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APRIL ACTIVITIES AT BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK

Located 9 miles outside of Boulder Creek on Hwy 236 (831) 338-8883

Redwood Loop Walk

Every Saturday and Sunday at 11 and 2 pm

How do these grand redwoods grow to be so old? So tall? How are they important to humans? Join us for this fun and informative guided half-mile stroll through a magnificent old-growth redwood forest. Meet the famous Mother Tree, the Father of the Forest and the incredible Chimney Tree on this 90-minute walk. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Meet at Headquarters.

Shadowbrook Stroll

Friday, April 3 at 12 pm

Join Docent Hal Anjo as he guides you on a less-traveled trail that takes you by Union Creek, to the Sempervirens Falls and back through the redwoods. This is a four-mile, 3.5-hour hike. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Meteor Trail Hike

Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 am

Join docent Peggy O'Shea on one of our most diverse hikes—by mountain streams, oak woodlands, chaparral and redwoods. You'll discuss forests, flowers and fires on a six-mile, 3.5-hour hike. This somewhat strenuous ascent is rewarded with ocean views on a clear day. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Snakes Alive!

Saturday, April 4 from 12-3 pm

Why are snakes important to us? How do they see, smell, taste, hear? What and how do they eat? What does a snake feel like? Come to the Old Lodge, across the street from the Nature Lodge/Museum, and meet Docent Diane Shaw and learn about the fascinating world of snakes. Diane will give a talk about snakes at 12:30, or stop by anytime to meet the snakes and talk to Diane. Snake crafts for the kids too!

Discover Big Basin Redwoods!

Saturday, April 4 at 12 pm

Sunday, April 5 at 12 pm

Saturday, April 11 at 12 pm

Sunday, April 12 at 12 pm**Sunday, April 26 at 12 pm**

Explore some of the park's less travelled backcountry with docent naturalist Barry Grimm. This hike will be individually tailored to your group—so distance can vary from 2 to 8 miles, depending on your needs. The pace is always moderate—with occasional short stops to discover the park's unique animals, plants and other natural features. Based on group size, experience level and weather conditions, we will choose from the many trails that explore the park's most scenic areas. Dress in layers for changeable weather and temperatures. Bring sturdy walking shoes, water and trail snacks. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Park Headquarters.

The Road Less Traveled—A Dog-Friendly Walk**Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am****Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am****Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 am****Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 am**

On this dog-friendly walk, we travel on North Escape Road, a paved road closed to traffic. We tour stunning old-growth redwood groves along beautiful Opal Creek. We'll discuss redwood ecology and park history while exploring the deep shade of the redwood forest. This is a fun, easy, three-mile, two-hour roundtrip walk. Wheelchairs welcome too! Dogs not required, but welcome! Bring water and meet at Park Headquarters.

Meteor Trail Hike**Friday, April 10 at 12 pm**

Join docent Hal Anjo on one of our most diverse hikes—by mountain streams, oak woodlands, chaparral and redwoods. You'll discuss forests, flowers and fires on a six-mile, 3.5-hour hike. This somewhat strenuous ascent is rewarded with ocean views on a clear day. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Volunteer with the Trail Crew**Saturday, April 11 at 9 am**

Since 1969 the Big Basin Volunteer Trail Crew has helped make it possible for others to safely enjoy the beauty of our park. The Trail Crew meets the second Saturday of each month, rain or shine. A typical workday lasts until mid-afternoon. Please bring your own work gloves, lunch and water. Join us for a unique perspective of Big Basin, a lively and productive experience with others who share a love of these redwood forests, and the satisfaction of participating in a vital part of the park's ability to educate and inspire the public! Meet at Park Headquarters.

Hike to Buzzard's Roost**Saturday, April 11 from 10-2**

Develop your hiking muscles with this challenging 5-mile, 4-hour round trip to Buzzard's Roost. Join docent Steve Stolper for a hike to a dramatic rock formation with a commanding view of the park. We gain 1,200 feet in elevation on the way up. After a relaxed lunch on the rocks, we return to headquarters. Bring at least one liter of water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate clothing. Rain cancels. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Berry Creek Falls Hike**Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 am**

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Travel deep into the heart of Big Basin as you experience a wide range of habitats on this moderate to strenuous 11-mile-loop hike. Wind through shady redwood canyons and climb dry ridges as you hike to the jewel of Big Basin—65-foot Berry Creek Falls. Bring lots of water, lunch and wear layers. Docent Bill Rhoades guides you on this seven-hour hike. Meet at Park Headquarters.

A Walk in the Past

Sunday, April 12 at 11:30 am

No Safeway? No Home Depot? No Pharmacy? How did the Ohlone Indians survive? Take a walk with Docent Eva Fewel and learn about some of the plants the Ohlones used for food, tools and medicine. This is a 4-mile, 2.5-hour walk. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Felling the Giants

Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 pm

Logging was the major industry in the Santa Cruz Mountains for over 50 years. How did lumbermen cut down these tall, tall trees? What was life like in a logging camp? What tools did they use? Join Docent Paul Fewel as he tells stories of the logging days and demonstrates how loggers were able to fell these giants—without chainsaws! Meet at Park Headquarters.

Wildflower Walk!

Saturday, April 18 at 10 am

Sunday, April 19 at 10 am

Join docent Scott Peden and learn to identify many of Big Basin's flowering plants. This is a slow-paced walk with time to discover and identify plants, flowers and animals in the park, and allow for photography if you choose. You'll also visit several historical spots within the park. Saturday's walk is a leisurely 4+-mile, 5-hour stroll that includes two chimney trees and a waterfall. Sunday's walk is a relaxed 5-mile, 5 1/2-hour amble that includes a chimney tree. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Coffee Talk

Sunday, April 19 from 9-12

Come to the Sempervirens Room next to Park Headquarters for free coffee or hot chocolate! This is a great way to start your day in Big Basin. Docent Tom Rohlf will be happy to answer your questions about the park and help get you going on the right trail.

Outlook from Mt. McAbee

Sunday, April 19 at 10 am

Join docent Hal Anjo on a hike to McAbee Outlook. We'll stop at the top and enjoy the lovely ocean views, returning through a beautiful old-growth redwood forest. Difficulty level is moderate. The hike is six miles and about three and a half hours. Bring plenty of water, snacks and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Hike to Ocean View Summit

Saturday, April 25 at 10 am

Escape the crowds on this 6-mile, 4.5-hour loop through shaded forest to a hilltop view of the coast. Join docent Steve Stolper as we climb the Meteor Trail through the trees, gaining 600 feet before emerging at Ocean View Summit. After a relaxed lunch we descend back into the

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forest and return to headquarters. Bring *at least* one liter of water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate clothing. This hike runs rain or shine. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Family Discovery Walk

Saturday, April 25 at 1 pm

Join Docent Norm Beeson for a fun-filled family walk and investigate the mysteries and wonders of Big Basin's redwood forest! We'll discover what surprises the day offers on this easy, one-mile roundtrip walk that lasts about 1.5 hours. Bring water, a snack and an adventurous spirit! Meet at Park Headquarters.

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