

Groves Established in the Past Year

Big Basin
Johnsen Wagstaff Grove
Butano
Jane and Stan Moore Family Grove
Del Norte Coast
Leonard Larson Grove
Aubrey F. Liermann Grove
Forest of Nisene Marks
Jan Carel & Agnes Tillman van Eck Memorial Grove
Gray Whale
Roger P. Guinee Memorial Grove
Harry Merlo
William I. Goodhew Memorial Grove
Jedediah Smith
Marc and Alice Davis Grove
Estes Grove
Fraser Grove
Goble Grove
Lawrence C. Merriam
McGrew Grove
Julia Pfeiffer Burns
Parthenia O'Connor & Antonie J. Koenig Grove
Navarro
Guy and Edna Jacobson Family Grove
Judith Metzger Riggs Grove
Portola
Martha McCoid Bennett & Alston Lyon Bennett Grove
Michael, Peter and Thomas Goldman Grove
Prairie Creek
Oscie Louise Davis Crosland Grove
Kenneth and Marjorie Dawdy Grove
Mabel Thacher Edwards Memorial Grove
Liermann Family Grove
Liermann Family Grove
Elizabeth Heil Rohrs Memorial Grove
Redwood National Park
Bradulov-Meko Grove
Saperstein Family Grove
Charles C. Wagner Grove
Sinkyone Wilderness
Jan and Edith C. Wolff Grove
Wilder Ranch
Paul and Robert Gerstley Grove



The Mystery of the Forest.
Photo by H. C. Tibbetts.

Since 1920 the Memorial and Honor Grove Program has been a major source of support for the League's success in building redwood parks. The average gift to establish a five-acre grove is \$30,000 to \$50,000; the money goes to our land program and the grove is established in an existing park. Please call our toll-free number, (888) 836-0005, and ask for Denise Price if you are interested in establishing a grove.

Our Bulletins are available on our website, SaveTheRedwoods.org, as PDF files that you may download and print. You can now receive your bulletin by email (as a PDF file attachment) instead of by postal mail by contacting the office at redwoods@savetheredwoods.org.



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Calf Creek, in Rockefeller Forest, Humboldt Redwoods State Park.
Photo by Howard King.

Visit Your Redwood Parks!

You may not think of visiting the redwood parks in the winter. The winter rains of the Coast Redwood region are critical for forest health, but long periods of heavy rain are rare. Light rain is more common, alternating with days of clear blue skies.

Venture into the redwood forest in the rain, and you will find, in the words of Dr. Paul Zinke, "although the rain outside was like a mist, the drops in the groves may be as big as your fingernails ... dropping like plummeting comets through the forest." Summer crowds are gone, and raindrops falling from hundreds of feet above make the only sound.



Photo by Don Briggs.

The first storms of winter blow the year's accumulation of dead leaflets out of the trees, leaving them fresh and green. The same stream that was barely a trickle in August is a rushing torrent in January—and you may see salmon leaping upstream.

It will be easier than ever to visit one of California's State Parks this winter: park fees are being reduced or eliminated.

On July 1, 2000, the standard day use parking fee was cut from \$5 per day to \$2 at all but a few parks. On January 1, 2001, the remaining day use fees and all camping fees will be reduced, and special camping charges will be eliminated, as will boat fees. The price of the annual day-use parking pass has also been reduced from \$75 to \$35 per year, issued as a tag that can be moved from vehicle to vehicle at the user's convenience.

Recent Acquisitions

The League's recent purchases include 546 acres adjacent to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park in Del Norte County. Maturing forests now cover the slopes on this parcel, reaching upward from Crescent City into the Park. Its permanent protection will buffer the old-growth redwoods of Jed Smith from the developed area around Crescent City. The League also acquired an adjoining ten-acre parcel to link the inland trails of Redwood State and National Parks through the larger parcel to the Coast trail.

In Santa Cruz County, the League purchased 270 acres adjacent to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. A mature second growth grove anchored by old growth trees 60 to 100 inches in diameter will be added to the old growth redwood grove in the Park. On this parcel, redwood forest gives way abruptly to two natural communities characterized as globally critically imperiled in the California Natural Diversity Data Base: 39 acres of Northern Maritime Chaparral and 87 acres of Coast Range Ponderosa Pine Forest. Sand parkland, a type of the coast range ponderosa pine forest, is considered "the most distinctive and biologically diverse plant community within the sandhills of central Santa Cruz County," supporting at least sixty sandhills specialty plant species on this site.

Permanent protection for this very unusual property is an important step in a comprehensive conservation strategy for the redwood ecosystem that depends on preservation of associated habitats together with redwood forest lands.

Dillonwood Update

The campaign to purchase the Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove and add it to Sequoia National Park is proceeding. This spring, legislation to expand the boundaries of the Park to include Dillonwood was introduced in the House by Congressman George Radanovich and in the Senate by Senator Barbara Boxer, co-sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein. The Senate has passed its bill, and we are hopeful that the House may act in the closing days of its session. Senator Feinstein is spearheading the effort to secure federal funding for half the \$10 million purchase price and the League is actively securing private contributions for the other \$5 million.

Casting About for All the Reasons Behind His Bequest

Frank Wentworth is passionate about preserving wild fish habitat.

For some thirty years Wentworth has fished for trout and steelhead in Northern California waters. He learned fly fishing as a teen-ager from his father, Bill, who served as treasurer of Save-the-Redwoods League for twenty-five years, a position Frank now holds. And he understands the importance of the redwood forests to wild fish. That's why he has included a bequest for Save-the-Redwoods League in his estate plans.

"In Big Sur, steelhead migrate upstream from the sea into fresh water sheltered by redwood trees," he said. "The shading canopy of the forest keeps the water cool and makes it ideal for spawning."

He is excited by the League's recent efforts to protect Dillonwood Grove, which lies in the upper reaches of the North Fork of California's Tule River: "Dillonwood protects a fantastic wild brown trout fishery. It's a great piece of property that preserves and protects both the watershed and wildlife habitat."

Wentworth, who also chairs the League's planned giving committee, hopes that others, fishing enthusiasts or not, will include the League in their estate plan as he has. "I have a very emotional response to saving redwoods," he said, "and without the shade provided by the redwood canopy in wild fish habitats like Dillonwood, the wild brown trout that live in the headwaters of the Tule River would not survive. By including the League in my estate plans, I know the important work of saving the redwoods will continue."

If you would like information on planning a charitable bequest or the tax and income benefits of charitable trusts, please call Sage Bubolo, Director of Major Gifts at (415) 362-2352, ext. 16. We look forward to welcoming you as a new member of the League's Redwood Legacy Circle.

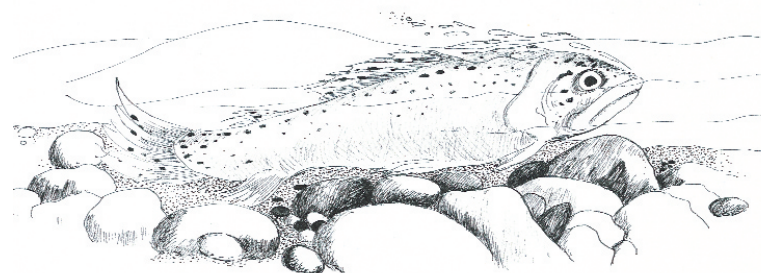


Illustration by Maryjo Koch.

In Memoriam

Save-the-Redwoods League regrets to announce the deaths of four of its distinguished Councillors, R. A. L. Menzies, Carl A. Anderson, Dr. Robert Ornduff and Francis M. Wheat.

For R. A. L. Menzies, protecting the redwoods was a long-standing family tradition. He joined the Council in 1962 continuing decades of service by his father, R. H. Menzies. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1966, and served as Vice-President from 1980 until 1998. He loved the redwoods, and loved introducing people to them. Many of his friends and acquaintances were inspired by his example to establish groves in the redwood parks.

Carl A. Anderson worked for 38 years mostly in the redwood parks of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. After retiring as Deputy Director in 1986, he joined the League's Council and dedicated many hours to showing groves in the parks near his north coast home to prospective donors. He was a tireless representative of the League's interests innumerable meetings in the successful battle to prevent CalTrans from straightening and widening Highway 101 through the heart of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Toward the end of this process he commented, "The price for perpetuating park values is constant, eternal vigilance."

Dr. Robert Ornduff became a Councillor in 1986. The former head of the Botanical Gardens and Herbarium at the University of California in Berkeley, Dr. Ornduff was a rich source of information and assistance with botanical issues and an insightful member of the Research Grants Committee.

Frank Wheat was a new member of the Council, but he was by no means new to conservation or public service. As a trustee of the Anza-Borrego Foundation he helped pass the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, which created three and a half million acres of wilderness in the Mojave Desert. He served on the board of the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund and was a founder and board member of the Center for Law in the Public Interest and the Alliance for Children's Rights.