

Redwood National and State Parks in California



Coast Redwood at Redwood National and State Park, California

Redwood National and State Parks are home to the tallest trees in the world, the coast redwood. The Redwood National and State Parks include parks operated by both the National Park Service and the California State Park Service. There are a total for four parks included in the group: Redwood National Park, and the state parks Del Norte Coast, Jedediah Smith, and Prairie Creek Redwoods.

The state parks were established after years of logging in the old growth forests devastated the landscape and led to a movement to save the remaining forests. When Redwood National Park was established, almost 90 percent of the forests had already been destroyed. In addition to the massive redwoods, the park offers oak trees, rivers, prairies and 37-miles of coastline.

Highlights of the park:

Big Tree in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

The park is a home to evergreen trees that grow up to 350-feet tall. These trees are the descendants of the giant redwood trees from the era of the dinosaurs. Through Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway you can reach Big Tree in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. This special tree measures 304-feet tall and has a diameter of two-feet.

Elks in the Prairies

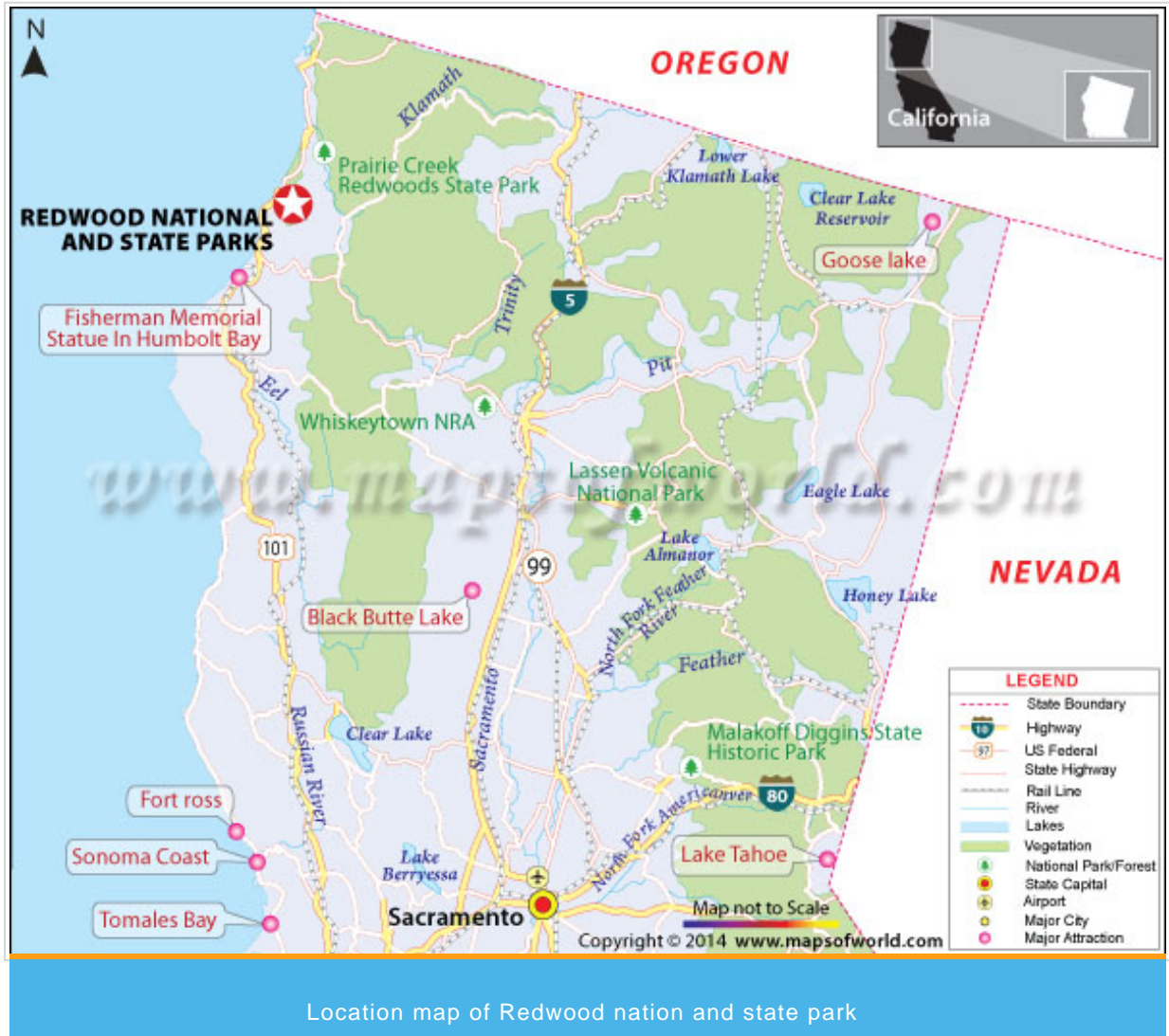
Roosevelt elk are the most common mammals in the northern redwood region. They can be spotted grazing in the prairies. As they are wild animals, they get aggressive if approached during courtship or when they are with their calves.

Historic buildings

Prairie Creek Fish Hatchery, Murphy's Ranch, Union Gold Bluffs Placer Mine, Walker Ranch, Huffman Ranch, Remains of the Del Norte Southern Railroad and many other sites of historical importance are located in the park.

Your visit to the Redwood National and State Parks is incomplete without going on scenic drives on the following roads: Bald Hills, Cal-Barrel, Davison Road, Enderts Beach, Howland Hill, Requa Road, Coastal drive and Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway.

Redwood National and State Parks Map



Facts about Redwood National and State Parks

Redwood National Park was established on October 2, 1968 while the State Park were set up during the 1920s.

The park covers an area of 133,000 acres (208.50 square miles).

Redwood National and State Parks were designated a World Heritage Site on September 2, 1980.

The park was declared an International Biosphere Reserve on June 30, 1983.

Where is Redwood National and State Parks ?

The Redwood parks are located in far northern California, along the Pacific coast. The parks are situated in Humboldt and Del Norte counties, not far from Crescent City. The northernmost park, Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park, is not far from the Oregon border.

You may fly to any of these airports - Del Norte County Airport/Jack McNamara Field (CEC) in Crescent City (California), or Arcata Airport (ACV) in McKinleyville, (California) or Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) in Medford in Oregon. Taxi and bus services are available from the airports to the parks.

Best time to visit Redwood National and State Parks

Temperatures at Redwood National Park are fairly mild, with their location along the California coast. Fog is common during summer, but can make a hike through the redwoods even more beautiful, adding a certain ambiance.

Redwood National and State Parks Hours

The Redwood National and State Parks are open 24*7. The camping and visitor center have different timings depending upon the seasons.

Redwood National and State Parks Tickets

The entry to the parks is free. Campground fee is applicable for the use of the parks.

More about **Redwood National and State Parks**

Nearby attractions: Crescent City, Big Lagoon Country Park, Harry A. Merlo SRA State Recreation Area, Del Norte Golf Course and Ocean World.

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