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CHILDREN "DISCOVER" WITH JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

"Can you hear the rocks?" the Ranger says with a crumbly rock up to her ear as if it were whispering its secrets to her. "They all have stories to tell you about this land long before it was a park." The Ranger bends down to show the group of Junior Rangers the scallop fossil that lies beneath their feet... "Junior Rangers" are gathering again this year at over seventy state parks, from the redwood region to the high Sierra to the sunny Southern California beaches. Children aged seven to twelve are invited to take part in this exciting program designed to help them discover the rich natural and cultural heritage preserved in parks.

The Junior Ranger Program takes place over several days with different topics presented at each hour-long session. Geology, ecology, history, safety, plants, and wildlife are among the subjects likely to be explored. Awards such as pins, certificates, and patches are given to participants as they progress through the program. A child may begin at one park, then continue at a later date in some other location. The Junior Ranger Program is offered free of charge to visitors who have already paid park entrance or camping fees.

Many of the park units listed below will present Junior Ranger programs through Labor Day. Some parks conduct programs primarily on weekends, while others conduct them daily. You may wish to call a park in advance of your visit to learn more about specific program times and dates. If you have questions about the Junior Ranger Program of a more general nature, please contact: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Interpretation and Education Division, Room 1431, Sacramento, California 95814, or phone (916) 653-8959.

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CALIFORNIA STATE PARK UNITS WITH JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS:

County	Park	Phone
Alpine	Grover Hot Springs State Park (SP)	(530) 694-2248
Butte	Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (SRA)	(530) 538-2219
Calaveras	Calaveras Big Trees SP	(209) 795-2334
Colusa	Colusa-Sacramento River SRA	(530) 458-4927
Del Norte	Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP	(707) 464-6101 Ext.5101
	Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP	(707) 464-6101 Ext.5112
	Prairie Creek Redwoods SP	(707) 464-6101 Ext.5301
El Dorado	Auburn SRA	(530) 885-4527
	D.L. Bliss SP	(530) 525-7277
	Emerald Bay SP	(530) 525-7277
	Folsom Lake SRA	(916) 988-0205
	Marshall Gold Discovery SHP	(916) 621-1224
	Sugar Pine Point SP	(530) 525-7982
Fresno	Millerton Lake SRA	(209) 822-2332
Humboldt	Benbow Lake SRA	(707) 923-3238
	Fort Humboldt SHP	(707) 445-6567
	Grizzly Creek Redwoods SP	(707) 777-3683
	Humboldt Redwoods SP	(707) 946-2409
	Patrick's Point SP	(707) 677-3570
	Prairie Creek Redwoods SP	(707) 464-6101 Ext.5301
	Richardson Grove SP	(707) 247-3318
Imperial	Anza-Borrego Desert SP	(760) 767-5311
	Picacho SRA	(619) 339-1360
	Salton Sea SRA	(619) 393-3052
Kern	Tule Elk State Reserve (SR)	(805) 765-5004

Lake	Clear Lake SP	(707) 279-4293
Los Angeles	Leo Carrillo State Beach (SB)	(805) 986-8591
	Pio Pico SHP	(562) 695-1217
Madera	Millerton Lake SRA	(209) 822-2332
Marin	China Camp SP	(415) 456-0766
	Samuel P. Taylor SP	(415) 488-9897
Mendocino	MacKerricher SP	(707) 937-5804
	Russian Gulch SP	(707) 937-5804
	Standish-Hickey SRA	(707) 925-6482
	Van Damme SP	(707) 937-5804
Merced	George Hatfield SRA	(209) 826-1196
	McConnell SRA	(209) 826-1196
	San Luis Reservoir SRA	(209) 826-1196
Mono	Mono Lake Tufa SR	(619) 647-6331
Monterey	Pfeiffer Big Sur SP	(831) 667-2315
	Limekiln	(831) 623-4255
Napa	Sugarloaf Ridge SP	(707) 833-5712
	Napa - Bothe Valley SHP	(707) 942-4575
Nevada	Donner Memorial SP	(530) 587-3841
	Malakoff Diggins SHP	(530) 265-2740
Orange	Bolsa Chica SB	(949) 846-3460
	Doheny SB	(949) 492-0802
	Huntington SB	(949) 536-1454
	San Clemente SB	(949) 492-0802
	San Mateo Creek Wetlands	(949) 492-4872
	Natural Preserve (NP)	

Placer	Auburn SRA	(530) 885-4527
	Burton Creek SP	(530) 525-7982
	Donner Memorial SP	(530) 582-7892
	Folsom Lake SRA	(916) 988-0205
	Tahoe SRA	(530) 583-3074
	Ward Creek	(530) 525-7232
Plumas	Plumas-Eureka SP	(530) 836-2380
Riverside	Anza-Borrego Desert SP	(760) 767-5311
	Lake Perris SRA	(909) 657-0676
	Mt. San Jacinto SP	(909) 659-2607
	Salton Sea SRA	(760) 393-3052
Sacramento	Brannan Island SRA	(916) 777-6671
	Folsom Lake SRA	(916) 988-0205
San Bernardino	Silverwood Lake SRA	(760) 389-2303
San Diego	Anza-Borrego Desert SP	(760) 767-5311
	Cuyamaca Rancho SP	(760) 765-0755
	Los Penasquitos Marsh NP	(619) 755-2063
	Palomar Mountain SP	(760) 742-3462
San Diego	San Elijo SB	(619) 753-5091
	San Onofre	(949) 492-4872
	Silver Strand SB	(619) 435-5184
	South Carlsbad SB	(619) 438-3143
	Tijuana Estuary NP	(619) 575-3613
	Torrey Pines SR	(619) 755-2063
San Joaquin	Caswell Memorial SP	(209) 599-3810
San Luis Obispo	Montana de Oro SP	(805) 528-0513
	Morro Bay SP	(805) 772-7434

	Pismo SB	(805) 489-1869
	San Simeon SP	(805) 927-2038
San Mateo	Big Basin Redwoods SP	(831) 338-6132
	Butano SP	(650) 879-0173
San Mateo	Half Moon Bay SB	(650) 726-8819
	Portola SP	(415) 948-9098
Santa Barbara	Carpinteria SB	(805) 684-2811
	El Capitan SB	(805) 968-3294
	Gaviota SP	(805) 968-3294
	Refugio SB	(805) 968-3294
Santa Cruz	Big Basin Redwoods SP	(831) 338-6132
	Henry Cowell Redwoods SP	(831) 335-4598
	Manresa SB	(831) 761-1795
	New Brighton SB	(831) 464-6329
	Sunset SB	(831) 763-7062
Shasta	McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial SP	(530) 335-2777
Sonoma	Salt Point SP	(707) 847-3221
	Sugarloaf Ridge SP	(707) 833-5712
Stanislaus	Turlock Lake SRA	(209) 874-2056
Tehama	Woodson Bridge SRA	(530) 839-2112
Tulare	Colonel Allensworth SHP	(805) 849-3433
Tuolumne	Calaveras Big Trees SP	(209) 795-2334
Ventura	Leo Carrillo SB	(805) 986-8591
	McGrath SB	(805) 654-4744
	Point Mugu SP	(805) 986-8591