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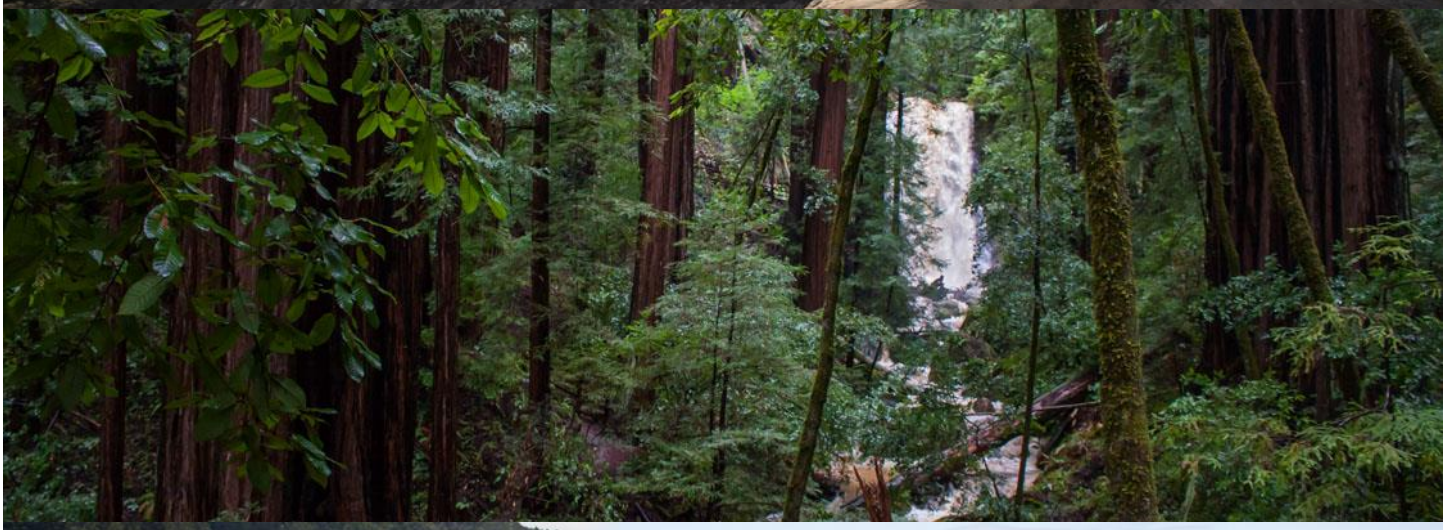

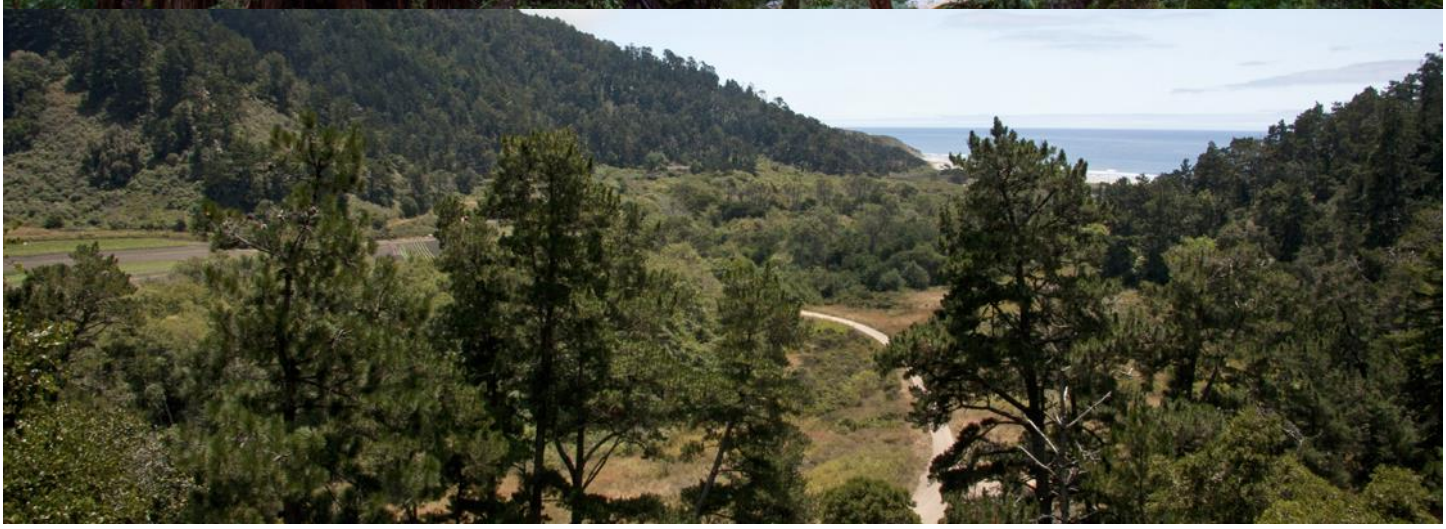

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INTRODUCTION

The Santa Cruz Mountain Backcountry Trail Camps provide an incredible wilderness experience in the back yard of the San Francisco Bay Area. These trail camps are located within thousands of acres of Redwood forest and are connected by an extensive trail system, spanning from the skyline ridge tops down to the Pacific Ocean. There are eight different trail camps open for reservation in our backpacking system across four different State Parks; Big Basin Redwoods, Portola Redwoods, Castle Rock, and Butano State Park. Along these trails, you will get to experience a variety of different scenery, wildlife, and geological features.

****All Trail Camps are serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st****

If you are trail camping November 1st through April 31st, there are no trash or pit toilet services provided. You must pack it in - pack it out and bring your own toilet paper.
Some Trail Camps are closed during the winter season.

TRAIL CAMP RULES:

- Trail camps are open by reservation only. There is no dispersed camping allowed.
- Trail camps are primitive. Bring your own water since Butano, Lane, Alder, Twin Redwoods, Slate Creek, and Sunset trail camps do not have water faucets. We do not recommend consuming backcountry water, but if you choose to do so, we recommend using a filter that removes particles, bacteria, cysts, and parasites larger than 0.2 microns.
- Hikers must be off the trails by sunset. Please arrive early enough to reach your assigned trail camp by sunset. If you arrive after sunset you will not be permitted to embark on your trip.
- **No ground fires of any kind are allowed.** Backpacking stoves may be used for cooking in all trail camps, unless otherwise stated.
- No smoking on any trail or in any trail camp.
- Do not wash your dishes or clothing in the creeks. Do not bathe in the creeks.
- Bring an animal-proof container to store food if staying at Waterman Gap. All other trail camps have food lockers at each site, which you are required to store all food in.
- No bikes are allowed on the trails. Bikes are only allowed on fire roads.
- No dogs are allowed in the trail camps or on the trails.
- No horses are allowed in the trail camps.
- Campers must display permits when parking and carry their Backcountry Permit at all times.
- Camp in designated areas only and only in your assigned trail camp.
- 6 people maximum per campsite.
- Campers under 18 years of age must provide written permission from, or be accompanied by, a guardian.
- In an emergency call 911 from one of the pay phones near a ranger station or from a call box on Highway 1 or Highway 9 and a ranger will be dispatched. It is unlikely your mobile phone will have coverage in the backcountry.
- Hammocks are to be used with tree straps only, and are not to be attached to any Redwood trees.

RESERVATIONS

CAMPING AND RESERVATION FEES:

- Trail camp fees are $15.00 per site, per night. (maximum 6 people per site)
- There is also $8.00 non-refundable reservation fee. The reservation fee covers processing and any cancellations/adjustments.
- You are allowed to reserve up to two campsites per reservation.
- If you are reserving more than two sites for a group of 13 or more the reservation fee is a flat $25.00 no matter how many campsites are being reserved.
- Group reservations are allowed Sunday – Thursdays only, not on weekends.
- Changes and/or cancellations must be made a full 48 hours in advance by calling (831)338-8861.

BEFORE YOU RESERVE:

- Have you read the Backcountry Trail Camp guide?
- Do you know the Backcountry Regulations?
- Did you check the Trail Camp Calendar to see if we have availability?
- Do you have a planned itinerary?
- Are you trying to reserve a trail camp for tonight? Please call (831)338-8861.

HOW TO RESERVE A TRAIL CAMP:

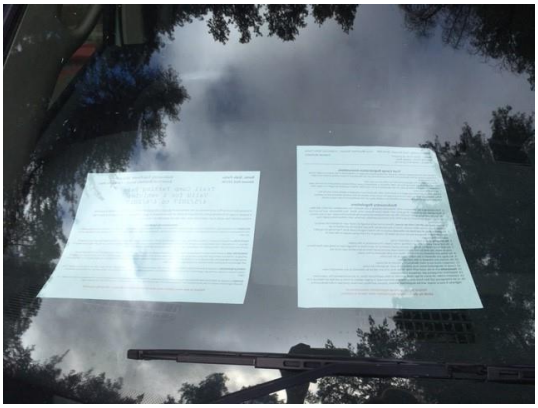
- Reservations are **required** for all backcountry trail camps. There is no dispersed or off-trail camping allowed.
- Reservations can be made 60 days in advance by submitting a request online.
- Fill out an online Trail Camp Request Form and click submit.
  ****Sending a request does not mean that you have a reservation. Reservations are confirmed once paid****
- Wait for us to process your request. Requests are processed Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- If your request is rejected you will need to start over and submit a new request.
- If your request has been approved we will hold your reservation till 5pm the following business day pending payment. If your reservation is not paid by 5pm the following business day we will cancel your reservation and you will need to submit a new request.
- Reservations are paid over the phone using a Debit/Credit card. Please call (831)338-8861 Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm to pay for your reservation and get any final questions answered.
- Once you have paid for your reservation, your permits will be emailed to you.
- For groups of 13+, call (831) 338-8861. Group reservations can be made at any time for the current year. Additional fees apply.

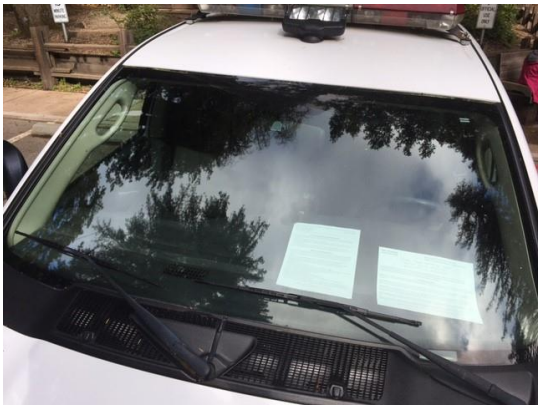
****Remember to check the weather before you embark on your trip; Santa Cruz Mountains Weather.****

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

HOW TO DISPLAY PERMITS:

- One backcountry permit needs to be displayed on the dashboard of every vehicle parked overnight.
- Display your parking pass on the dashboard of your vehicle next to your backcountry permit.
- You are issued one parking pass per site. I.E If you reserve two sites at a trail camp for one night, your Parking Pass is valid for two vehicles. If you reserve one site at two different camps for consecutive nights, your parking pass is only valid for one vehicle. Additional vehicle fees would then apply.





WHEN PARKING ADDITIONAL VEHICLES:

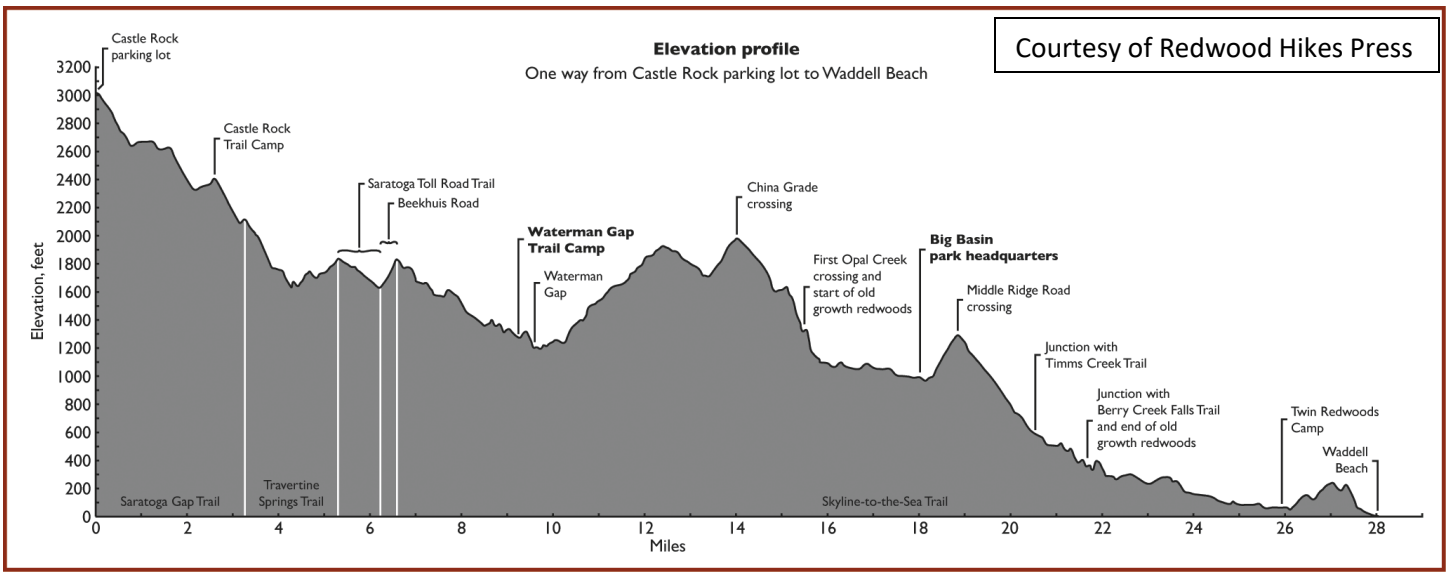
- Fees apply for additional vehicles parked overnight in State Parks.
- Extra vehicle fees are paid for at the time of arrival with park staff or by self registration using a payment envelope and depositing into the iron ranger drop station. Bring cash!!
- When registering extra vehicles, insert cash into payment envelope. Tear the top half off the envelope before depositing and display it next to your backcountry permit on the dashboard of your vehicle.
- All additional vehicles should have a back country permit along with proof of payment displayed.

This lets the rangers know where to find you in case of an emergency

MILEAGE & ELEVATION CHARTS

Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Camps Mileage Chart	Castle Rock parking	Castle Rock Camp	Saratoga Gap	Waterman Gap	Portola Parking	Slate Creek	Lane Camp via Hollow Tree Trail	Lane Camp via Basin Trail	Jay Camp (Big Basin HQ)	Sunset	Twin Redwoods	Alder	Waddell Beach
Castle Rock parking	–	2.3	3.1	8.9	12.8	10.1	18.1	16.5	17.7	22.6	26.1	26.3	27.9
Castle Rock Camp	2.3	–	3.2	6.6	12.9	10.2	15.8	14.2	15.4	20.3	23.8	24.0	25.6
Saratoga Gap	3.1	3.2	–	6.1	9.7	7.0	15.3	13.7	14.9	19.8	23.3	23.5	25.1
Waterman Gap	8.9	6.6	6.1	–	12.7	15.4	9.2	7.6	8.8	13.7	17.2	17.4	19.0
Portola Parking	12.8	12.9	9.7	12.7	–	2.7	via Basin Easement Trail 5.9		11.3	16.2	19.7	19.9	21.5
Slate Creek	10.1	10.2	7.0	15.4	2.7	–	via Basin Easement Trail 8.6		14.0	18.9	22.4	22.6	24.2
Lane Camp via Hollow Tree Trail	18.1	15.8	15.3	9.2	via Basin Easement Trail	via Basin Easement Trail	–	–	5.4	10.3	13.8	14.0	15.6
Lane Camp via Basin Trail	16.5	14.2	13.7	7.6	5.9	8.6	–	–	7.0	11.9	15.4	15.6	17.2
Jay Camp (Big Basin HQ)	17.7	15.4	14.9	8.8	11.3	14.0	5.4	7.0	–	4.9	8.4	8.6	10.2
Sunset	22.6	20.3	19.8	13.7	16.2	18.9	10.3	11.9	4.9	–	5.4	5.6	7.2
Twin Redwoods	26.1	23.8	23.3	17.2	19.7	22.4	13.8	15.4	8.4	5.4	–	0.2	1.8
Alder	26.3	24.0	23.5	17.4	19.9	22.6	14.0	15.6	8.6	5.6	0.2	–	1.6
Waddell Beach	27.9	25.6	25.1	19.0	21.5	24.2	15.6	17.2	10.2	7.2	1.8	1.6	–

Note: For many of these destinations, there are multiple trails/routes that lead to each. The distances given are based off the shortest possible route unless otherwise specified.



TRAIL HEADS

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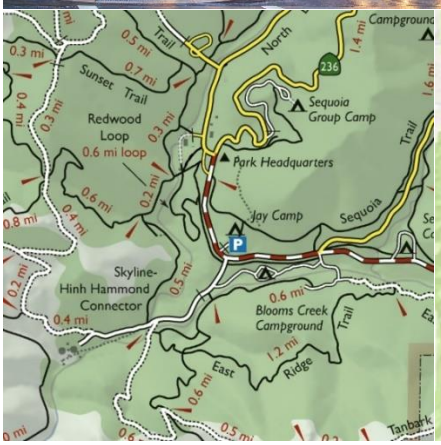
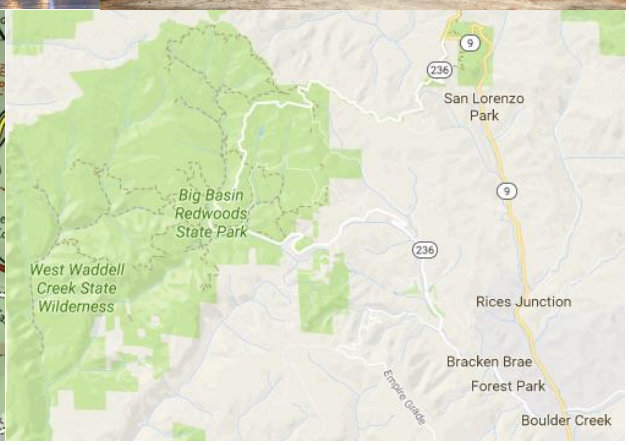
BIG BASIN HEADQUARTERS TRAIL HEAD





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Jay Camp (Big Basin HQ)	17.7	15.4	14.9	8.8	11.3	14.0	5.4	7.0	–	4.9	8.4	8.6	10.2

Big Basin trail camp parking is located at Jay camp, approximately ½ mile south of Park Headquarters on Highway 236.

Pay for extra vehicles at Park Headquarters. If Park Headquarters is closed, use the self-registration station to pay extra vehicle fees. **Bring cash!** Follow posted self-registration instructions. Extra vehicles are $10.00 per vehicle, per night.

When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors and roll up all windows.

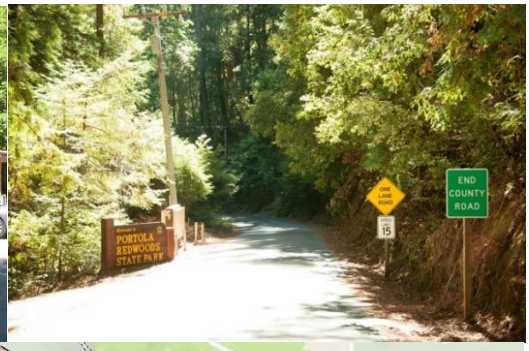
The park store is open seasonally, offering souvenirs, drinks, snacks, and minimal camping gear. Maps, Pay Phones, a Nature Museum and Visitor Center are all located in the main Park Headquarters area.

There is a faucet with potable water, restrooms, and showers located at Jay camp. A pay phone is available for use at Park Headquarters

Trail Access:

- **Skyline to the Sea trail**
- **Sunset trail**

PORTOLA TRAIL HEAD



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Portola Parking	12.8	12.9	9.7	12.7	–	2.7	via Basin Easement Trail 5.9		11.3	16.2	19.7	19.9	21.5

Portola Headquarters is located at the end of Alpine Rd/ Portola State Park Rd, approximately 7 miles Southwest from Highway 35.

Pay for extra vehicle fees at the Visitor Center. If the Visitor Center is closed, use the self-registration station to pay extra vehicle fees. Follow posted self-registration instructions. Extra vehicle fees are $10.00 per vehicle, per night **Bring cash!**

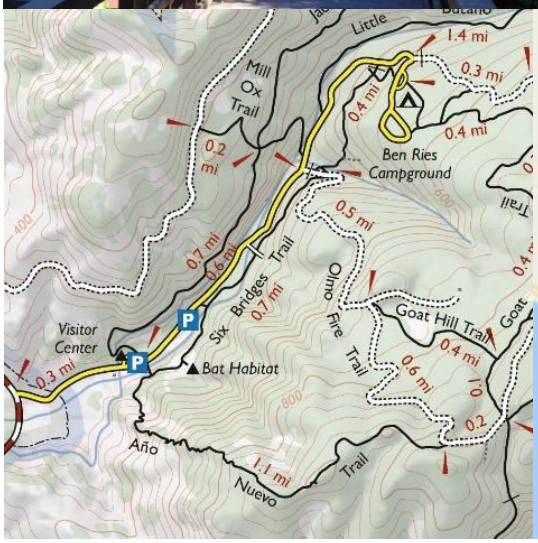
When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors and roll up all windows.

The Visitor Center is open seasonally offering souvenirs, drinks, snacks and maps. A faucet with potable water, restrooms and a pay phone are located outside of the Visitor Center.

Trail Access:

- **Old Tree trail to Slate Creek trail**
- **Summit trail to Slate Creek trail**

BUTANO TRAIL HEAD



Butano Mileage Chart	Butano Parking
Butano Trail Camp via Jackson Flats trail and Canyon trail	5.7mi
Butano Trail Camp Via Año Nuevo trail and Goat Hill trail	4.9mi

Butano trail camp parking is located at 1500 Cloverdale Rd between Gazos Creek Rd. and Pescadero Rd. Pay for extra vehicles at the entrance station. If the entrance station is closed, use the self-registration station to pay for extra vehicle fees. Follow posted self-registration instructions. Extra vehicles are $10.00 per vehicle per night. **Bring cash!**

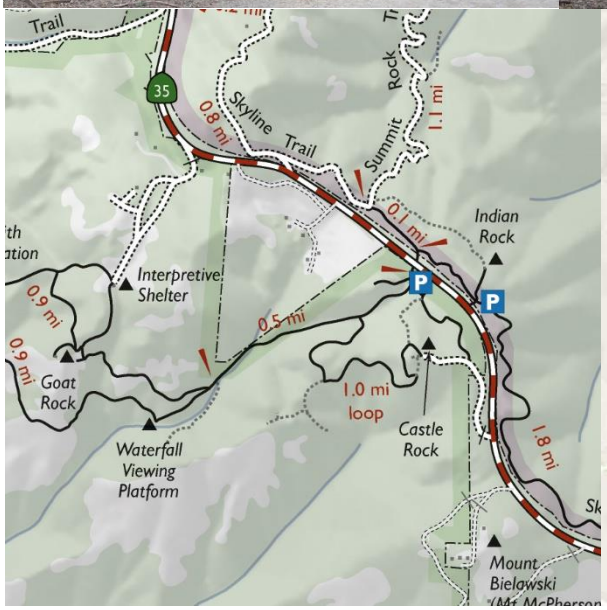
When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors and roll up all windows.

There is a faucet with potable water and restrooms located in the main parking lot.

Trail Access:

- **Año Nuevo trail**
- **Jackson Flats trail**

CASTLE ROCK TRAIL HEAD



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Castle Rock parking	–	2.3	3.1	8.9	12.8	10.1	18.1	16.5	17.7	22.6	26.1	26.3	27.9

The Castle Rock trail camp parking lot is located 2.5 miles south of the junction of Highway 9 and Highway 35. Park inside the gate. Do not park at the Saratoga Gap parking lot, in county parks, or in Open Space Preserve parking lots.

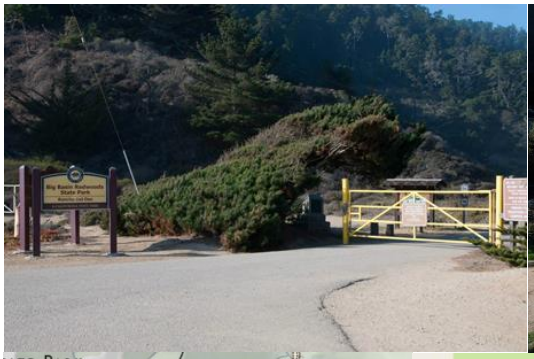
Pay for extra vehicles at the entrance station. If the entrance station is closed, use the self-registration station to pay for extra vehicle fees. **Bring cash!** Follow posted self-registration instructions. Extra vehicles are $8.00 per vehicle per night. When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors and roll up all windows.

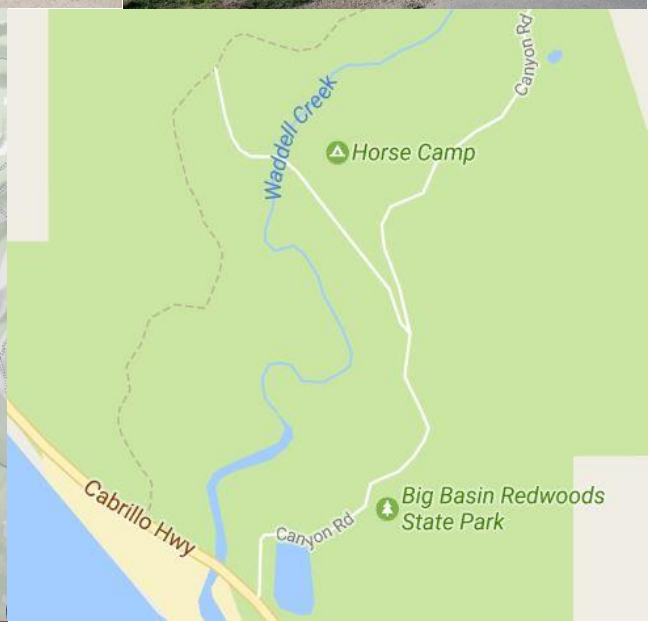
Restrooms are located at the trail head. **Bring potable water with you as there is no faucet near the parking lot.** Nearest potable water located in Castle Rock is in the first-come first-serve trail camp, 2.3 miles in.

Trail Access:

- **Saratoga Gap trail to Skyline to the Sea trail**

RANCHO DEL OSO TRAIL HEAD





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Waddell Beach	27.9	25.6	25.1	19.0	21.5	24.2	15.6	17.2	10.2	7.2	1.8	1.6	–

Rancho Del Oso trail camp parking lot is located seven miles north of Davenport on Highway 1. Use the yellow gate on the inland side of the highway across from Waddell beach. Follow the road to the trail camp parking lot near the small ranger station. If that lot is full, overflow parking is in the dirt parking area just inside the yellow gate to the left.

Use the self-registration station to pay for extra vehicle fees. **Bring cash!** Follow posted self-registration instructions. Extra vehicles are $10.00 per vehicle per night. When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors and roll up all windows.

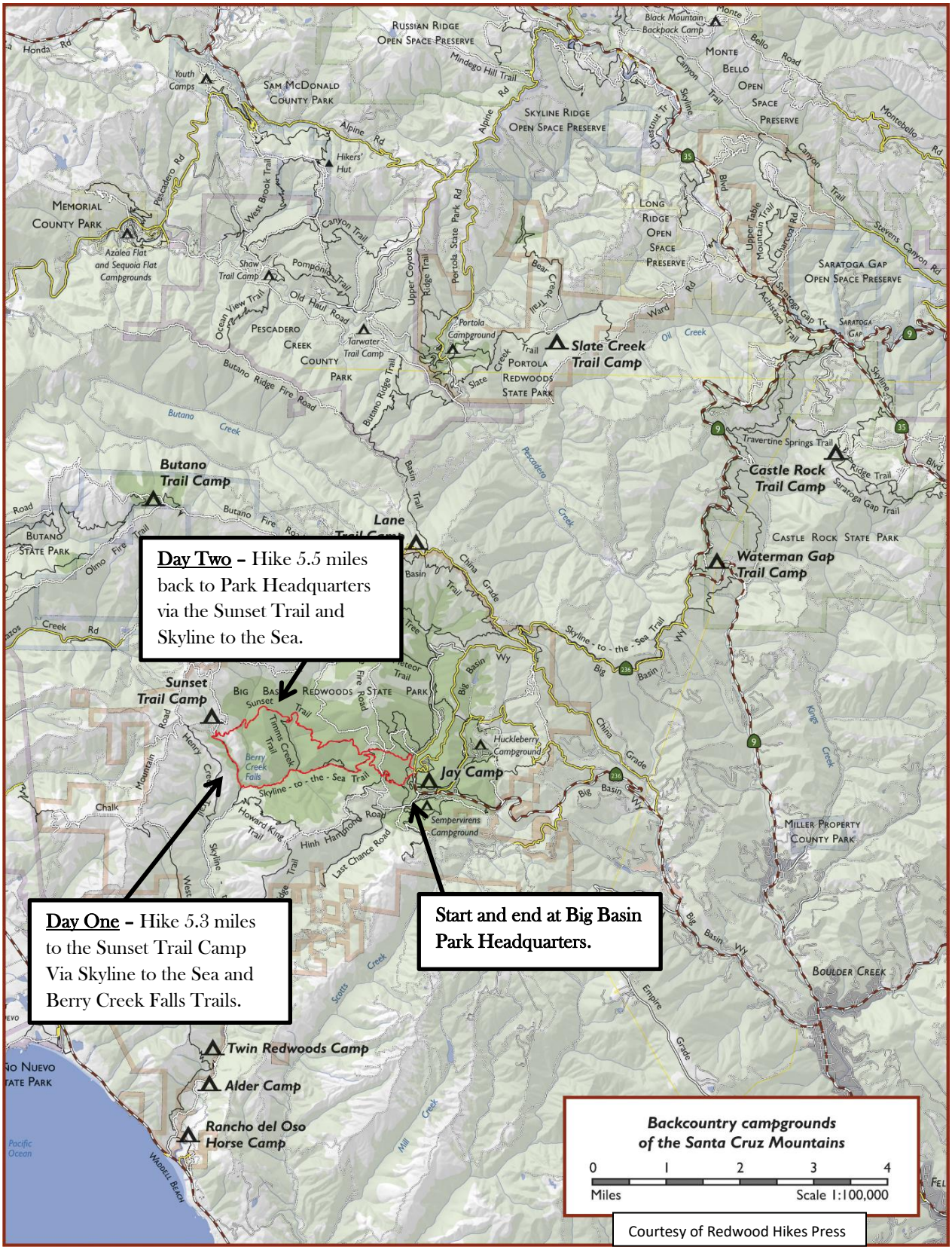
There is a faucet with potable water, restrooms, and a pay phone located at the trail head.

Trail Access:

- **Skyline to the Sea trail**

Sunset Loop – 1 Night 10.8 miles

- Start and end at Big Basin Headquarters.
- Filter water from Waddell Creek or Berry Creek.



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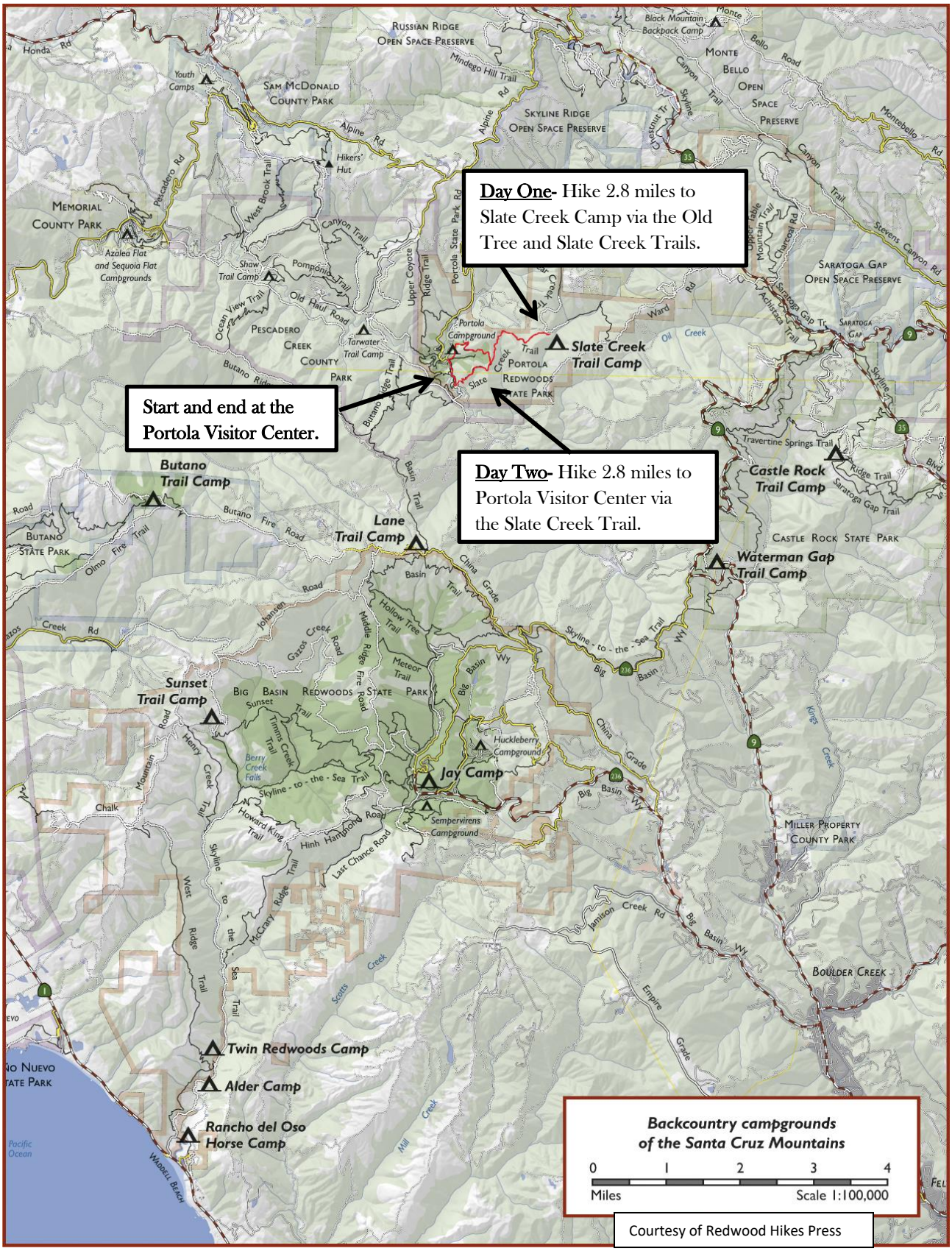
Slate Creek Loop – 1 Night 5.6 miles

- Start and end at the Portola Visitor Center.
- Filter water from Slate Creek OR Pescadero creek.



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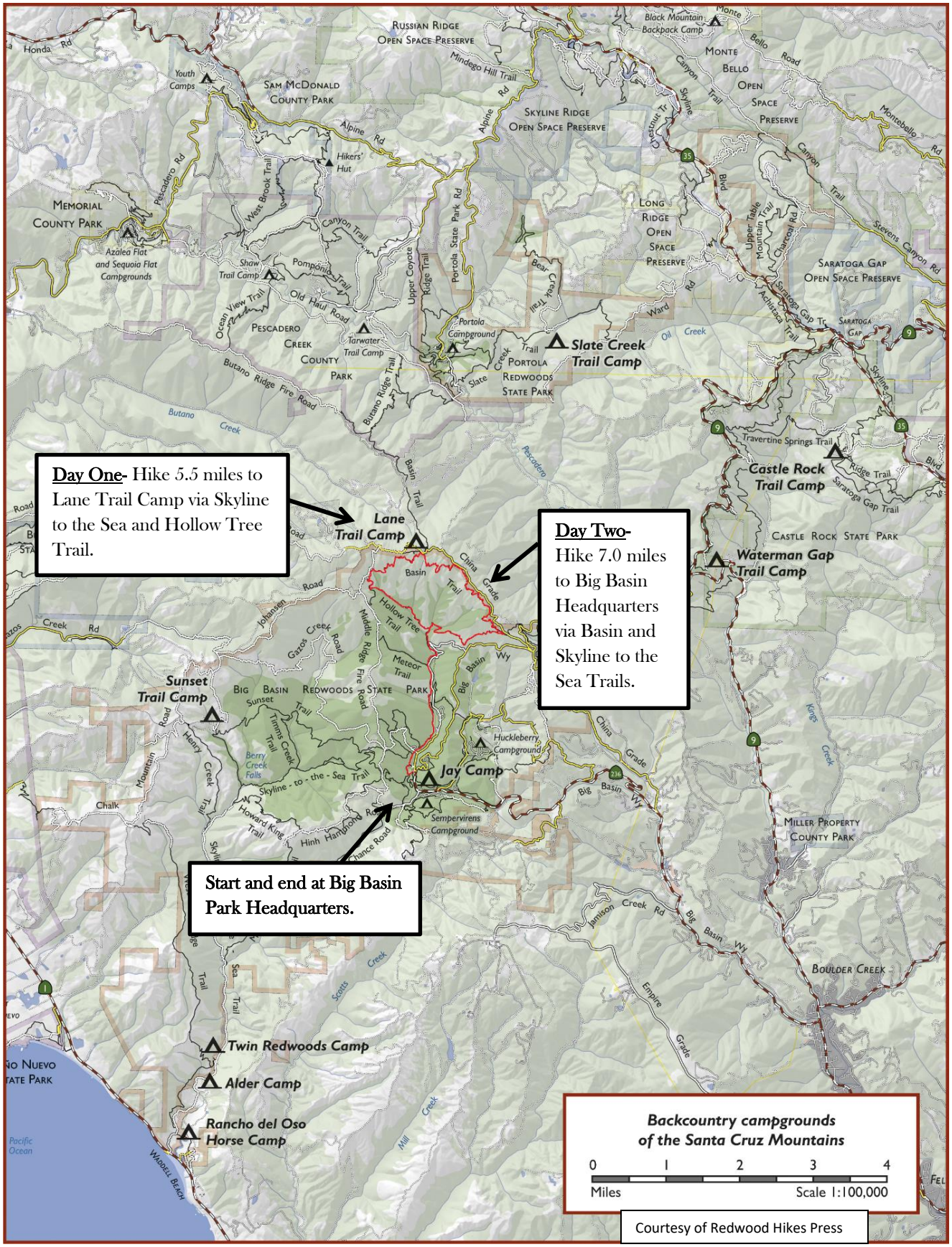
Lane Loop – 1 Night 12.5 miles

- Start and end at Big Basin Park Headquarters.
- Filter water from Opal creek.



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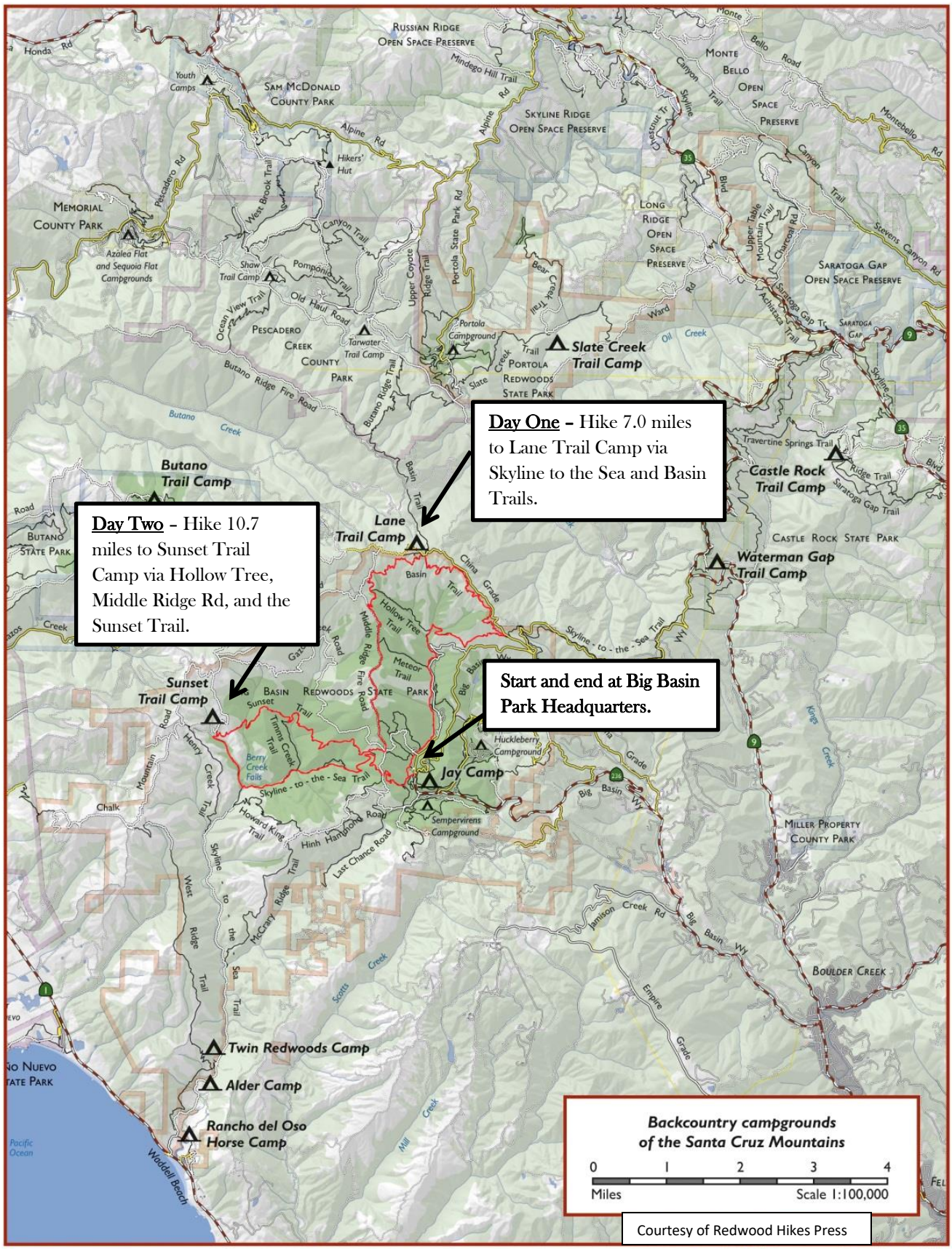
North Rim Loop – 2 Nights 23.2 miles

- Start and end at Big Basin Park Headquarters.
- Filter water from Opal Creek and Berry Creek.



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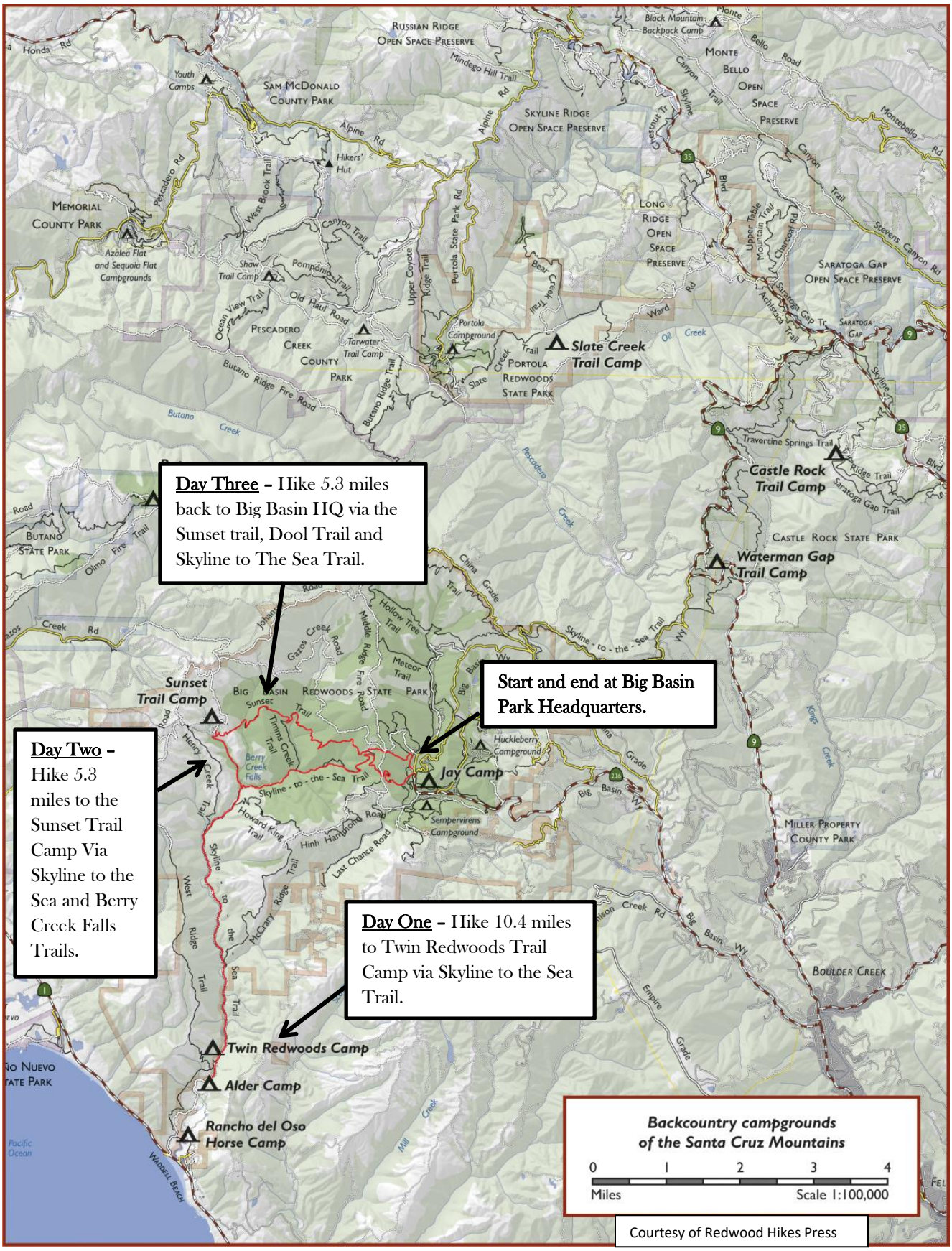
Twin to Sunset Loop – 2 Nights 15 miles

- Start and end at Big Basin Park Headquarters.
- Filter water from Waddell Creek or Berry Creek.



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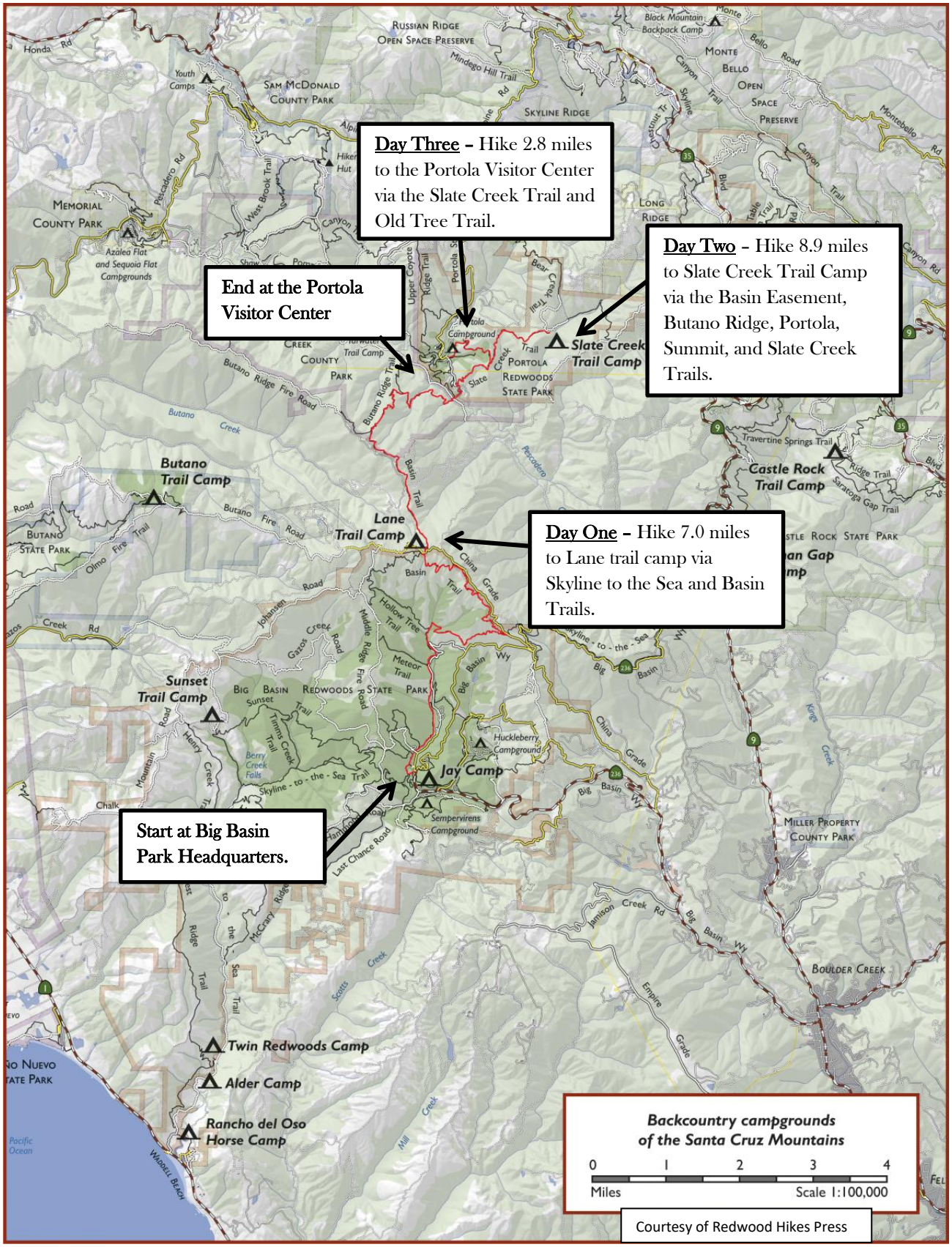
Lane to Slate Creek – 2 Nights 18.7 miles

- Start at Big Basin Park Headquarters and end at Portola visitor Center.
- Filter water from Opal Creek and Slate Creek.
- Two vehicles or a pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Portola Visitor Center.



Skyline to the Sea Classic – 2 Nights 30.2 miles

- Start at the Castle Rock parking lot and end at Waddell Beach.
- Filter water from Opal creek and Berry Creek.
- Two vehicles or a Pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Waddell Beach.

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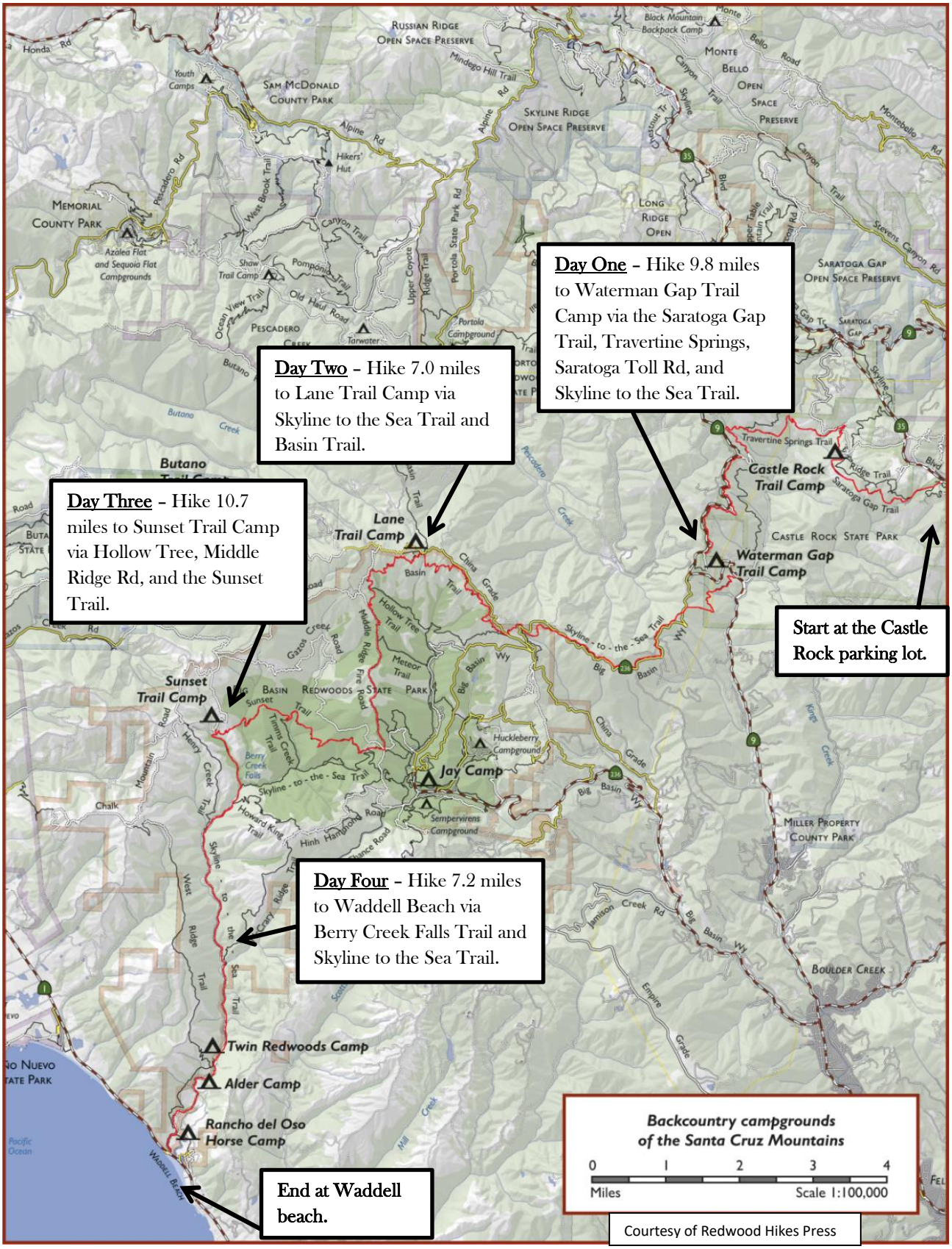
Skyline to the Sea Alternative #1 – 3 Nights 34.7 miles

- Start at the Castle Rock parking lot and end at Waddell Beach.
- Filter water from Opal creek and Berry Creek.
- Two vehicles or a Pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Waddell Beach.



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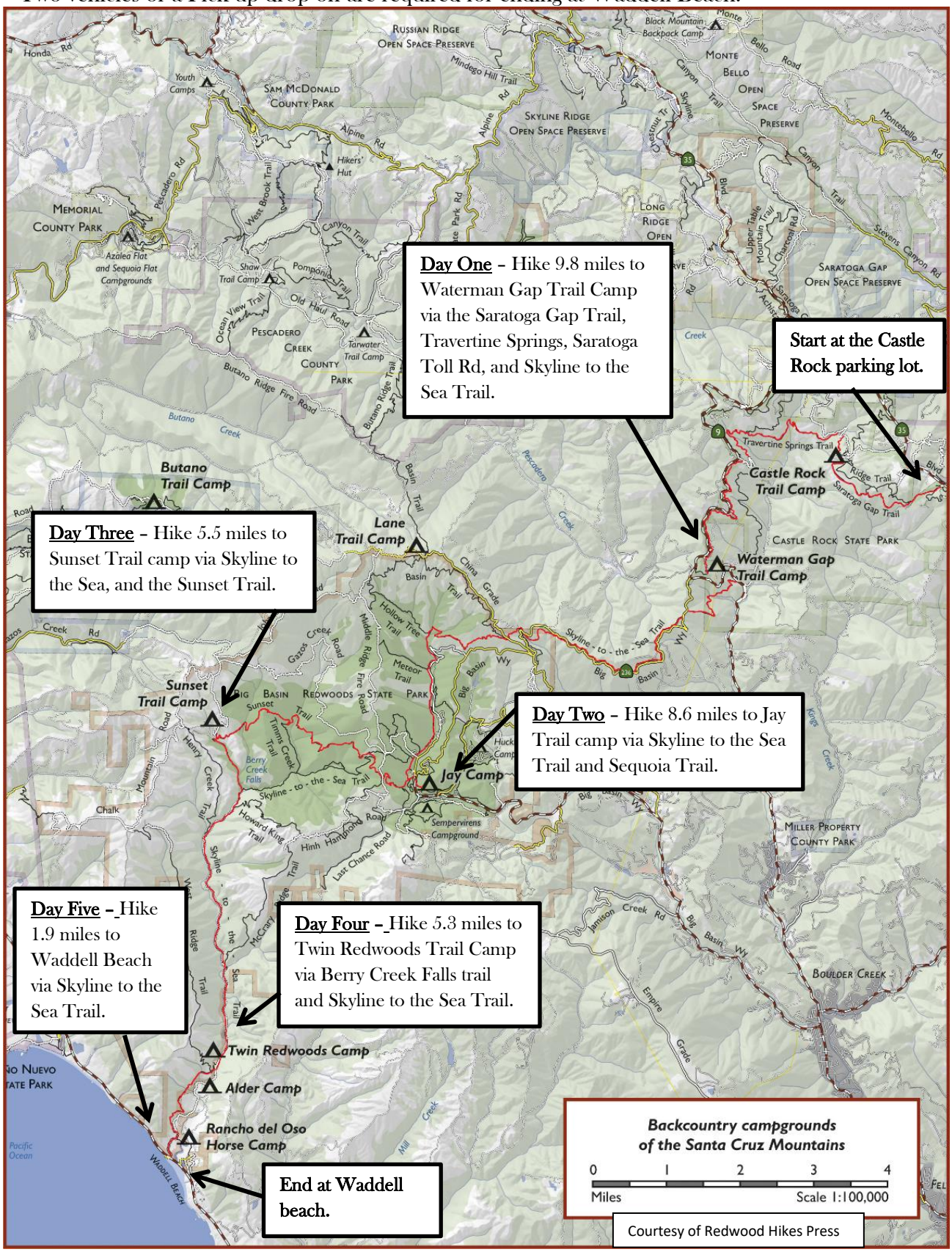
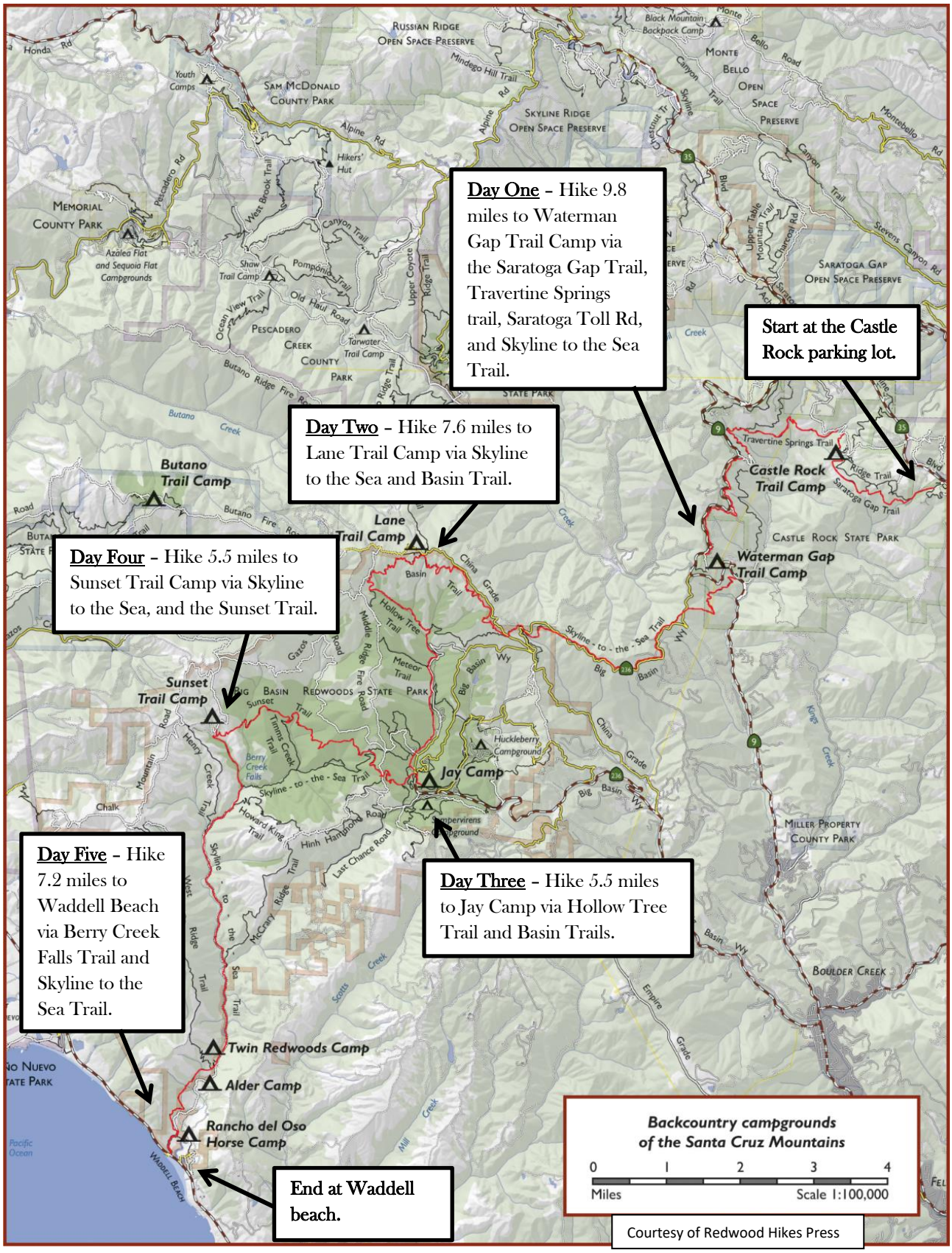
Skyline to the Sea Alternative #2 – 4 Nights 31.3 miles

- Start at the Castle Rock parking lot and end at Waddell Beach.
- Filter water from Opal creek and Berry Creek.
- Two vehicles or a Pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Waddell Beach.



Skyline to the Sea Extended Alternative – 4 Nights 35.6 miles

- Start at the Castle Rock parking lot and end at Waddell Beach.
- Filter water from Opal creek and Berry Creek.
- Two vehicles or a Pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Waddell Beach.



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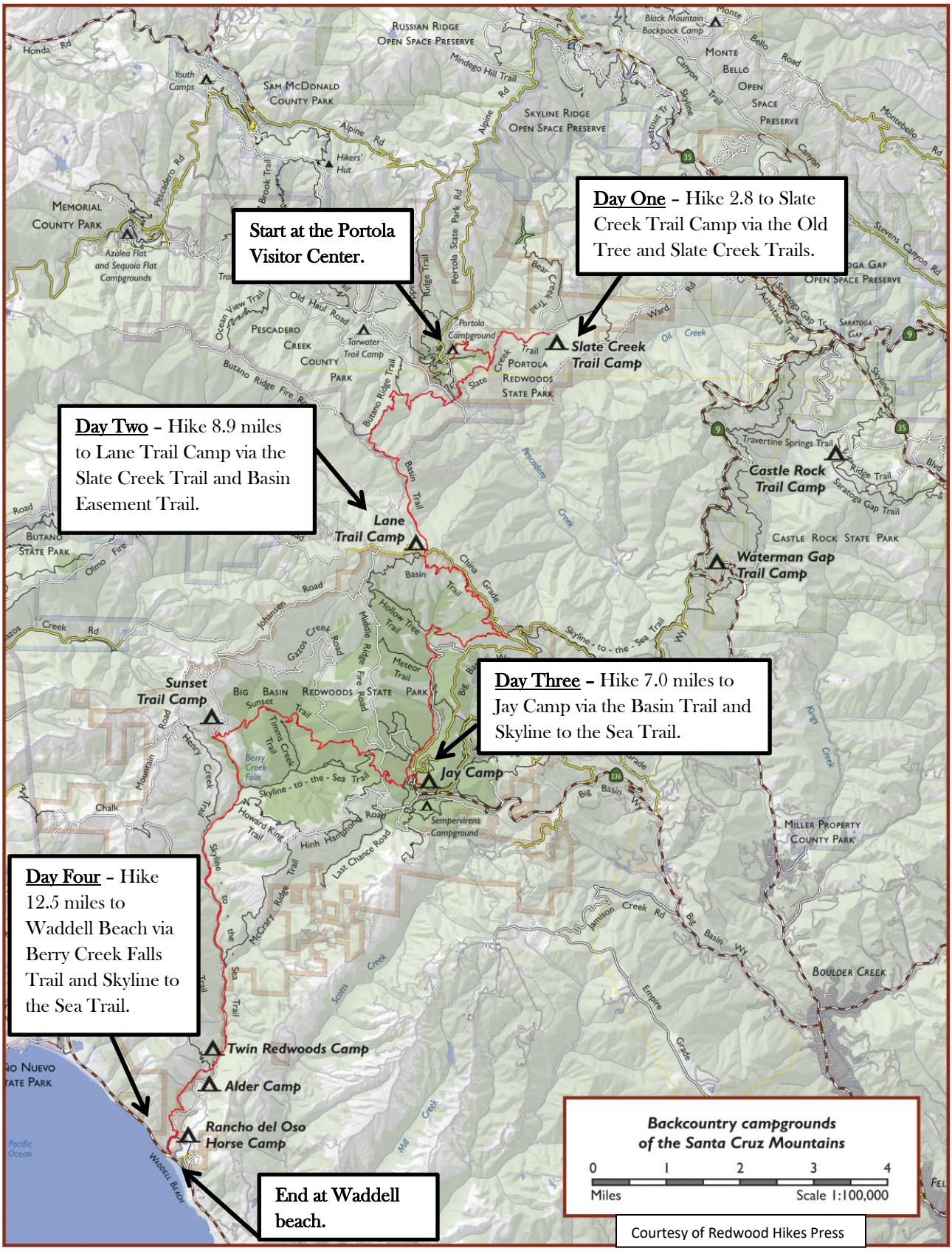
Portola to the Sea – 3 Nights 31.4 miles

- Start at the Portola Visitor Center and end at Waddell Beach.
- Filter water from Slate creek, Opal creek and Berry Creek.
- Two vehicles or a Pick-up drop-off are required for ending at Waddell Beach.



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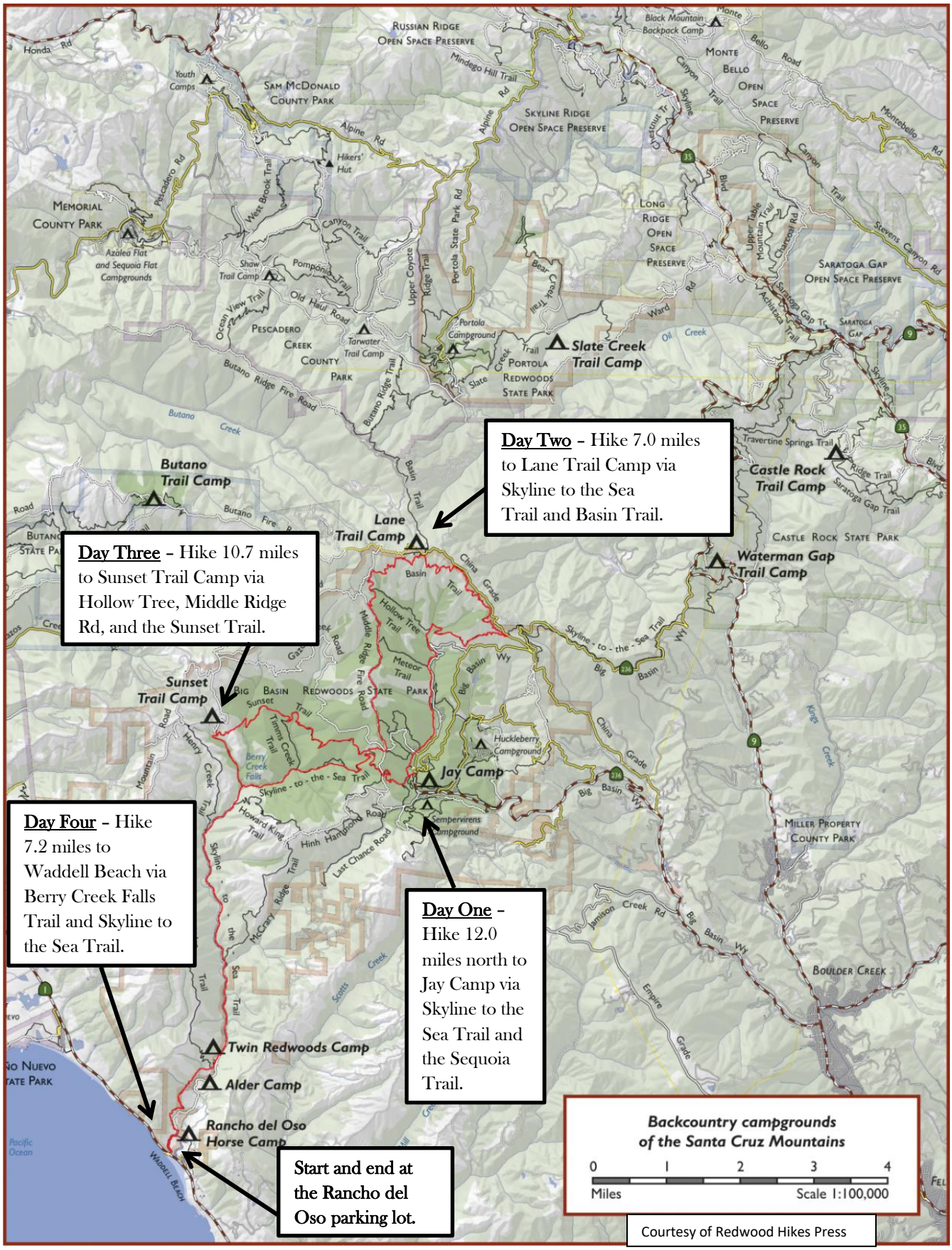
North Rim to the Sea – 3 Nights 29.7 miles

- Start and end at the Rancho del Oso parking lot.
- Filter water from Waddell Creek or Berry Creek



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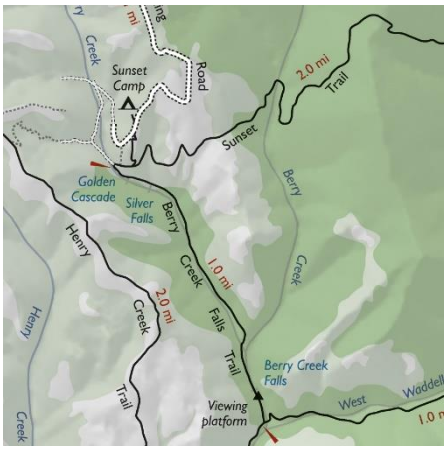
SUNSET TRAIL CAMP



Skyline to the sea Trail Camps Mileage Chart	Castle Rock parking	Castle Rock Camp	Saratoga Gap	Waterman Gap	Portola Parking	Slate Creek	Lane Camp via Hollow Tree Trail	Lane Camp via Basin Trail	Jay Camp (Big Basin HQ)	Sunset	Twin Redwoods	Alder	Waddell Beach
Sunset	23.4	20.5	20.0	13.9	16.9	20.0	10.7	12.3	5.3	–	5.3	5.5	7.2

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 5.4 miles from Big Basin Headquarters via Sunset trail OR 4.9 miles via Skyline to Sea and Berry Creek Falls trail OR 7.2 miles from Waddell beach.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Ten (10) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

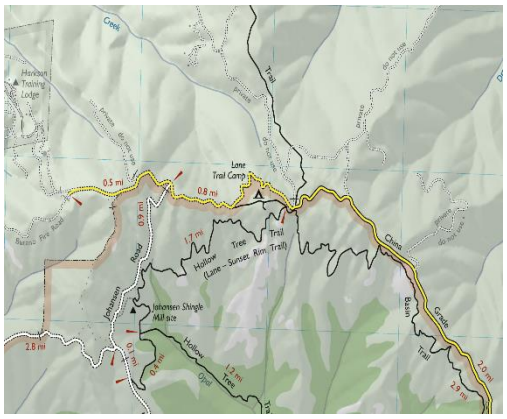
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 900ft elevation
- Located in the heart of Big Basin Redwoods State Park surrounded by second growth Redwoods and Douglas fir trees. About 1 mile from Berry Creek Falls.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Berry Creek, about one third of a mile away from camp.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.
- Food lockers in each site.

LANE TRAIL CAMP



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Lane Camp via Hollow Tree Trail	18.1	15.8	15.3	9.2	via Basin Easement Trail	via Basin Easement Trail	–	–	5.4	10.3	15.6	15.8	17.5
Lane Camp via Basin Trail	16.5	14.2	13.7	7.6	6.2	8.9	–	–	7.0	11.9	17.2	17.4	19.1

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 5.4 miles from Big Basin Headquarters via Skyline to Sea and Hollow Tree trail. 7.2 miles from Big Basin HQ via Skyline to the Sea trail and the Basin Trail.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in-Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

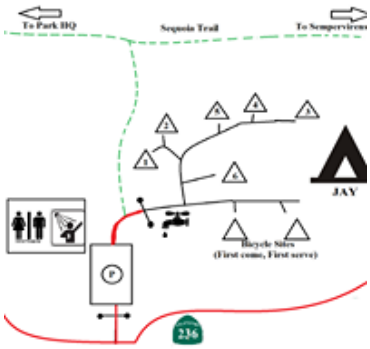
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

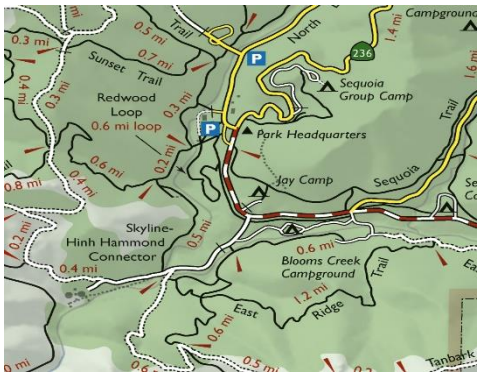
- 2280ft elevation
- Located in the northern region of Big Basin Redwoods State Park in a chaparral forest. Vista views along the Basin trail and old growth Redwoods all along the Hollow Tree trail.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Opal creek approximately 2 miles from camp.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.

JAY TRAIL CAMP





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Jay Camp (Big Basin HQ)	18.1	15.2	14.7	8.6	12.0	14.7	5.4	7.0	–	4.9	10.2	10.4	12.1

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 17.7 miles from the Castle Rock parking lot via Saratoga Gap trail to Travertine Springs trail to Saratoga Toll Road trail to Skyline to the Sea trail. OR 10.2 miles from Rancho Del Oso (Waddell Beach)

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Flush toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

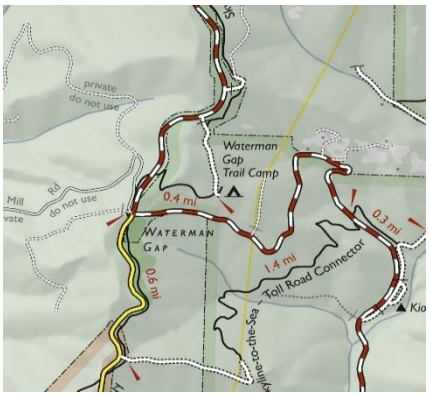
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 1000ft elevation
- Located in the heart of Big Basin Redwoods State Park surrounded by old growth Redwood and Douglas fir trees. Located about one eighth of a mile from Big Basin Headquarters.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- Potable water available from faucet
- Quarter-operated showers available.
- Food lockers in each site.

WATERMAN GAP TRAIL CAMP



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Waterman Gap	8.9	6.6	6.1	–	12.7	15.4	9.2	7.6	8.6	13.5	18.8	19.0	20.7

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 9 miles from the Castle Rock parking lot. 6 miles from Saratoga Gap parking lot (no overnight parking) OR 9 miles from Big Basin Headquarters.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Hang all food, cooking gear and odorous items.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

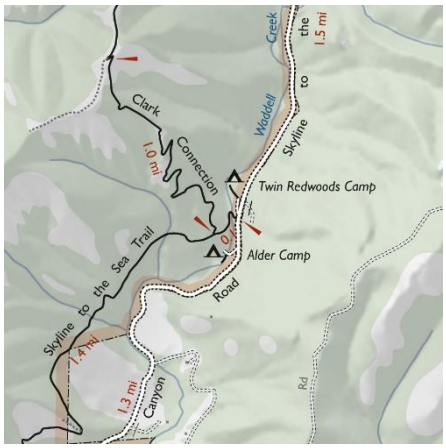
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 1200ft elevation
- Located in between Castle Rock and Big Basin Redwoods State parks surrounded by second growth redwoods and oak trees.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- Potable water available from faucet.
- Trash receptacles.

TWIN REDWOODS TRAIL CAMP



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Twin Redwoods	28.5	25.8	25.3	19.2	22.2	25.3	16.0	17.6	10.6	5.3	–	0.2	1.9

ACCESS-

- **HIKE, BIKE IN ONLY**
- 10.6 miles from Big Basin Headquarters or 1.9 miles from Waddell beach.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

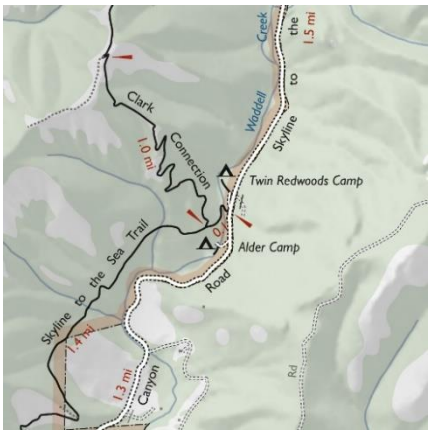
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 100ft elevation
- Located in the coastal region of Big Basin Redwoods State Park surrounded by second growth redwoods, right on the edge of Waddell creek.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Waddell creek.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.
- Food lockers in each site.

ALDER TRAIL CAMP



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Alder	28.7	26.0	25.5	19.4	22.4	25.5	16.2	17.8	10.8	5.5	0.2	–	1.7

ACCESS-

- **HIKE, BIKE, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**
- 10.8 miles from Big Basin Headquarters OR 1.7 miles from Waddell beach.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **1-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

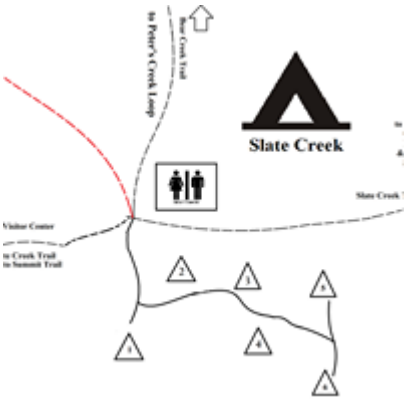
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

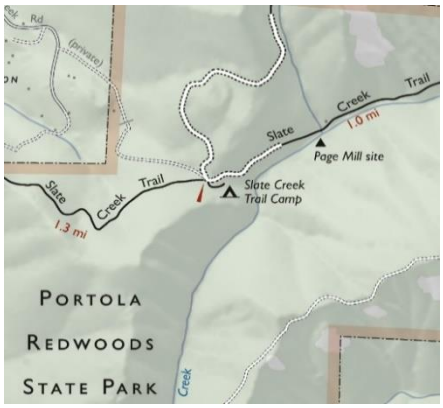
- 100ft elevation
- Located in the coastal region of Big Basin Redwoods State Park surrounded by second growth Redwoods and Alders on the edge of Waddell creek.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Waddell creek.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.
- Food lockers in each site.

SLATE CREEK TRAIL CAMP





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Portola Parking	12.4	12.5	9.3	12.7	–	2.7	via Basin Easement Trail 6.2		12.0	16.9	22.2	22.4	24.1
Slate Creek	9.7	9.8	6.6	15.4	2.7	–	via Basin Easement Trail 8.9		14.7	19.6	24.9	25.1	26.8

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 2.7 miles from Portola Headquarters OR 14 miles from Big Basin Headquarters

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **3-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

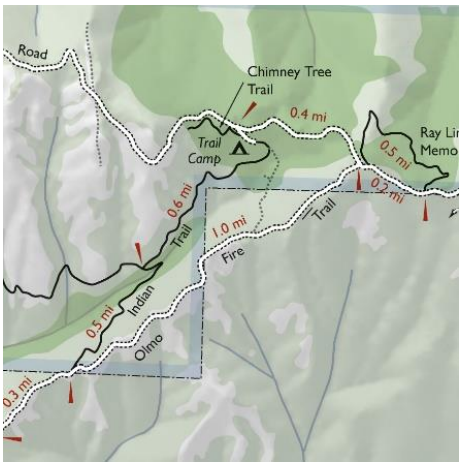
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 900ft elevation
- Located in the heart of Portola Redwoods State Park surrounded by second growth and old growth Redwood and Douglas fir trees.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Slate Creek, approximately one eighth of a mile from camp.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.
- Food lockers in each site.

BUTANO TRAIL CAMP



Butano Mileage Chart	Butano Parking
Butano Trail Camp via Jackson Flats trail and Canyon trail	5.7mi
Butano Trail Camp Via Año Nuevo trail and Goat Hill trail	4.9mi

ACCESS-

- **HIKE IN ONLY**
- 5.7 miles from Butano parking lot via Jackson Flats and Canyon trail OR 4.9 miles via Año Nuevo and Goal Hill trail.

DESIGNATED SITES-

- Eight (8) designated sites; maximum 6 people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites. **3-night stay max.**

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-

- Pit toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.
- Serviced seasonally May 1st through October 31st
- November 1st – April 31st Pack it in- Pack it out & bring your own toilet paper.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-

- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items in a food locker.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

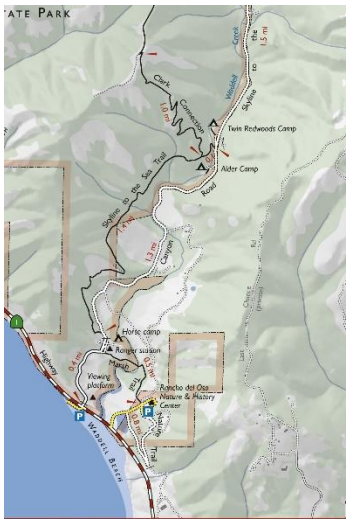
CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-

- 1500ft elevation
- Located in the heart of Butano State Park surrounded by second growth Redwood and Douglas fir trees.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-

- No potable water available – pack in water or filter from Little Butano creek, approximately half a mile from camp.
- When filtering, be sure to always use a 0.2 micron filter or better.
- Food lockers in each site.

RANCHO DEL OSO HORSE CAMP



ACCESS-
Drive through the yellow gate across from Waddell beach, park in the designated area for horse trailers to the right side of the horse camp gate. **Must have a horse with you to camp here**

DESIGNATED SITES-
- Six (6) designated sites; maximum 6 people and 1 horse per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.

DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND HUMAN WASTE-
- Flush toilet for human waste only - do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash when leaving camp or use trash receptacles provided.

FOOD AND GARBAGE STORAGE-
- Store all food, cooking gear and odorous items when they are not being used.
- Clean up all crumbs and any remnants of food left over after cooking.

CAMPSITE ELEVATION AND SCENERY-
- 100ft elevation
- Located in the coastal region of Big Basin Redwoods State Park with beautiful ocean views, surrounded by meadows and oak trees.

CAMPSITE AMENITIES & WATER-
- Potable water available from faucet.
- Communal fire ring- bring your own fire wood.
- Picnic tables and Standing grills.
- Horse tie rails & water trough.