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100 YEARS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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Save the Redwoods League Announces Special Birthday Edition of 'Free Second Saturday' in 100+ parks statewide: 100 Parks for 100 Years

100+ Redwood National, State, Regional, County and Local Park Destinations Will Be Offering a Limited Number of Free Day-Use Passes for Saturday, October 13th

SAN FRANCISCO (September 24, 2018) — To celebrate 100 years of saving California's iconic redwood forests, Save the Redwoods League, California State Parks and 24 park agencies are offering free day-use admission to more than 100 redwood parks statewide on the second Saturday of October. This special edition of this popular program will take place on October 13 during celebration week. Passes are available for download at FreeRedwoodsDays.org starting on September 26th at 8 a.m.

The goal of Free Second Saturdays, which has been running all year at 40+ Redwood State Parks, is to connect the people of California with these magnificent natural legacies, to inspire visitors with the beauty and power of the redwoods, and to celebrate Save the Redwoods League's 100-year conservation legacy.

With October being the League's official Centennial Celebration Month and 2018 having been declared the Year of the Redwoods by the California State Legislature (SR 100) — the League has expanded the group of parks partners to include national, regional, county and city parks, in addition to the state parks that have been participating each month, so that it has 100+ parks for its 100th birthday.

The passes cover day-use admission and parking fees to those parks where there are usually entrance fees. Passes for October 13 are available on a first-come, first-served basis at FreeRedwoodsDays.org beginning September 26 at 8 a.m. Some of the participating parks are Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Calaveras Big Trees State Park and Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve. Please visit FreeRedwoodsDays.org to sign up as space is limited.

Please keep in mind:

- For parks that are always free, no pass is required to participate.
- For parks that require passes, the number of passes is limited. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis according to each park's capacity.
- Only one day-use pass is needed per vehicle, per park.
- The pass covers day-use admission and parking fees. The pass does not guarantee a parking space or entry if the park is full due to high demand.
- To ensure valid entry and avoid fines, printed passes must be presented to park staff members at entry gates or displayed on vehicle dashboards if no personnel are on duty.
- Electronic images of the pass will not be accepted.

- Consider visiting a state park during off-peak hours opening time to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to closing time.
- Visitors without passes are welcome, but must pay admission.
- We encourage all park visitors to review and obey park rules.
- Share your experiences with us on social media and tag them with #Stand4Redwoods and #FreeRedwoodsDays.
- Select redwood parks are not participating in this promotion, including: Muir Woods, Yosemite, and Sequoia/Kings Canyon.

For detailed information, including a full list of participating parks, park operating hours and outdoor <u>safety tips</u>, please visit <u>FreeRedwoodsDays.org</u>.

Free Second Saturdays will continue through the rest of 2018 at 40+ Redwood State Parks on:

- November 10
- December 8

"People come from around the world to walk among California's ancient redwoods," said Sam Hodder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Save the Redwoods League. "As part of our Centennial celebration, Save the Redwoods League is thrilled to host a free day in the redwood parks once a month all year long. We invite you to stand under the world's tallest living creatures - the most powerful forest in the fight against climate change - and learn why we are working so hard to protect and restore it. We are celebrating our 100th birthday in the redwood parks, and we want you to join us!"

Save the Redwoods League

One of the nation's oldest conservation organizations, Save the Redwoods League has been protecting and restoring redwood forests since 1918, connecting generations of visitors with the beauty and serenity of the redwood forest. Our 20,000 supporters have enabled the League to protect more than 204,000 acres of irreplaceable forest in 66 state, national and local parks and reserves. For more information, go to SaveTheRedwoods.org.

Complete list of participating park agencies

Arcata Environmental Services Department Landpaths

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Marin County Parks

CAL FIRE Midpeninsula (Midpen) Regional Open
California State Parks Space

City of Berkeley
City of Fairfax
City of Los Altos
City of Palo Alto
City of Palo Alto

National Park Service
Oakland Parks & Recreation
San Mateo County Parks
Santa Clara County Parks

City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Scotts Valley Parks & Recreation

Department Department

County of Del Norte Parks Department Sonoma County Regional Parks

County of Mendocino Parks Department The Wildlands Conservancy and Sonoma

East Bay Regional Park District Land Trust
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County US Forest Service

Participating Parks, by County

Alameda

- Codornices Park
- Joaquin Miller Park
- Leona Canyon Regional Park
- Leona Heights
- Redwood Regional Park
- Roberts Regional Recreation Area
- Tilden Regional Park

Calaveras

• Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Del Norte

- Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park
- Florence Keller County Park
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
- Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
- Ruby Van Deventer County Park

Humboldt

- Arcata Community Forest
- Benbow State Recreation Area
- Fort Humboldt State Historic Park
- Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park
- Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area
- Headwaters Forest Reserve
- Humboldt Lagoons State Park
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park
- John B. Dewitt Redwoods State Natural Reserve
- Patrick's Point State Park
- Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
- Redwood National Park
- Richardson Grove State Park
- Shady Dell (Lost Coast Trail)

Marin

- Baltimore Canyon Open Space Preserve
- Blithedale Summit Open Space Preserve
- Bolinas Park
- French Ranch Open Space Preserve
- Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve
- Indian Tree Open Space Preserve
- Mount Tamalpais State Park
- Peri Park
- Roy's Redwoods Open Space Preserve
- Samuel P. Taylor State Park

Mariposa

Sierra National Forest

Monterey

- Andrew Molera State Park
- Garrapata State Park
- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Mendocino

- Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area
- Faulkner County Park
- Hendy Woods State Park
- Indian Creek County Park
- Jackson Demonstration State Forest
- Jug Handle State Natural Reserve
- Mailliard Redwoods State Natural Reserve
- Mendocino Headlands State Park
- Mendocino Woodlands State Park
- Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve
- Navarro River Redwoods State Park
- Smithe Redwoods State Natural Reserve
- Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area
- Van Damme State Park

Napa

Bothe-Napa Valley State Park

Placer

Tahoe National Forest

San Mateo

- Butano State Park
- El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve
- Huddart Park
- Memorial Park
- Pescadero Creek Park
- Phleger Estate
- Portola Redwoods State Park
- Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve
- Sam McDonald Park
- Thornewood Open Space Preserve
- Windy Hill Open Space Preserve
- Wunderlich Park

Santa Clara

- Mount Madonna County Park
- Pearson-Arastradero Preserve
- Redwood Grove Natural Preserve
- Sanborn County Park

Santa Cruz

- Big Basin Redwoods State Park
- Byrne-Milliron Forest
- Castle Rock State Park
- Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
- Lodato Open Space
- Pogonip Open Space
- Soquel Demonstration State Forest
- The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park
- Wilder Ranch State Park

Sonoma

- Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve
- Austin Creek State Recreation Area
- Fort Ross State Historic Park
- Grove of the Old Trees
- Gualala Point Regional Park
- Jack London State Historic Park
- Jenner Headlands Preserve
- Kruse Rhododendron State Natural Reserve
- North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve
- Riverfront Regional Park
- Russian Gulch State Park
- Salt Point State Park
- Soda Springs County Reserve
- Sonoma Coast State Park
- Stillwater Cove Regional Park

Tulare

• Case Mountain Giant Sequoias

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