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California State Parks Named in ReserveAmerica's "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" Awards Program

California State Parks were named in ReserveAmerica's "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" awards program. ReserveAmerica, a leading recreation reservation and campground management company, announced the winners of their annual "Top 100 Family Campgrounds" awards program.

The winning parks were selected based on testimonials, campground ratings and feedback provided by park rangers, regional park management and campers throughout the year. Nearly 4,000 parks were reviewed and the final 100 campgrounds were determined on specific family-friendly criteria ranging from educational programs and visitor centers to camping amenities and overall beauty and scenery. Factors including the quality and availability of hot showers, laundry facilities, hiking trails, family beaches, radio-free zones, visitor centers, educational programs, children's events and location were also considered.

Among the 2008 Top 100 Family Campgrounds, the following state parks were included:

Columbia State Historic Park - three miles north of Sonora off Highway 49
McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park -11 miles northeast of Burney on Highway 89
Old Town San Diego State Historic Park in San Diego
Richardson Grove State Park - eight miles south of Garberville on Highway 101
Van Damme State Park - three miles south of Mendocino on Highway 1

Van Damme State Park was also listed as one of the top 25 Amazing Spots.

In the Top 25 Biking Trails category Henry W. Coe State Park, 14 miles east of Morgan Hill, was included.

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, four miles north of St. Helena on Highway 29, was one of the Top 25 Bird-Watching Spots.

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In the Top 25 Canoeing Spots category Emerald Bay State Park, 22 miles south of Tahoe City on Highway 89 was listed.

Among the Top 25 Educational & Historical Facilities chosen was Columbia State Historic Park and Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

Manchester State Park, five miles north of Manchester, was one of the Top 50 Fishing Spots

The Top 50 Hiking Trails list included Butano State Park, seven miles south of Pescadero.

China Camp State Park, four miles east of San Rafael, was one of the Top 25 Kid-Friendly Parks.

Among the Top 25 Park Beaches was Point Mugu State Park, 15 miles south of Oxnard on Highway 1.

George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area, 28 miles west of Merced, was recognized as one of the Top 25 Picnic Areas

In the Top 25 Romantic Spots category Richardson Grove State Park was included.

Hendy Woods State Park, eight miles northwest of Boonville, was listed as having one of the Top 50 Scenic Views.

Top 25 Tours & Events included Fort Tejon State Historic Park, 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles, and Hearst Castle®, on Highway 1, north of San Simeon.

In the Unique Cabins category McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park was included.

For more information about California State Parks online go to www.parks.ca.gov

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