



Portola Redwoods State Park

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Here the rugged terrain of the Santa Cruz Mountains forms a deep canyon with a natural stream basin of mixed evergreen forest, featuring old- and second-growth redwoods. Popular activities include hiking, picnicking, exploring, camping, and backpacking.

PLEASE RECYCLE: The park generates a large amount of trash. Please help reduce waste by recycling at the provided containers.

TRAILS: The park has 18 miles of trails. Free maps are available at the visitor center. More detailed maps are available for purchase.

DAY USE AND PICNICS: Picnic sites and dayuse parking are available year round first-come, first-served. Picnic tables and barbecue grills are provided. There is a daily parking fee per vehicle.

No day-use parking in campground areas.

SPECIAL EVENTS: The Ramada Group Day-Use Area, campfire center, and group camps are perfect locations for weddings, family reunions, company picnics, and other group activities. Please call (831) 335-6325 to book your special event.

ADDITIONAL PARK INFORMATION:

- Be aware that the last 6 miles of road to the park are steep, narrow, and winding.
- Fill up the gas tank of your vehicle before driving to this area. The nearest gas station is 14 miles away in Sky Londa (the intersection of Hwys. 84 and 35). No gas is available in the park.
- The nearest grocery store is 9 miles away in La Honda (on Hwy. 84)
- Cell service at the park may be limited. However, a pay phone is available.

WILDLIFE: This is a CRUMB-CLEAN park. Portola is home to the endangered marbled murrelet, a seabird that nests in old-growth forests.



The wildlife that is attracted to your food also preys on the marbled murrelet. Do not feed the wildlife. Leave no trace, not even a crumb. Park visitors are required to stay within arm's reach of all food, trash, and any other food items (dirty dishes). This rule is strictly enforced.

WARNING: Be aware of the presence of poison oak, stinging nettle, ticks, and yellow jackets.







Tick



Poison oak

Stinging

Yellow jacket



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Because of the many visitors to this fragile area, the cooperation of everyone is needed to preserve the qualities that make Portola Redwoods State Park a very special place. Please remember to follow these rules and regulations.



HOURS: The park is open at 6 a.m. for hiking and picnicking and closes at sunset (including all trails). Only registered campers in designated campsites may remain overnight.

QUIET HOURS are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Radios must be turned off and voices lowered to a whisper during these hours. Voices carry at night, and sound seems to be magnified in the still of the forest. Generators may operate from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. only. During the day, outside of "quiet hours," electronic equipment, machinery, or other devices must be used at a low enough volume that the sound does not extend beyond your campsite or picnic area.



DOGS: Dogs must be on a six-foot-maximum leash and may not be left unattended at any time. Dogs must be confined to your tent or vehicle at night. Dogs are allowed on paved

roads (campground roads, the park entrance road, the service road between the campfire center and Pescadero Bridge, and on Upper and Lower Escape roads). Dogs are not allowed on trails, at any of the creeks, or in the county parks.

FIRES: Fires must be completely out when not being personally tended.

WOOD: Wood collecting, including leaves and twigs, is not allowed. This material protects the soil, decaying over time and forming the natural mulch necessary for the health of the forest.



VEHICLES: The wheels of all vehicles must stay on pavement. Park in designated spots only. No parking along the roads or in any

dirt area. Day-users park in Madrone or Tan Oak picnic areas.

FISHING: All of Portola's streams are closed to fishing.

SWIMMING is allowed in the creeks, but diving and jumping in creeks are not. Please do not build rock dams or silt up the creeks by digging along creek banks—both activities can harm endangered coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout.

WEAPONS: The use of any firearm or launched or thrown weapon is strictly prohibited.

HAMMOCKS or other lines may not be hung from trees less than 12 inches in diameter. Hammocks must be hung with straps that protect the trees and cannot be hung from any redwood tree.



GAMES: Ball games, Frisbee, badminton, and similar activites must be safe and not damage or impact natural resources. No bats, hardballs, nets, airsoft or paintball guns, or horseshoes. If in doubt, please ask staff.



BICYCLING: Bicycles are restricted to the paved roads and are not allowed on Portola's trails. Riders under 18 years of age must wear a helmet. Helmets are recommended for adults.

BICYCLING ON OLD HAUL ROAD: Access to Old Haul Road in Pescadero County Park is via the Service Road (1 mile). Turn right (west) for a 5-mile ride through the redwoods to Memorial County Park. Return by the same route (10-mile round-trip on a dirt road). There are also trails open to bicycles in Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District located along Skyline Boulevard.



CAMPGROUND INFORMATION:

CHECK-OUT time is noon. Please vacate your site by that time. Check-in time is 2 p.m.



PAY SHOWERS are located in the Main Campground.

FAMILY DRIVE-IN CAMPSITES:

Family drive-in campsites are NOT in the Main Campground (limit eight people per site, including children). The fee includes your first vehicle. There is a fee for additional vehicles. Campgrounds are closed November through March.



GROUP CAMPS: All group camps are for tents only, no RVs, motorhomes, or trailers. Group camps require a 50- to 200-yard walk from their parking areas.

Reservations are required. Limits on the number of persons, including children, are strictly enforced.

- The Point and Circle Group Campgrounds each have a 50-person and 12-car limit.
 Circle and Point are adjacent to each other.
- Ravine Group Campground has a 25-person and 6-car limit.
- Hillside Group Campground has a 50-person and 12-car limit. Ravine and Hillside are adjacent to each other.





TRAIL CAMPS: Six campsites are available at Slate Creek Trail Campground, a 3-mile hike from park headquarters. Trail camps can be reserved by visiting

www.parks.ca.gov/scmtrailcamps. Fires are prohibited, but backpack stoves are allowed. Water must be packed in or purified from nearby Slate Creek, about 1/4 mile from camp. Except for service dogs, no dogs are allowed at trail camps.



RV INFORMATION: There are no RV hookups. The maximum length is 21 feet for trailers and 24 feet for motorhomes. RV sites are 4, 7, 8, 9, and 19.

JUVENILES: Juveniles (under 18 years of age) not camping with a parent or legal guardian must have written permission to camp here. Permission forms must include the park name, name of the juvenile, dates they are staying, and the name, address, phone number, and signature of parent or guardian. Children under 15 years of age may not camp without a parent present.

For Emergencies, Dial 911.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: You may make camping reservations by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275).

To make online reservations, visit the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov.

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