

# STATE PARKS *FORWARD*

The biggest expansion of State Parks in decades.

Introducing *State Parks Forward*, a bold vision adding three new state parks while growing existing parks by 30,000 acres by the end of the decade.

Simply put, *State Parks Forward* means **more parks in more places.**



*"The bold vision laid out [on Earth day] by Governor Newsom sets California on a path to not just grow the State Park System but also provide more access and instill a greater connection and sense of pride for all Californians in their state parks."*

—California State Parks  
Director Armando Quintero

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## PATHWAY TO NEW PARKS

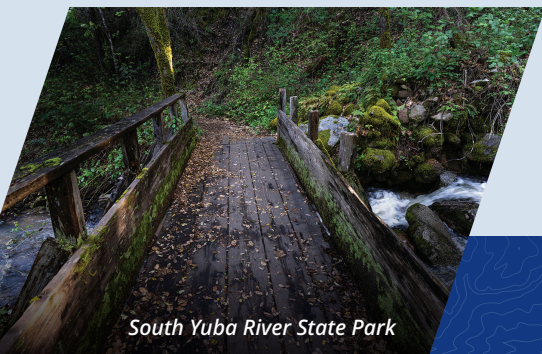
Starting Earth Day 2026, State Parks will begin the planning and acquisition process for the three new parks, spanning approximately 330 miles from one end of the Central Valley to the other. All parks are publicly held and can be acquired at little to no cost to the state.

- **Feather River Park**  
(Olivehurst, Yuba County)
- **San Joaquin River Parkway**  
(Fresno and Madera counties)
- **Dust Bowl Camp**  
(Bakersfield, Kern County)

## EXPANDING EXISTING PARKS

Work is underway and accelerating to add thousands of acres of public land by expanding the footprint of existing state parks — totaling 30,000 acres of added State Park lands by the end of the decade. These strategic no- or low-cost acquisitions — enabled by partnerships with local land trusts and conservation partners and streamlined by recent bills signed into law by Governor Newsom, SB 630 (2025, Allen) and AB 679 (2025, Pellerin)— will preserve and protect sensitive ecosystems and critical wildlife habitat corridors next to existing parks.

- **453 acres added to Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve**  
(Mendocino County)
- **218 acres added to South Yuba River State Park**  
(Nevada County)
- **133 acres added to Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park**  
(San Mateo County)



South Yuba River State Park

## BUILDING ON KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*State Parks Forward* is the latest in a series of accomplishments under the Newsom administration to conserve public land, expand access to nature and foster a thriving State Park System.

**Outdoors for All:** California is expanding parks and outdoor spaces in communities that need them the most. That includes three innovative free access programs — the Golden Bear Pass for families who receive public assistance, the California State Park Adventure Pass for fourth graders and their families, and the California State Library Parks Pass — that allow residents from all walks of life to experience California's unmatched natural and cultural resources.

**30x30:** The Golden State is leading the nation in protecting its natural resources. Through California's 30x30 initiative, a commitment to conserve 30% of the state's lands and coastal waters by 2030 that has been codified into state law, California has added over 2.5 million acres of conserved land and waters over the last three years. That's roughly the size of the Big Island in Hawaii.

**Cutting Green Tape:** An initiative by the Newsom Administration to enable important environmental restoration, conservation and stewardship to happen more quickly and cost effectively by streamlining permitting and funding for environmental projects. This has resulted in more than 500 fast-tracked projects, restoring 300,000 acres of habitat, improving 700 miles of streams, and saving \$12 million in permitting costs over the last four years.

**Climate Bond:** Approved by voters in 2024, the \$10 billion bond funds projects that protect communities from climate change impacts – from wildfire prevention and safe drinking water to biodiversity protection and expanded access to nature.

**Community Investments:** Over the last eight years, thanks to the Governor and State Legislature's investments, State Parks and partner state agencies like the Wildlife Conservation Board and the state's 10 conservancies, have invested over \$1 billion into local community parks and open space, and public acquisitions that expand outdoor access.

## MOVING FORWARD

State Parks will be adding thousands of more acres over the next few years. Follow along as new lands are added to the nation's largest and most diverse State Park System at [parks.ca.gov/Forward](https://parks.ca.gov/Forward).

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