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# Free Day-Use Admission to <u>49 State Parks</u> on Friday

Sacramento, Calif. – Last week the Save the Redwoods League (League) announced free admission to 49 redwood state parks on Friday, November 27. Park goers must first visit the League website to download and print a Redwood State Parks Day-Use Pass to participate in this event. The pass covers admission and parking fees and must be presented to state parks staff. If there is no park staff available at the park, please display the pass on your vehicle's dashboard.

Because of the overwhelming response, 31 state parks reached the free-pass limit. Visitors without passes are welcome but must pay admission. Passes for free admission are still available at 18 other California state parks with redwood forests. Reserve and print your pass on the League website.

Please keep in mind:

- Only 49 state parks within the state parks system are participating in the Free Redwood State Park Pass Program. Most are near the coast in northern and central California, from Limekiln State Park in Monterey County to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park in Del Norte County. The League's offer of free admission applies only to these 49 state parks.
- You must visit the League website to reserve and print your ticket for free admission.
- Remember to print your pass and present it to state parks staff. If there is no park staff available at the park, please display the pass on your vehicle's dashboard.
- The pass covers the parking fee, but it does not guarantee a parking space or entry if the park is full due to high demand.



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• Consider visiting a state park during the off-peak hours – opening time to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to closing time. Below are the operating hours of some popular state parks participating in the League's Free Friday in the Redwoods offer:

#### Sunrise to Sunset

- Butano
- Calaveras Big Trees
- Forest of Nisene Marks
- Henry Cowell Redwoods
- Patrick's Point
- Sonoma Coast

#### 6 a.m. to Sunset

- Castle Rock
- Portola Redwoods

# 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Julia Pfeiffer Burns
- Pfeiffer Big Sur

# 7 a.m. to Sunset

• Mount Tamalpais

# 8 a.m. to Sunset

- Annadel
- Bothe-Napa Valley
- Samuel P. Taylor
- Wilder Ranch

# 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Armstrong Redwoods

# 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Big Basin Redwoods

# 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Jack London State Historic Park

California State Parks invites the public to enjoy state parks year round. With 280 park units, over 340 miles of coastline, 970 miles of lake and river frontage, 15,000 campsites and 4,500 miles of trails, the state park system provides wonderful recreational, educational, and inspirational opportunities for more than 67 million visitors annually.

Check out our fun facts <u>online</u>, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>, and plan your next outdoor adventure with us.

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#### About California's Drought

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water at home, at work and even when recreating outdoors. Find out how at <u>SaveOurWater.com</u>.

#### About California State Parks

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