Calaveras Big Trees State Park preserves the northern-most groves of ancient giant sequoias. Augustus T. Dowd made known to the public the “Discovery Tree” in 1852, now referred to as the “Big Stump.” The park has a 1-mile accessible trail through the North Grove, camping and hiking trails around the meadow, access to white water rafting and swimming in the river, and trails seldom visited in the spectacular South Grove. View Park Brochure

Day Trip Option

This park is perfect for families to explore, no matter what the ages. There are easy trails that do not take too long to walk, which get you close enough to experience the enormity of the trees. The visitor center, orientation plaza and the adjacent educational building are good places to orient yourself to the park.

Tips on how to recreate responsibly during your visit are available at parks.ca.gov/SafetyTips.