrians. The road, closed to vehicles more than 20 feet long and pulled trailers of



Morning sun in Patrick's Point SP

FRANK S. BALTHIS



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. In spring, pink and white blossoms scent the air. (707) 677-3132.

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; the restored mill, most days. (707) 942-4575.

BENBOW LAKE SRA

Located on the Eel River near the historic Benbow Inn, this park offers accessible camp-

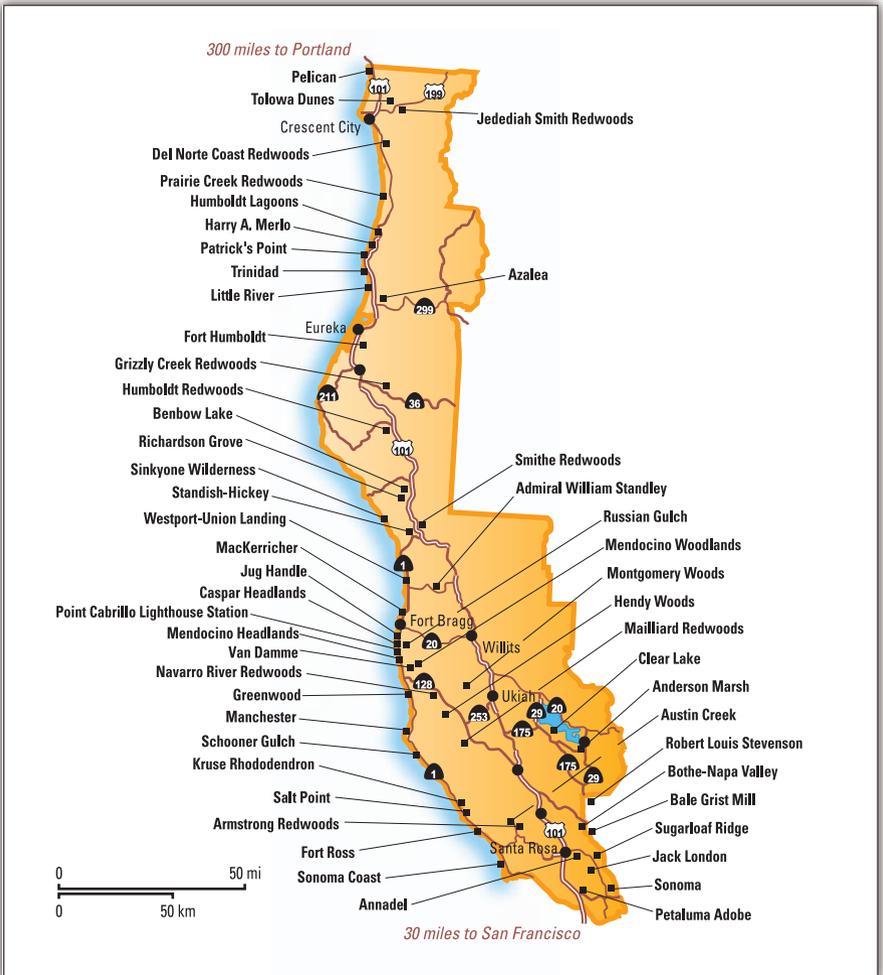
ing and picnicking. The day-use area has a seasonal lake for water activities. Benbow hosts a summer arts festival. (707) 247-3318.

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 horse-back riding concession operates during summer and fall. (707) 942-4575.

CASPAR HEADLANDS SB & SR

These 2 park units protect about half a mile of sculpted rocks, crashing waves, and splashy displays of seasonal wildflowers. The reserve's





Hiking into Prairie
Creek Redwoods SP

entry permit can be obtained free of charge at the California State Parks district office 2 miles north of Mendocino at Russian Gulch, east of Hwy. 1 at Pt. Cabrillo Drive. (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 and restrooms. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5120.

FORT HUMBOLDT SHP

This outpost, built in the 1850s to settle the conflict between local Native Americans and incoming settlers, is now partially reconstructed and features a historical museum with military

and native displays depicting then-common events of the region. The park has a logging museum, an 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 and five reconstructed buildings exist within the stockade's 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 (as seen in the Visitor Center Exhibit), it is now favored by picnickers and anglers. (707) 937-5804.

GRIZZLY CREEK REDWOODS SP

Once the noon stop for 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 and the Navarro River. Campgrounds have become base camps for travelers visiting the Wine Country. (707) 937-5804.

HARRY A. MERLO SRA & HUMBOLDT LAGOONS SP

Three lagoons grace these two parks. Beachcombing, kayaking, fishing and surfing are popular activities. The lagoons are separated from the ocean by a 200-yard-wide barrier beach. (707) 677-3132.

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 (707) 946-2015; 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 short stories, novels, and articles while overseeing ambitious agricultural enterprises on what is now 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 range. Accessible group camping and restrooms, hiking trails, river access, and fishing are also available. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5112.

JUG HANDLE SR

This reserve offers a firsthand look at 500,000 years of California's geological history. A 2.5-mile self-guided interpretive 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 a more advanced vegetation. Picnicking and beach access. (707) 937-5804.

KRUSE RHODODENDRON SR

This park, north of Jenner, boasts thickets of sun-loving rhododendrons, which sprang up after the original forest was destroyed by fire. Now, clusters of pink blossoms cover parts 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) 677-3132.

MacKERRICHER SP

Eight miles of beach offer refuge to harbor seals, plus a visitor center, exhibits, fishing, and accessible camping and trails. There are 139 developed and 10 walk-in campsites, as well as a horseback riding concession nearby. From December through March, the park's headland is a great place to see migrating whales. (707) 964-5804.

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. Primitive camping is available year-round. Efforts are under way to move 18 campsites out of the Point Arena mountain beaver habitat; this will be a temporary inconvenience this coming year. (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 provide ocean vistas, seasonal whale migration viewing, and springtime wildflower displays. The 7,400-acre Big River Unit has a sandy beach, multipurpose redwood forest trails, and estuary exploration opportunities for nonmotorized watercraft travelers. (707) 937-5804.

MENDOCINO WOODLANDS SP

This 720-acre, year-round retreat lies deep in a peaceful redwood forest 7 miles east of Mendocino's spectacular coastline. Each of its 3 camp areas (for groups only) is equipped with rustic, well-appointed dining and recreation halls, 2- and 4-bedroom cabins, and communal restrooms with hot showers and electricity. For reservations call (707) 937-5755.

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 resort of Orrs Springs. (707) 937-5804.

NAVARRO RIVER REDWOODS SP

This 673-acre park parallels the Navarro River and Hwy. 128. Walking paths from the highway to the river 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 and fascinating culture. Accessible camping, 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

In the 19th century, General Mariano Guadalupe

A trail ride through the dunes at Sonoma Coast SB



Vallejo created an agricultural empire on his 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 comprises the lighthouse, three original lightkeepers' houses, outbuildings, a new visitor center and a museum. 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. Guided walks in the preserve are available every May through September. Accessible parking is available in front of the light station residences. (707) 937-5804 or www.pointcabrillo.org.

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS SP

Paralleling 8 miles of Hwy. 101, 50 miles north of Eureka, this is one of California's most popular redwood parks. Roosevelt elk graze in the open prairie adjacent to the Newton B. Drury Parkway and along much of Gold Bluffs Beach. Along with more than 70 miles of trails, the 14,500-acre park has campsites in Elk Prairie Campground and next to Gold Bluffs Beach.

(707) 464-6101, 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 St. Helena. Today hikers climb the 5-mile trail to the mountain's summit for spectacular views of Mt. Shasta, Lassen Peak, and, on clear days, the distant 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 collapsed sea cave. RV and tent camping sites are available, along with a picnic area on the bluffs and beach access. (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 scuba 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.

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 some 20 miles of hiking trails. 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 (707) 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 California's last 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 during 1846's 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 accessible trails as well as spring wildflowers, colorful sunsets, and whale-watching. Reservations (800-444-7275) are recommended at the 2 popular coastal campgrounds: Bodega Dunes (wheelchair accessible) and Wright's Beach. (707) 875-3483.

STANDISH-HICKEY SRA

Located at the southern gateway of the state's redwood country, 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 25 miles of hiking trails, the headwaters of Sonoma Creek, and a horseback riding concession. Clear days bring breathtaking views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the Sierra Nevada from the 2,729-foot-summit of Bald Mountain. In addition, there are accessible picnicking spots, educational exhibits, and the Ferguson Observatory to visit. (707) 833-5712 or (707) 938-1519.

TOLOWA DUNES SP

The Smith River ends its journey to the Pacific Ocean after passing through a rich delta that consists of a sandy beach, grass-covered

dunes, lakes, ponds, and marshes. Coastal accesses are not well signposted. Take Lake Earl Drive, turn west on Lower Lake Road, and access the park by turning west on Kellogg or Pala Road. For access from the south, take Northcrest Drive north from Crescent City, turn west on Old Mill Road and follow to the end. (707) 464-6101, ext. 5151.

TRINIDAD SB

Tucked in a secluded cove near the small town of Trinidad, 15 miles north of Arcata, this sandy beach is a pleasant retreat. 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) 677-3132.

VAN DAMME SP

The park's sheltered and easily reached beach

is a gathering place for abalone and sea urchin

divers. Ten miles of hiking trails follow the Little

River. The park has accessible camping, a vis-

itor center, and exhibits, as well as a wheel-

chair-accessible trail in the pygmy forest. (707)

937-5804.

WESTPORT-UNION LANDING SB

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

**REGION 1
NORTH COAST**

PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES														
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>> 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, as well as 6,000 acres of waterways, pools, and lava flows. (530) 335-2777.

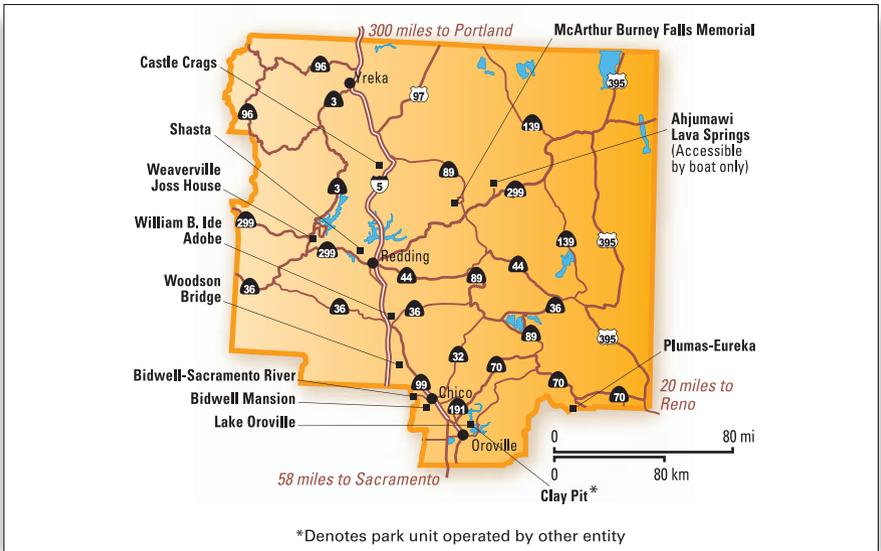
BIDWELL MANSION SHP
 Agriculturalist, social activist, and politician John Bidwell's 26-room, 10,000-square-foot home dates to the 1860s. (530) 895-6144.

BIDWELL-SACRAMENTO RIVER SP
 The park's 180 acres include 4 miles of riverfront that serve as an access point for boaters, rafters, canoeists, and kayakers. Take Hwy. 32 at the river crossing between Chico and I-5, then turn south one mile on River Road. (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.

CLAY PIT SVRA
 Clay taken from the Feather River Valley, three miles west of Oroville, was used to build Lake Oroville. The resulting depression—a shallow pit ringed with low hills—is the site of this 220-acre recreation area for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and dune-buggies. (530) 538-2200.

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



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



McARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS MEMORIAL SP

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

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 ski in winter. (530) 836-2380.

SHASTA SHP

This park honors the “Queen City of the Northern Mines.” The restored courthouse is

now a museum displaying more than 100 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

This park, located next to the Sacramento River, honors William B. Ide, a leader of the Bear Flag Republic. (530) 529-8599.

WOODSON BRIDGE SRA

Acres of valley oak meadows flank the Sacramento River, great for shad, steelhead, striped bass, and salmon fishing. (530) 839-2112.

REGION 2 SHASTA CASCADE

PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES															
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Museum	Campsites	Boating supplies	Boating access	RV hookups	Trailer sanitation station	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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MARK J. DOLYAK



>> 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. Come ride a steam engine through classic Western countryside!

AUBURN SRA

Go whitewater rafting, mountain biking, and hiking in this 42,000-acre park covering 40 miles of steep river canyon on the north and middle forks of the American River. Mammoth Bar OHV Area, located in the Sierra Nevada foothills, 30 miles northeast of Sacramento, has been in use for nearly 25 years and offers a wide range of trails and conditions. (530) 885-5821. Lake Clementine offers fishing, limited power boating, and boat-in camping (reservations required), and primitive camping (first come, first served). (530) 885-4527.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM

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 groups of 10 or more, call toll free (866) 240-4655. Exhibits and most areas of the Capitol and grounds (including

a 40-acre garden) are accessible; assistive hearing devices for tours are available. (916) 324-0333; www.StateCapitolMuseum.com.

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 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 13,000 specimens make up these treasures of nature. Displays include the Fricot Nugget, the largest crystalline gold specimen surviving from 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.

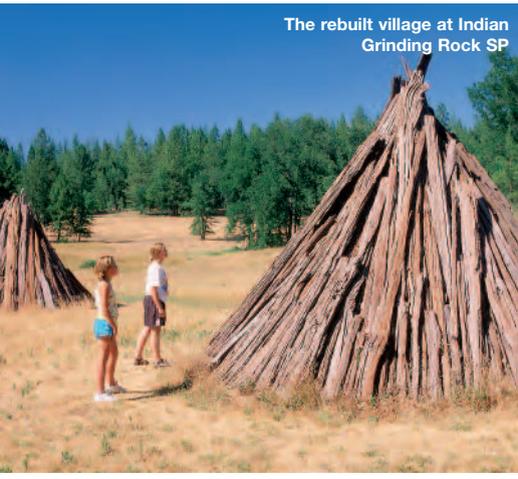
CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

The role of the railroads in shaping the West is depicted throughout the building, 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 or (916) 323-9280; www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

COLUMBIA SHP

The town of Columbia sprung up quickly after the discovery of gold in March 1850, to provide services and supplies to the miners who flooded the area. Today, the six-block historic district tells the story of the merchants who came to

The rebuilt village at Indian Grinding Rock SP



California to “mine the pockets of the miner.” Over 20 concessions in the historic district recreate the businesses of the Gold Rush, from saloons, to hotels, to dry-goods merchants, to a candy store. Activities such as gold panning are also available. (209) 588-9128.

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.” (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 state’s richest, producing nearly 6 million ounces. The entrance to 367 miles of abandoned and flooded mine shafts is open, along with many mine 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. Access to more than 32 miles of paved bike/hike paths provides connection to multipurpose trails offering horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking opportunities. Within the park, Lake Natoma offers 14 miles of shoreline and is ideal for canoeing, kayaking,



sailing, fishing, and swimming. Group camping by reservation. (916) 988-0205.

FOLSOM POWERHOUSE SHP

To the accompaniment of a 100-gun salute, the Folsom Powerhouse brought electric power to Sacramento in 1895. 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 in it. Guided tours offer insight into the lives of the families that lived in the mansion. (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. Scheduled to reopen in 2005. (916) 324-7405.

MALAKOFF DIGGINGS SHP

Though legal battles between mine owners and downstream communities ended the mining technique of using powerful jets 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 and has 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 discovery that altered their lives (and history). There are hiking trails and picnic areas along the South Fork of the American River. (530) 622-3470.

OLD SACRAMENTO SHP

In this registered National Historic Landmark, early 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 or (916) 323-9280; 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 terrains, 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 foothills, 20 miles east of Sacramento and 3 miles south of Hwy. 50. The park is open Thursday through Tuesday for day use only. (916) 985-7378.

RAILTOWN 1897 SHP

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



Panning for gold at Columbia SHP, near Sonora

FRANK S. BALTHIS

Sierra foothills. Accessible parking and exhibits. (209) 984-3953 or recorded information: (916) 445-6645; www.railtoun1897.org.

SOUTH YUBA RIVER SP

This park stretches 20 miles along the South Yuba River 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 talks, and gold-panning demonstrations. There's an accessible trail to the river and accessible picnic and fishing areas. The whole-access Independence Trail follows the old Excelsior Ditch. (530) 432-2546 or (530) 273-3884.

SUTTER'S FORT SHP

John Sutter, a Swiss immigrant, applied for a Mexican land grant in the Sacramento Valley in 1839. Sutter's Fort became the destination for early migrants to California, including the ill-fated Donner Party. Restored to its 1846 appearance, the fort is open daily, except for some major holidays. Accessible grounds, exhibits, restrooms, and text transcripts. (916) 445-4422.



The California State Railroad Museum at Old Sacramento SHP

**REGION 3
GOLD COUNTRY**

PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES																
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>> High Sierra



Crystal-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 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, gamblers, prostitutes, and hotel operators. 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) 525-3345. Ski center: (530) 583-5475.

CALAVERAS BIG TREES SP

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

D.L. BLISS SP

This Tahoe beach offers 2.9 miles of lakefront campsites and trails connecting to the Emerald Bay Trail, as well as the world's highest-elevation historic lighthouse. (530) 525-7277.

DONNER MEMORIAL SP

A memorial to the Donner Party's attempted mountain crossing in 1846–47, the park offers the Emigrant Trail Museum and accessible camping and picnicking. (530) 582-7892.

EMERALD BAY SP



Sugar Pine Point SP, on Lake Tahoe

One of Lake Tahoe's most-photographed natural attractions, this park offers the Emerald Bay Trail (5.5 miles) and also showcases the Vikingsholm castle, an eclectic combination of Scandinavian architecture. (530) 541-3030.

GROVER HOT SPRINGS SP

Cross-country skiing and 102-degree mineral spring waters add to 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 shore of Lake Tahoe. (530) 546-4212.

LAKE VALLEY SRA

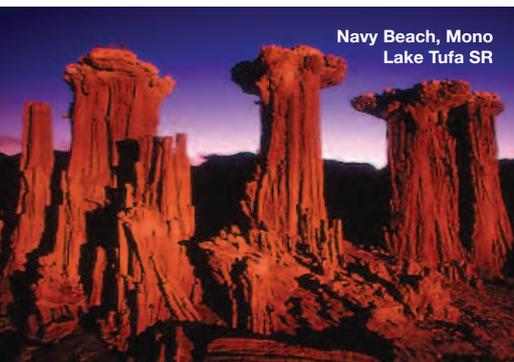
This park offers a championship 18-hole golf course during summer and a snowmobile and cross-country ski area during winter. Golf course: (530) 577-0802.

MONO LAKE TUSA SR

Mono Lake offers spectacular scenery, including unusual tufa formations. The alkaline lake supports large bird populations. (760) 647-6331.

SUGAR PINE POINT SP

Year-round campgrounds provide access to beach areas and the Pine Lodge in summer, and cross-country trails in winter. Historic maritime exhibits showcase 1920s boats. (530)



Navy Beach, Mono Lake Tufa SR

>> San Francisco Bay Area



This region is home to some of the world's most recognizable sights as well as, Big Basin Redwoods State park, California's first state park. Sheltered coves lead to 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 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 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: (415) 897-0715.

AÑO NUEVO SP & SR

This park is set aside to protect a substantial area of the Central Coast Range inland of Año Nuevo Point. Also, this reserve is a gathering area for northern elephant seals. In the breeding season, December 15 through March 31, access to the reserve is only available via guided walks: (800) 444-4445. In that season, wheelchair-accessible guided walks and ASL guides are offered week-ends only. (650) 879-2033. Accessible picnicking and visitor center (650) 879-0227.

BENICIA SRA

On the Carquinez Strait (where the strait narrows before emptying into San Francisco Bay), the park's grass-covered hillsides and wetlands have become a popular destination for 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, wind-surfers, and cyclists. (209) 599-3810.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS SP

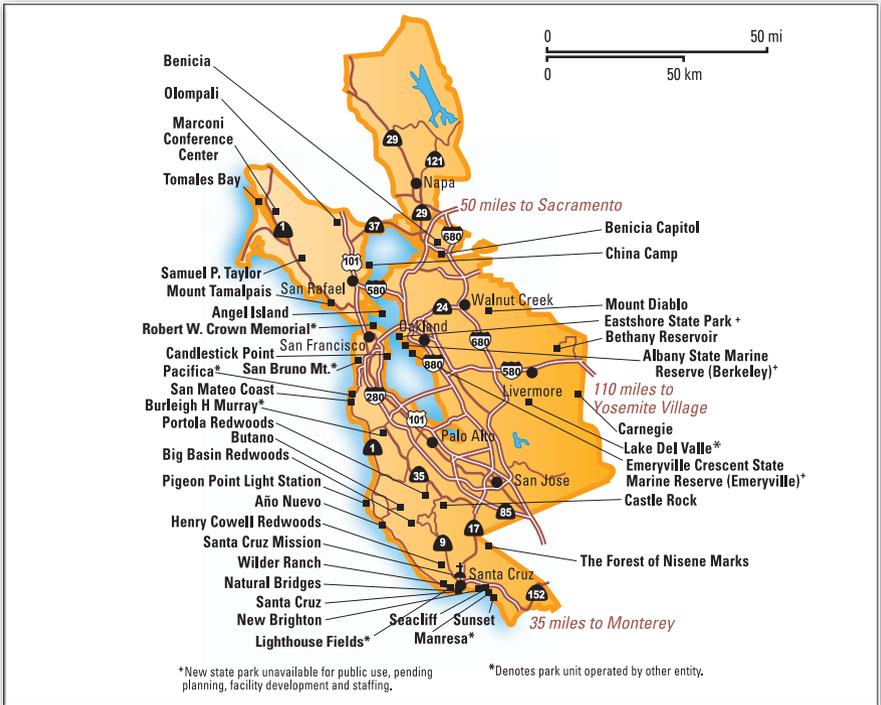
California's oldest state park, established in 1902, has grown to more than 18,000 acres, with more than 80 miles of trails passing among streams, waterfalls, and old-growth redwoods. There are 147 developed campsites (some accessible), 5 trail camps, 35 tent cabins, and accessible natural and cultural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



Mountain biker at China Camp SP



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.

CANDLESTICK POINT SRA

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

CARNEGIE SVRA

With more than 1,500 acres of open area, Carnegie offers a variety of terrain upon which to ride. Characterized by rocky washes, rolling hills and rugged canyons, the park provides a setting for off-highway vehicle users of all skill levels. Carnegie offers a motocross track, an ATV track, a track for younger riders, and a 4x4 obstacle course, as well as 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

Stands of coastal redwood, madrone, and Douglas fir are broken by rock formations and views of the coast range 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. Visitors come to watch the multitudes of birds and to mountain bike, 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 second-growth redwood forest to the state. There are several picnic areas, but the only campground is 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 conveniently located park. In wintertime, 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

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

MOUNT DIABLO SP

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

MOUNT TAMALPAIS SP

The twisting road to the mountain's 2,571-foot summit is a paradise for hikers and bicyclists. Mountain biking was first tested at Marin's Mt. Tam in the early 1970s. It has 16 developed walk-in campsites and 10 rustic cabins that 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 a large Coast Miwok village. Hikers will find excellent opportunities to hike the slopes of Mount Burdell with great

panoramic vistas of the Petaluma Basin and hills beyond. Day use only. Accessible picnicking. Visitor center (415) 892-3383.

PIGEON POINT LIGHT STATION SHP

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

PORTOLA REDWOODS SP

This state park is covered by Douglas fir, oaks, and coastal 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, 4 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 state beaches: **Gray Whale Cove, Montara, Half Moon Bay, San Gregorio, Pomponio, Pescadero Marsh Nature Preserve, and Bean Hollow.** Most 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 (831) 475-2275 for surf conditions at **Manresa,** 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 an interpretive center, fishing pier, a stranded cement ship, and RV-only camping (reservations recommended). Call for beach wheelchair. (831) 685-6500.

SUNSET SB



The gentle foothills of Mount Diablo SP



>> 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 the world-renowned Asilomar Conference Center are all part of the Central Coast.

ANDREW MOLERA SP

A river and miles of trails wind through this park. A riding concession lets visitors enjoy the area on horseback. (831) 667-2315.

ASILOMAR SB & CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Located on the Monterey Peninsula, the conference facilities (with individual lodging) features historic buildings by architect Julia Morgan. For reservations: (831) 372-8016 or www.VisitAsilomar.com. Ranger's office: (831) 372-4076.

CARMEL RIVER SB

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

CARPINTERIA SB

Named by the Spanish for the Chumash Indians who used the area's tar to seal plank boats, this park offers a mile of swimming beach. Call ahead for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

CHUMASH PAINTED CAVE SHP

Bring a flashlight to view this colorful sandstone cave painted by Chumash Indians in the 19th century. (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/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 355-acre parcel consists of grassland-dominated coastal terraces. A recent addition to State Parks, Estero Bay has intertidal areas, wetlands and coastal terraces. (805) 772-7434.

FREMONT PEAK SP

Mountain and astronomical vistas come together with 5 miles of hiking trails. Picnicking, camping, and educational programs are also offered. Park information (831) 623-4255 or www.fpoa.net; observatory (831) 623-2465.

GARRAPATA SP

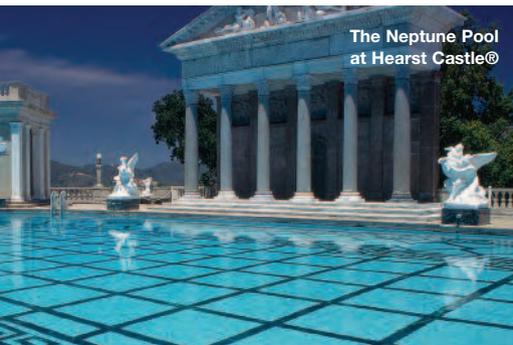
Trails from Big Sur beaches wind through stands of cacti and redwood groves. There are no entrance signs; park at Soberanes Point, 7 miles south of Carmel. Garrapata Beach, 11 miles south of Carmel. (831) 624-4909.

GAVIOTA SP

Gaviota Peak looks over the Channel Islands. Call for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

HEARST CASTLE®

Also known as "Hearst San Simeon SHM," this house museum was the collaboration of publisher William Randolph Hearst and architect Julia Morgan. State Parks offers guided tours of the 165 rooms, the art collection, and 127 acres of gardens. Wheelchair accessible; tours. Reservations are strongly suggested (800) 444-



The Neptune Pool
at Hearst Castle®



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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 Upper Ranch, an 800-acre area, is used for 4-wheel-drive, recreation, and motorcycle events. The park is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day; the Upper Ranch is open from 8 a.m. until sunset. The red sticker riding season is October 1 to May 31. (831) 637-3874.

JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS SP

This park encompasses some of Big Sur's most spectacular coastline, including an 80-foot waterfall. Individual environmental campsites provide

limited accommodations. (831) 667-2315.

LA PURISIMA MISSION SHP

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

LIMEKILN SP

This rugged area includes crashing surf, 32 developed campsites—some in the trees along Limekiln Creek and some near the beach—and 3 hiking trails through a redwood forest. (831) 667-2403.

LOS OSOS OAKS SR

This small reserve protects several oak stands dating back 700 years. (805) 772-7434.

MARINA SB

This beach offers a ranger station, surf fishing, kite flying, an accessible boardwalk, and accessible hang-gliding conditions. (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

This park features more than 8,000 acres of cliffs, pocket beaches, coastal plains, canyons, and hills. There are trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, plus primitive and equestrian campsites. (805) 528-0513 or 772-7434.

MONTEREY SB

Enjoy scuba diving, kayaking, surf-fishing, kite-flying, an accessible boardwalk, and volleyball at this park's 3 beaches. While impressive, the dark, churning water is known for its hazardous



Refugio SB, just north of Santa Barbara

rip currents. (831) 649-7118 or (831) 649-2976.

MONTEREY SHP

As an early capital under Spanish and Mexican rule, this area is filled with historic buildings and sites. (831) 649-7118.

MORRO BAY SP

This park offers kayaking, boating, fishing, hiking, and birdwatching. Docents lead guided tours and school tours. The 18-hole golf course overlooks the Morro Bay estuary. There are campsites for RVs, tents and groups. (805) 772-7434.

MORRO STRAND SB

Windsurfers come for the reliable gusts; fishing enthusiasts come for the catch; anyone else for the beach and the view. The 83-site campground is located behind the low dunes of Morro Bay. (805) 772-7434.

MOSS LANDING SB

This reserve offers great opportunities for bird-watching, but water recreation is hazardous. (831) 649-7118 or (831) 649-2976.

OCEANO DUNES SVRA

Located south of Pismo Beach, 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 or (805) 473-7223.

PACHECO SP

This park offers panoramic views of the San Joaquin and Santa Clara valleys. (209) 826-6283.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR SP

The Big Sur River, giant redwoods, and coastal mountains converge here, providing spectacular camping and hiking. (831) 667-2315.

PISMO SB

This 1,000-acre park along a broad, open beach has two campgrounds as well as a golf course and restaurant. Thousands of monarch butterflies spend the winter here. The Oceano campground has a nature center as well as a freshwater lagoon. Reservations: (800) 444-7275.

POINT LOBOS SR

Sea lions, harbor seals, gray whales, and sea otters make this reserve their home. (831) 624-4909. Scuba diving by reservation only: www.pointlobos.org.

POINT MUGU SP

This park includes the Boney Mountain State Wilderness area and excellent whale watching. Call for beach wheelchair. (818) 880-0350.

POINT SUR SHP

California's only complete turn-of-the-century light station open to the public 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. (831) 649-7118 or (831) 649-2976.

SAN BUENAVENTURA SB

Picnic or surf on 2 miles of beach and dunes here. Call for beach wheelchair. (805) 968-1033.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA SHP

These buildings and exhibits portray the early Mexican and American eras. (831) 623-4881.

SAN SIMEON SP

This park has the closest campground to Hearst Castle®, and offers two miles of coastline with three day-use areas between Cambria and San Simeon. Camping reservations are available from April to September by calling (800) 444-7275, otherwise, they're given out first-come first-serve. (805) 927-2035.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST MEMORIAL SB

This cove offers ocean kayaking, picnicking, and easy beach access. (805) 927-2010.

ZMUDOWSKI SB

This park north of Monterey is popular with birders and equestrians. Fishing and hiking are also available. (831) 649-7118 or (831) 649-2976.

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>> 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 state's 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 and islands ideal for wildlife viewing, boating, and windsurfing. Brannan Island has 125 campsites, a 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 cottonwoods, this park shelters 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. 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, to protect and control Native Americans living in the Sebastian Indian Reservation. (661) 248-6692.

FRANKS TRACT SRA

This Sacramento River Delta fishing area is





Great Valley Grasslands SP casting its spell

accessed by boat. (916) 777-6671 or 777-7701.

GEORGE J. HATFIELD SRA

Oak forests skirt the confluence of the Merced and San Joaquin rivers. (209) 632-1852.

GREAT VALLEY GRASSLANDS SP

This park offers anglers access to the San Joaquin River. (209) 826-1197.

McCONNELL SRA

This area showcases the Merced River's camping, fishing, and swimming. (209) 394-7755.

MILLERTON LAKE SRA

In spring, wildflowers carpet the hills; in winter, bald eagles may be spotted from special tour

boats. (559) 822-2332.

SAN LUIS RESERVOIR SRA

This area includes 3 reservoirs with world-class boardsailing, fishing, picnicking, camping, and swimming; off-highway vehicle riding at Jasper Sears. Weather: (800) 805-4805; information 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 introduced in 1895. (661) 764-6881.

TURLOCK LAKE SRA

This area offers campers fishing, boating, and picnicking (all accessible) as well as waterskiing. (209) 874-2008 or (209) 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	FACILITIES															ACTIVITIES											
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating	Supplies	RV hookups	OHV access	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Wintering	
PARKS	FACILITIES															ACTIVITIES											
Brannan Island SRA
Caswell Memorial SP
Colonel Allensworth SHP
Colusa-Sacramento River SRA
Fort Tejon SHP
Franks Tract SRA
George J. Hatfield SRA
Great Valley Grasslands SP
McConnell SRA
Millerton Lake SRA
San Luis Reservoir SRA
Tomo-Kahni SHP
Tule Elk SR
Turlock Lake SRA
Woodland Opera House SHP

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GARY CRABBE

>> 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. Accessible 200-foot pathway, exhibits, restrooms, and picnicking. Located on Lancaster Road (Ave. I), 15 miles west of Hwy. 14 near Lancaster. (661) 724-1180 or 942-0662.

ANTELOPE VALLEY

A quiet strand at El Matador SB



INDIAN MUSEUM SHP

Built on the rocks of Piute Butte, this museum features California, Great Basin, and Southwest American Indian cultures. Open weekends from mid-September through mid-June. Limited accessibility due to the historic construction at the museum. On East Avenue M, between 150th Street East and 170th Street East, about 20 miles east of Lancaster. (661) 942-0662.

ARTHUR B. RIPLEY DESERT WOODLAND SP

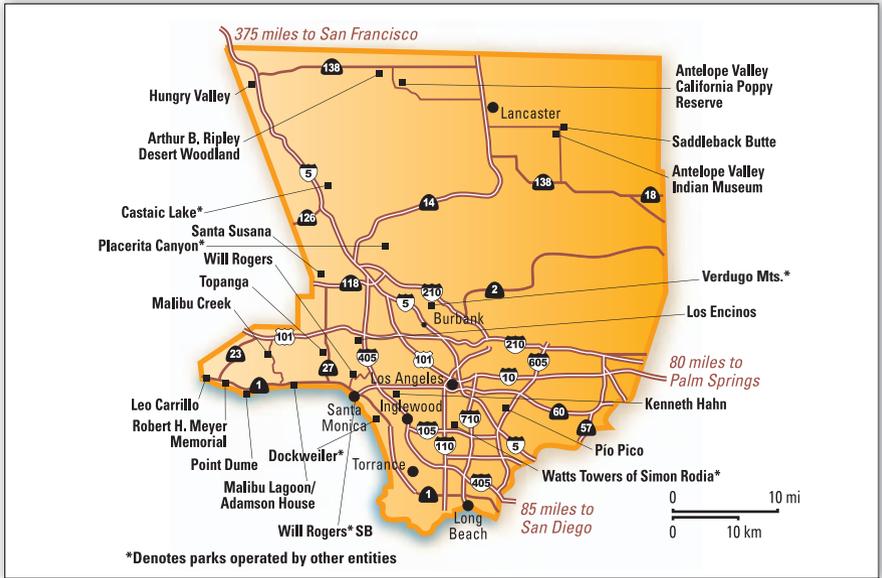
This 560-acre woodland preserves fine examples of California juniper and Joshua trees. On the north side of the park off Lancaster Road, visitors may take a self-guided walk on the nature trail. Located 5 miles west of the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve; access the park via Lancaster Road (Ave. I), 19 miles west of Lancaster. (661) 942-0662.

HUNGRY VALLEY SVRA

Hungry Valley includes more than 19,000 acres with 4,000 acres of open riding area and 130 miles of trails. Visitors can enjoy the Quail Canyon motocross track, adjacent to the park and accessed by a separate entrance gate for an extra fee. Features inside the park include a 4WD obstacle course, a practice track for 90cc (or smaller) motorcycles and ATVs, and a new mile-long motorcycle-only practice track. There are spectacular wildflower displays in spring with ranger-guided tours on weekends. 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 140 nations that participated in the 1984 games in Los Angeles. The area was also the site of the



1932 Olympic Village. Located at 4100 S. La Cienega Blvd. in Baldwin Hills. (323) 298-3660.

LEO CARRILLO SP

Named for a state parks advocate and celebrity descended from Californios, this beach and canyon park offers tidepooling, swimming, windsurfing, and hiking. 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.

LOS ENCINOS SHP

In 1769, Spanish explorer Captain Gaspar de Portolá stopped at a natural spring that had attracted Native Californians to the San Fernando Valley for centuries. De La Ossa Adobe, which dates from 1849, is the centerpiece of the park, as it was for the 4,460-acre Rancho El Encino. Basque rancher Eugene Ganier made other major improvements to the

rancho, including the construction of the two-story limestone structure in the late 1800s. Living history days occur every third Sunday of the month, except December. Accessible picnicking and restrooms. The park is located at 16756 Moorpark St. in Encino. (818) 784-4849.

MALIBU CREEK SP

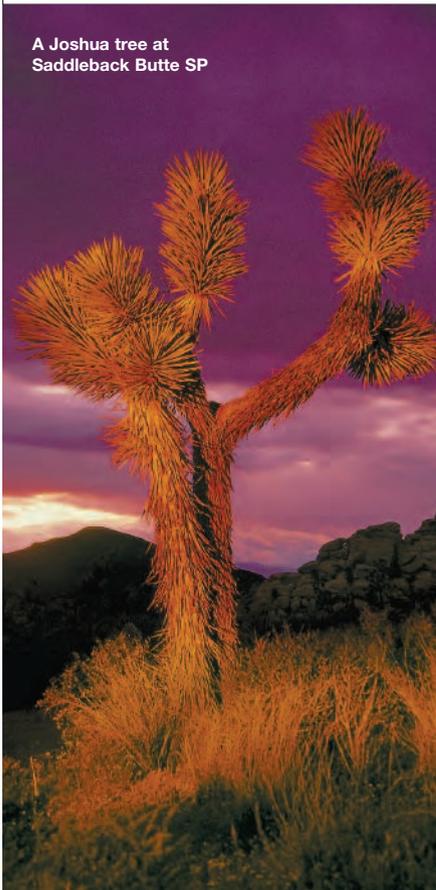
This 8,000-acre park in the Santa Monica Mountains includes land once owned by 20th Century Fox; TV and movie productions such as *M*A*S*H* and *Planet of the Apes* were filmed here. The park offers hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails. Tapia Park, a recent addition, is ideal for day use. There 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 coastal domain of 17,000 acres. The 1930 Adamson House is known for its famous Malibu tile 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.



RICHARD CUMMINS



A Joshua tree at Saddleback Butte SP

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.

PIO PICO SHP

Pio Pico was the last governor of Mexican California, and the adobe home he built on what was El Ranchito, his 8,894-acre ranch, is now the focus of this 5-acre state park. Located in Whittier, west of I-605 at Pioneer and Whittier boulevards. (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. 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 H. 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. Located about 22 miles west of Santa Monica on Hwy.1, these beaches are within one mile of each other. (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. The park offers camping, picnicking, and hiking in a unique botanical Joshua tree plant community. The 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 a set of networking trails. The park is approximately 1 mile south of Hwy. 118. Follow Topanga Canyon Boulevard south and turn right on Devonshire to park entrance. (310) 454-8212.

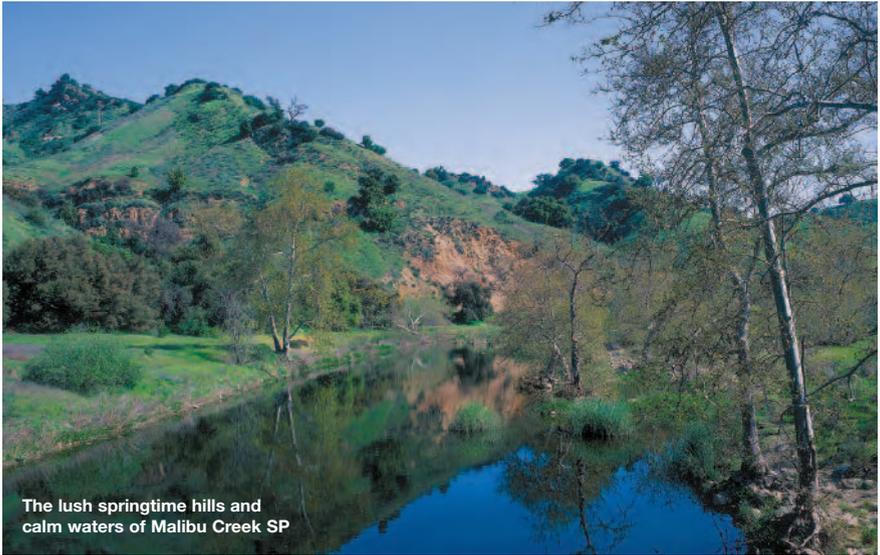
TOPANGA SP

More than 11,000 acres of the 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 Road, off of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, 8 miles south of U.S. 101. (310) 455-2465.

WILL ROGERS SHP

Humorist Will Rogers made his home here in the 1920s and ’30s. His love of horses shows in the park’s stables, riding and roping rings, and polo field (weekend matches still take place). Accessible visitor center. The park sits on 186 acres in Pacific Palisades, at 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd. (310) 454-8212.





The lush springtime hills and calm waters of Malibu Creek SP

**REGION 8
LOS ANGELES
COUNTY**

PARKS	FACILITIES											ACTIVITIES													
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating access	RV hookups	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Canoeing/kayaking	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing	
Antelope Valley CA Poppy Res.		•	•														•							•	
Antelope Valley Indian Mus. SHP		•	•	•														•	•	•				•	
Arthur B. Ripley Desert Wood. SP																									•
Hungry Valley SVRA													•												•
Kenneth Hahn SRA																									•
Leo Carrillo SP		•	•				•					•		•		•		•		•					•
Los Encinos SHP		•	•				•																		•
Malibu Creek SP		•	•	•	•	•	•					•													•
Malibu Lagoon SB/Adamson Hse.		•	•	•	•																				•
Pio Pico SHP																									•
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Robert H. Meyer Memorial SBs																									•
Saddleback Butte SP		•	•	•	•	•						•													•
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Topanga SP		•	•																						•
Will Rogers SHP		•	•	•	•	•																			•

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>> 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 has wooded canyons, open bluffs, and more than three miles of Pacific coastline. Swimmers, surfers, and sunbathers congregate on the beach. Accessible picnicking, restrooms, paved pathway, a boardwalk and environmental/primitive campsites. The park is located off Route 73 or 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 campfires, and large groups can enjoy the shaded beach areas of the north day-use area. Accessible picnicking, visitor center,

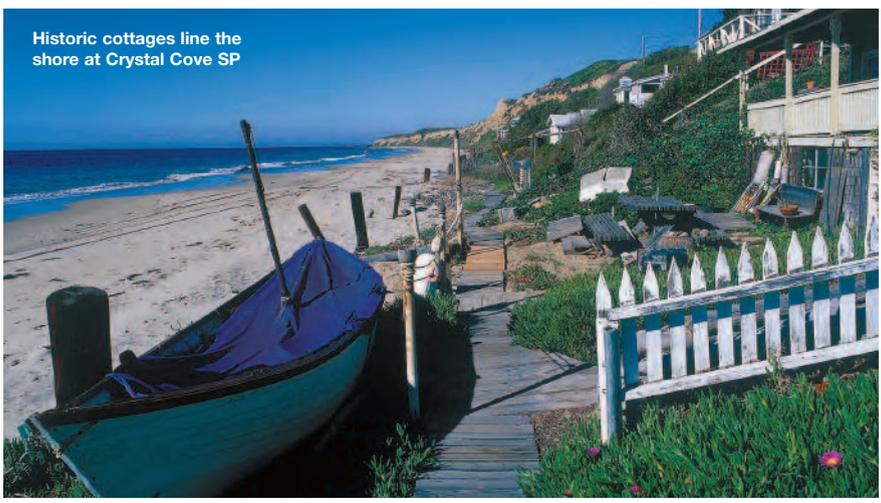
indoor tide pool, aquariums, food service, and beach wheelchair. The entrance is on Dana Point Harbor Dr., off Pacific Coast Hwy. in Dana Point. (949) 496-6171 or 492-0802.

HUNTINGTON AND BOLSA CHICA SBs

These wheelchair-accessible beaches (call ahead to use the wheelchairs) are connected by a bike trail. Together, they form 5 miles of sandy beach. Bolsa Chica, off Pacific Coast Hwy., about 1 mile south of Warner Avenue, has camping for self-contained vehicles only; picnicking, restrooms, and food service are accessible at both beaches. (714) 846-3460. Huntington, opposite Magnolia Avenue on the PCH, has a 7.5-acre preserve for the least tern and snowy plover. (714) 536-1454.

SAN CLEMENTE SB

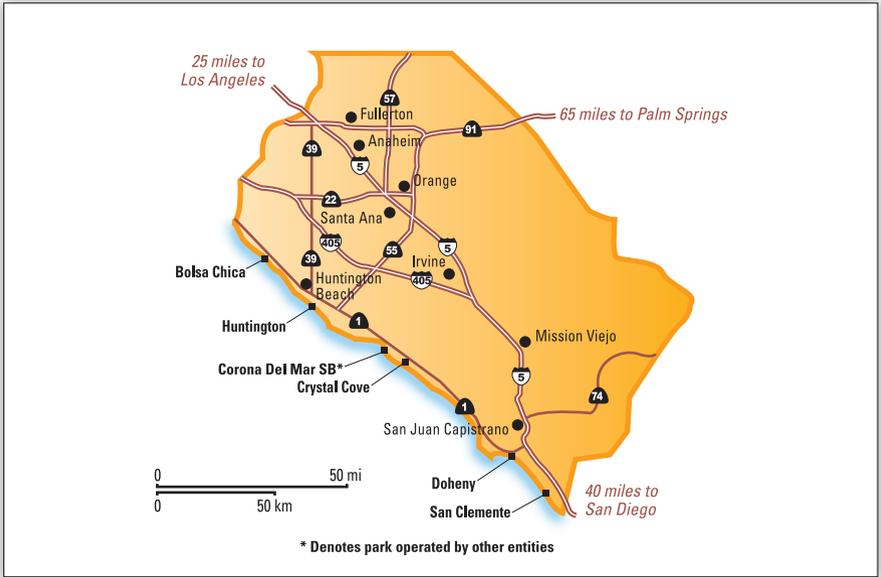
San Clemente is a camping park along a scenic stretch of California coast that evokes the Golden Era of the 1920s. There are 157 camp-



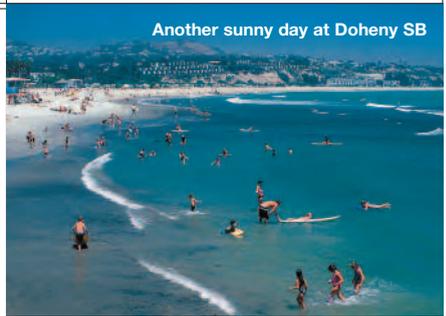
Historic cottages line the shore at Crystal Cove SP

FRANK S. BALTHIS





sites, of which 72 offer RV hookups. Trails lead to a mile of beach that is popular with surfers, body surfers, and 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	PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES													
		Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating supplies	Boating access	RV hookups	Trailer sanitization station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/jaywalking	Educational exhibits & programs	Family & childrens programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing
	Bolsa Chica SB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Crystal Cove SP	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Doheny SB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Huntington SB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	San Clemente SB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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>> San Diego County



The sandstone bluffs, gentle surf, and wide sandy beaches of this region offer great recreation—swimming, surfing, 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 in the south point of Encinitas 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, exit Encinitas Blvd, make a left to Hwy. 101, make another left, and look for the sign to San Elijo State Beach. (760) 438-3143.

CUYAMACA RANCHO SP

This inland park covers 24,577 acres of meadows and woodlands at elevations ranging from 3,000 feet to over 6,000 feet. Since the destructive fires of 2003, the beauty of the park has recovered. Cuyamaca Rancho offers some of the best equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking opportunities in the state. Green Valley



Hang gliding off Torrey Pines SR

RICHARD CUMMINS





Campground has a creek running through it, and Paso Picacho Campground is only 2 miles from Lake Cuyamaca. The park is located on Hwy. 79, approximately 50 miles east of San Diego. (760) 765-0755.

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO SHP

This park is located on the site of San Diego's first Pueblo settlement and features restored and reconstructed buildings with accessible museums, exhibits, shops, and restaurants depicting the lifestyle of the 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 Ocean from its forested vantage point. Visitors can enjoy picnicking, hiking, and fishing here as well as accessible camping, restrooms, parking, and a 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 offers a prime camping location, with surfing breaks and beaches for tidepool play. Accessible camping and restrooms. The park is

on Old Hwy. 101 in Encinitas. (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 Basiline Road and has 173 developed, non-hookup campsites. It



Cinco de Mayo at Old Town San Diego SHP

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; there are 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, during the Mexican-American War, 160 soldiers led by General Stephen W. Kearny attacked Mexican troops at the Indian village of San Pasqual. The American losses were heavy, but 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 the San Diego Wild Animal Park. (760) 737-2201.

SILVER STRAND SB

This stretch of sandy beach separates the San Diego Bay from the Pacific Ocean. Nestled between natural dunes and endangered plants and wildlife species are recreational opportunities such as swimming, surfing, windsurfing, fishing, hiking, picnicking or just building a



A sunset paddle at Carlsbad SB

REGION 10 SAN DIEGO COUNTY

PARKS	FACILITIES															ACTIVITIES											
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Museum	Food/dining nearby	Laundry nearby	Campsites	Boating nearby	Supplies	OHV access	PV hookups	Teller sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Canoeing/kayaking	Fishing	Guided tours	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Recreation	Swimming	Windsurfing	
Border Field SP																											
Cardiff SB																											
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Cuyamaca Rancho SP																											
Old Town San Diego SHP																											
Palomar Mountain SP																											
San Elijo SB																											
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simple sandcastle. There are stretches of open beach, nature trails, an overnight campground for recreational vehicles (self-contained motorhome or trailer only), and a new Aquatics Center specializing in instructional classes for

select water sports. (619) 435-5184.

SOUTH CARLSBAD SB

Staircases lead down to the beach at this 110-acre park located just south of Carlsbad. Visitors can swim, fish, picnic, skin-dive, and surf. Its 226 developed, bluff-top campsites (some accessible) are a favorite. Accessible 200-foot paved path to the beach and restrooms. From I-5, take the Palomar Airport Road exit west to Carlsbad Boulevard. (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 (which grow only here and on Santa Rosa Island, off Santa Barbara), eroded bluffs, and a gloriously undeveloped set of sandy beaches. Accessible parking, restrooms, and visitor center (at reserve). Reserve entrance on North Torrey Pines Road (Hwy. S21) as it parallels I-5, south of Del Mar. (858) 755-2063.



The end of the day at
Torrey Pines SB



A Cinco de Mayo mock battle,
Old Town San Diego SHP

>> 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

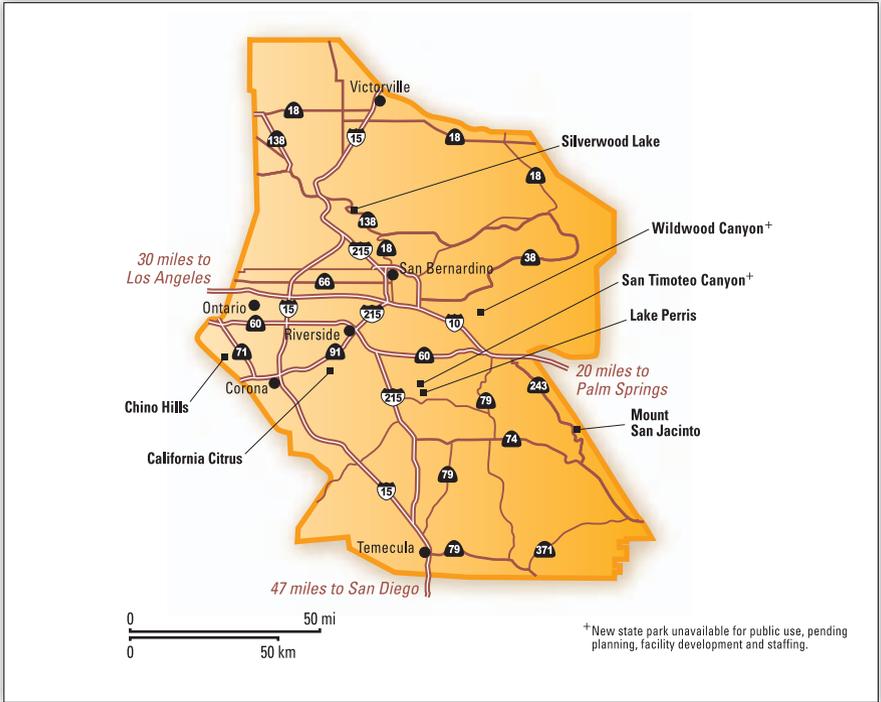
Patterned after an early 1900s city park, this 400-acre historic site evokes the days when the word "California" meant oranges (and other easy-to-grow produce) to the rest of the world. The importance of the citrus industry is recognized here with an amphitheater, a visitor center, and interpretative groves. Accessible restrooms, picnicking, and visitor center. Guided tours are also offered. Located in Riverside, one mile east of Hwy. 91. (951) 780-6222.

CHINO HILLS SP

In the golden hills north of Santa Ana Canyon near Riverside lies an undeveloped, 12,000-acre park. Its 55 miles of trails running through stands of oaks and sycamores, and its rolling grasslands welcome hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians alike. (951) 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, swimming, hiking, rock-climbing, and picnicking. In addition, Lake Perris offers a variety of interpretive programs from May through September and hosts the “Lights on the Lake” Christmas boat parade in December. Visitors can enjoy 167 tent campsites and 265 paved sites with RV hookups. Located 11 miles east of Riverside via Hwy. 60, or I-215. (951) 657-0676.

MOUNT SAN JACINTO SP

Hikers and backpackers may roam this vast and rugged 13,700-acre park, which boasts 4 mountain peaks above 10,000 feet. Wildlife abounds, including lizards, birds, deer, and coyotes. There are 32 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 this state wilderness, the 48 campsites in 4 primitive camping areas are not reachable by car. Wilderness permits are required for day hikers, and 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) 327-0222.

SILVERWOOD LAKE SRA

Fire damage has been significant to the highest reservoir in the California State Water Project, which nonetheless offers boating, water skiing, fishing, and swimming; the surrounding park has hiking and biking trails. Numerous picnic areas and a visitor center are available. There are 136



Tahoe? No—it's Lake Perris SRA

sites in the developed campground, with accessible showers and restrooms. Bald eagles winter in the park, giving visitors the rare opportunity to see this national symbol in its natural environment. Guided eagle tours are offered (reservations are recommended). Other animal sightings may include coyotes, black bears, bobcats, and deer. Call the park for more information. (760) 389-2303 or (760) 389-2281.

**REGION 11
INLAND EMPIRE**

PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES															
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Museum	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating supplies	RV hookups	OHV access	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits/kayaking	Canoeing/kayaking	Guided tours	Fishing	Hiking	Historic sites	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Winter/skiing	
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>> Deserts



More than just a hot, arid environment, this region is rich with colorful geological formations, badlands, fan-palm oases, hardy flora and fauna, riparian wetlands toward the eastern Sierra, spring wildflowers, mile-high peaks, spectacular limestone caverns, and an “accidental” saltwater lake. Here, rare and endangered species get a chance at survival, and visitors learn about the desert’s fragility.

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT SP

At 600,000 acres, Anza-Borrego is the state’s largest and oldest desert park. Assistive listening devices are available. Accessible camping, picnicking, and nature trail. The park is reached via Hwys. 78 and 79 from the east and west, and by I-8 from the south. (760) 767-5311.

HEBER DUNES SVRA

This area has 343 acres of land that was part of the Imperial County park system. It is primarily used for off-road recreation. Restrooms with showers and camping ramadas are available. The park’s most prominent features are sand dunes and tamarisk trees. (760) 767-5391.



INDIO HILLS PALMS SP

The harsh, beautiful life of the desert is on display here; a concessionaire offers lively covered wagon tours of oases. (760) 393-3059.

OCOTILLO WELLS SVRA

More than 82,000 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 Hwy. 86. Ocotillo Wells is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (760) 767-5391.

PICACHO SRA

This park lies near the remains of a former Colorado River gold-mining town. There's boating, hiking, fishing, and primitive camping as well as accessible camping. Take the 6-mile paved road, followed by 18 miles of unpaved road north from Winterhaven. (760) 393-3052.

PROVIDENCE MOUNTAINS SRA

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

RED ROCK CANYON SP

The colorful rock formations of this 27,000-acre park were a landmark for 19th-century stagecoaches. Many major movies and television shows have been filmed here. There are 50 primitive campsites, 2 are accessible to the disabled. Pit toilets, running water, tables and fire rings are provided. An accessible visitor center

is located in the campground area. 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 fishing, boating, and waterskiing. Accessible picnicking and visitor center. The visitor center is 25 miles southeast of Indio via Hwy. 111. (760) 393-3052.



Wildflower season at Anza-Borrego Desert SP

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PARKS	FACILITIES										ACTIVITIES															
	Visitor center	Picnic areas	Food/dining nearby	Lodging nearby	Campsites	Boating	Boating supplies	RV access	OHV access	Trailer sanitation station	Bike trails	Boating	Camping	Canoeing/kayaking	Family & childrens programs	Educational exhibits & programs	Guided tours	Fishing	Historic sites	Hiking	Nature viewing	Horse trails	Rafting	Swimming	Windsurfing	
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