



News Release

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Summer Programs in the Mendocino District and 150th Year Celebration for California State Parks June 10th – August 31st, 2014

California State Parks announces a full season of guided summer programs for the people and by the people. Experience the coastline's rich natural and cultural history on a guided walk, while becoming a Junior Ranger, upon meeting a roving naturalist, in the midst of creating family memories at a campfire program or by visiting one of our weekly topic tables.

Programs are led by Interpretive Specialists Joleen Ossello, Kristin Gordon and District Interpreter II Fred Andrews. Seventeen weekly programs are scheduled in the district among MacKerricher State Park, Point Cabrillo State Historic Park, Russian Gulch State Park, Mendocino Headlands State Park, and Van Damme State Park.

The Mendocino District's geographic setting fosters the opportunity to experience dynamic views from awe-inspiring ancient woodlands to sweeping oceanic bluffs. Programs are offered free of charge to visitors who have paid park entrance or camping fees. For detailed program information phone 707-961-0471 or visit <http://mendoparks.org/>. For camping reservations visit <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>.

MacKerricher State Park:

- Junior Ranger programs for children ages 7-12, Fridays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Laguna Point parking lot. No program July 4th.
- Story Time for children ages 2-6, Sundays 1:00 p.m. Campfire Center.
- Campfire Programs for all ages, Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Campfire Center.
- Topic Tables for all ages, Fridays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Laguna Point Parking Lot. No Topic Table July 4th.
- Seal Program for all ages, Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. Lake Parking Lot.
- Roving Interpretation, Thursdays 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Glass Beach.

MacKerricher State Park:

- Roving Interpretation, Sundays 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Laguna Point.
- Bird Walks, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Lake Parking Lot.
- Nature Walks, Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Alternates between Lake Cleone and Laguna Point Parking Lots.

Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park:

- Roving with Interpreter JO, Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Near lighthouse.

Russian Gulch State Historic Park:

- Nature Walks, Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Alternates between Fern Canyon and Blowhole Parking lot. No program July 4th.

Mendocino Headlands State Park:

- Roving with Interpreter JO, Sundays, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. End of Main Street.

Van Damme State Park:

- Junior Ranger programs for children ages 7-12, Fridays at 2:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Upper Campground Field. No program July 4th.
- Campfire Programs for all ages, Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Campfire Center. Square Dance 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. July 26th.
- Topic Tables for all ages, Saturdays 4:00-5:30 p.m. Beach Parking Lot.
- Nature Walks, Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Alternates between Fern Canyon and Pygmy Forest Boardwalk.

In 2014, California State Parks turns 150 years old!

California State Parks commemorates the 1864 establishment of the first state park in the world. On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill granting 39,000 acres of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Tree Grove to the State of California. Never before had land been set aside to protect its natural state for the public to enjoy. This historic legislation was the beginning of not only the California State Park System, but the national park idea we know today.

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