

How was the GCA Grove dedicated?

The protection of this awe-inspiring grove began in the 1930s when the Garden Club of America partnered with Save the Redwoods League to purchase for protection 4 parcels of redwood forestland. GCA donated funds to cover half the cost of these lands which were incorporated as The Garden Club of America Grove in 1931 and **formally dedicated in 1934**. GCA continued to partner with the League to protect more priority lands surrounding the initial acreage and encouraged GCA members and clubs to contribute to the League to cover half the purchase price of future acquisitions.

What's the size of the grove?

At the time of the dedication the GCA Grove was 2,552 acres. Over the next several decades GCA, the League and CA State Parks worked together to add more lands to the initial acreage. The GCA Grove now contains **more than 5,100 acres** and is the third largest dedicated grove in the entire State Park System!

Can I visit the grove?

Yes. The GCA Grove is located about **220 miles north of San Francisco** in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The best time to visit is June-August when the seasonal bridge is in and the weather is best. The entrance to the GCA Grove Day Use Area is marked by two wooden signs along the Avenue of the Giants Scenic Parkway. However, **trail access through the grove is currently closed** following the 2003 Canoe Fire which devastated the River Trail which connects the grove to other areas of the park.

What's the River Trail Restoration Project?

This is a project of **Save the Redwoods League** in cooperation with CA State Parks to **rehabilitate the River Trail to restore public access** through the GCA Grove and surrounding areas. This project involves restoring 2.5 miles of trail, rerouting 3.5 miles of trail to a more sustainable alignment, replacing 8 footbridges and building 7 small retaining walls to prevent erosion.

What's the Bridge the Gap campaign?

Building on over 80 years of partnership for redwood conservation, the League and GCA launched the Bridge the Gap campaign to **help raise the initial round of funding to support the River Trail Restoration Project**.

Donations to Save the Redwoods League by GCA clubs, members and friends **will also be credited toward the remaining balance of GCA's share of the acquisition costs** of the final land purchase in 1972. The **campaign goal is to raise \$270,000**: the remaining amount of the GCA share of acquisition costs as of August 1, 2013, and an amount which will significantly support the trail project.

How much money has been raised so far?

The goal of the Bridge the Gap campaign is to raise \$270,000. Log-in to the **Members Area** of www.gcamerica.org for the latest campaign update.

How do I make a donation?

Donations may be made **online at www.SaveTheRedwoods.org/GCA** or mailed to 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104. If donating by mail, please make checks **payable to Save the Redwoods League** and enclose a note that **you are associated with The Garden Club of America**.

Can I make my gift in honor or memory of someone?

Yes. With a donation of \$50 or more a tribute card can be sent to the beneficiary. Please call (415) 820-5800 to coordinate such gifts.

Can I make a multi-year pledge to the Bridge the Gap campaign?

To discuss making a significant gift over several years contact Megan Ferreira at (415) 820-5809 or mferreira@savetheredwoods.org.

Where can I learn more?

Visit www.SaveTheRedwoods.org/GCA for more information including photos. Also, a **PowerPoint presentation is available** for download should you wish to make a presentation to your garden club about the GCA Grove and Bridge the Gap campaign.

