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New Camping Adventure for State Parks

Overnight Cabins Added at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park

California State Parks announced today that it is completing the installation of 24 new and innovative, family-style cabins at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. The cabins represent a new effort by State Parks to offer an alternative camping experience that is taking hold in many states across the nation.

“We have learned that while millions of our visitor’s love tent camping, there are many others who want an outdoor experience with a little more comfort,” said Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks. “These cabins provide that comfort, but we also feel they will encourage more first-timer visitors to try an outdoor camping experience.”

Located adjacent to the 129-foot waterfall that Teddy Roosevelt called one of the wonders of the world, the cabins became available on the ReserveAmerica system as of June 18, for overnight rentals beginning July 2, just in time for the Fourth of July Holiday. McArthur-Burney Falls is located high on the eastern boundary of the Cascade Range, east of Redding off State Highways 299 and 89, not far from Mount Shasta.

According to District Superintendent Bob Foster, “The Park is anticipating a high demand for use of these new cabins. Visitors who have seen them under construction have expressed their support for the project and a strong desire to rent them.”

The project is the result of public-private collaboration between several parties: California State Parks, the U. S. Forest Service and the private Recreation Resource Management Company. California State Parks operates the property under permit from the U.S. Forest Service, which owns the campground property. Recreation Resource Management is a private company under contract with California State Parks that has operated the camp store and boat rental facility at the park, and will now manage the new cabins.

Warren Meyer, owner of Recreation Resource Management Company said, “We operate nearly 200 public campgrounds and other recreation facilities across the country, and the single

biggest trend we see today is the addition of camping structures like cabins and yurts to existing campgrounds. There is a large segment of the recreating public that does not own a Recreational Vehicle, and is not comfortable, for whatever reason, sleeping in a tent. This provides a solution for them and encourages more people to enjoy the great outdoors.”

The cabins are portable and removable and are designed to be an option for those who want or need something more comfortable. Senior citizens, persons seeking ADA accessible accommodations, or single parents, may find the cabins the perfect fit for their situation. With the cabins, all people need to do is bring their own bedding, along with food and cooking gear.

The cabins are for sleeping only. They do not contain bathroom or cooking facilities. Persons using the cabins would still use restrooms and shower facilities located in multiple locations around the campground. Each cabin site also has a picnic table and an outdoor barbeque pit for cooking.

The cabins might also be a draw for people to do more camping year round. They are heated and insulated, and that might cause people to extend their camping season at Burney Falls, effectively increasing the capacity of the park. The cabins are located in standard campsites and have the same maximum limit of stay of 15 consecutive days during the summer season.

One of the State’s “Best Kept Secrets”

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park is one of those parks that visitors come back to year after year, many saying it is one of the system’s best kept secrets. The park’s centerpiece is the falls, one of the most beautiful in California. Across the face of Burney Falls, thousands of rivulets issue through the porous volcanic rock, creating a waterfall that pours water from top to bottom, giving it a feathery appearance of thousands of waterfalls within a waterfall. It roars year-round from underground springs, flowing at more than 100 million gallons every day. There are hiking trails all around the falls, from top to bottom, through the forests and across Burney Creek. The second centerpiece of this park is Lake Britton, a spectacular mountain lake for fishing and boating. The earliest known Native American residents of this region, the Ilmawi people, looked upon the falls as a sacred place.

Got to www.parks.ca.gov , Find a Park, and McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, to find out more about one of the most dramatic parks in the system.

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