



PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK

WELCOME! Home to Roosevelt elk, California condors, and some of the world's tallest trees, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park (SP) is full of life. The park protects over 10,000 acres of old-growth coast redwoods, making it the second largest contiguous old-growth redwood forest in the world. With 75 miles of self-guided trails, highlights like Fern Canyon, and an expansive coastline, Prairie Creek has endless options for exploration. Prairie Creek Redwoods SP is one of four parks that together comprise Redwood National and State Parks, a system co-managed by California State Parks and the National Park Service. Prairie Creek Redwoods SP lies on the ancestral land of the Yurok people and partners with Indigenous groups to collaboratively manage the park's cultural and natural resources.



Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

127011 Newton B. Drury
Scenic Parkway
Orick, CA 95555



Day-Use Areas:
Sunrise to sunset

California State Parks

Passes Accepted: Disabled Discount, Explorer, Golden Bear, Senior Golden Bear, Poppy, Library, Veteran. The National Park Service passes are also accepted.



Day-Use Parking:

Free parking along Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway and near the visitor center.

Gold Bluffs: \$12/vehicle/day
Elk Prairie: \$8/vehicle/day

(707) 464-6101

711, TTY Relay Service

parks.ca.gov/PrairieCreek



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at (707) 464-6101. If you need this publication in an alternate format, contact REDW_Information@nps.gov.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking—For your safety and for the health of the park, please stay on marked trails and other areas designated for public use.

Camping—First come, first serve during our slowest months with reservations available the rest of the year. Reservations can be made through ReserveCalifornia.com.

- **Elk Prairie:** Forest campground with 76 sites. Northern loop closes in the winter. Cabins and Hike and Bike sites available.
- **Gold Bluffs Beach:** Beach campground with 25 sites. Backcountry camping possible with permit. Hike and Bike sites available.

Fishing—Catch and release fishing is permitted seasonally within Prairie Creek. For additional information, regulations, and limits visit wildlife.ca.gov/fishing.

Biking—All biking trails include use for hikers. E-bikes are limited to where vehicles and cars can travel within the park, such as roads.

Hike and Bike Days—The Newton B. Drury scenic parkway in Prairie Creek Redwoods SP is closed to any motorized vehicles (open to e-bikes) the first Saturday of the month for Hike and Bike Day. This special event runs October through May to give park visitors the opportunity to safely hike, bike, skate, and walk leashed pets along the 10-mile scenic drive through the redwoods!

THINGS TO DO

If you have an hour, explore some of our short trails like Redwood Access and Revelation Trails (0.5 miles), or the Karl Knapp and Foothill loop (2.5 miles), all ADA accessible. Take a drive along the 10-mile Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway with numerous stops to explore.

For a half day, consider a longer walk like the Karl Knapp/West Ridge loop (6-8 miles) or the South Fork/Rhododendron/Brown Creek loop (4 miles). Drive to Fern Canyon and Gold Bluffs Beach via Davison Road to see an iconic film location from Jurassic Park: The Lost World. Be prepared for wet conditions and a \$12 day-use fee. Permits are required May 15-Sep. 15. Vehicles over 24 feet and trailers are not permitted on Davison Road.

If you have a full day, enjoy hiking to Fern Canyon via the James Irvine Trail (10 miles). Consider exploring other sites within Redwood National and State Parks, such as Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP or the Bald Hills Road Scenic Drive.

For more information, stop by the visitor center near Elk Prairie Campground.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Pets—Except for service animals, pets are not allowed on trails. Pets are allowed on roadways, in campgrounds, and on beaches. Pets are required to be on a maximum 6 foot leash. Check out Cal Barrel Road for a great redwood walk with your pet.

Wildlife—For your safety and the safety of our wildlife, please do not approach or feed any animals in the park. Help us to protect our natural world by picking up after yourself and keeping it “crumb clean.”

Gathering/Foraging—All natural materials within the park should stay where they are without special permits for collecting.

Reservations for Fern Canyon—Reservations are required to drive to Fern Canyon, 5/15 through 9/15. Reservations are not required to hike in using the James Irvine Trail. For more information, visit redwoodparksconservancy.org/reservations.

Weather—The weather in the area is unpredictable, but often cold and rainy. Storm conditions can cause unplanned park closures. Check the latest conditions before visiting.

Prairie Creek SP is part of Redwood National and State Parks, a partnership between California State Parks and the National Park Service that provides a comprehensive approach to conservation and visitor experience. Redwood Parks Conservancy is an important non-profit, providing critical funding to promote enjoyment, understanding, and stewardship across parks.



