

State Park Trail Camp Rules and Information

1. Trail camps are open May 1 – October 30 by reservation only. For reservations call (831) 338-8861.
2. Trail camps are primitive. **Bring your own water** since Butano, Lane, Alder, Twin Redwoods, 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.
3. **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, there is the possibility that you will not be permitted to go.
4. **No ground fires of any kind are allowed**, except in the metal rings at Castle Rock Trail Camp during WET SEASON ONLY! Backpack stoves may be used for cooking in all trail camps, unless otherwise stated.
5. No smoking on any trail or in any trail camp.
6. Do not wash your dishes or clothing in the creeks. Do not bathe in the creeks.
7. Bring an animal-proof container to store food or enough rope to hang your food from a tree branch.
8. No bikes are allowed on the trails. Bikes are only allowed on fire roads.
9. No dogs are allowed in the trail camps or on the trails.
10. No horses are allowed in the trail camps.
11. Campers must carry their Backcountry Permit at all times.
12. Camp in designated areas only and only in your assigned trail camp.
13. 6 people maximum per campsite.
14. Campers under 18 years of age must provide written permission from, or be accompanied by, a guardian.
15. 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.

Trail Camp Mileage Chart	Castle Rock lot via Saratoga Gap Trail	Castle Rock lot via Ridge Trail	Castle Rock Camp	Saratoga Gap	Waterman Gap	Lane via Hollow Tree Trail	Jay (Big Basin HQ)	Sunset Camp	Twin Redwoods	Waddell Beach
Castle Rock lot via Saratoga Gap Trail	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.9	9.5	19.3	21.2	26.5	32.3	34.6
Castle Rock lot via Ridge Trail	0.0	0.0	2.7	5.8	9.5	19	21.1	26.4	32.2	34.4
Castle Rock Camp	2.8	2.7	0.0	3.1	6.7	16.6	18.4	23.7	29.5	31.7
Saratoga Gap	5.9	5.8	3.1	0.0	6.4	16.2	16.2	21.5	27.3	29.5
Waterman Gap	9.5	9.5	6.7	6.4	0.0	8.3	9.8	15.1	20.9	23.1
Lane via Hollow Tree Trail	19.3	19.0	16.6	16.2	8.3	0.0	5.8	11.1	16.9	19.1
Jay (Big Basin HQ)	21.2	21.1	18.4	16.2	9.8	5.8	0.0	5.3	11.1	13.3
Sunset Camp	26.5	26.4	23.7	21.5	15.1	11.1	5.3	0.0	5.6	7.8
Twin Redwoods	32.3	32.2	29.5	27.3	20.9	16.9	11.1	5.6	0.0	2.2
Waddell Beach	34.5	34.4	31.7	29.5	23.1	19.1	13.3	7.8	2.2	0.0