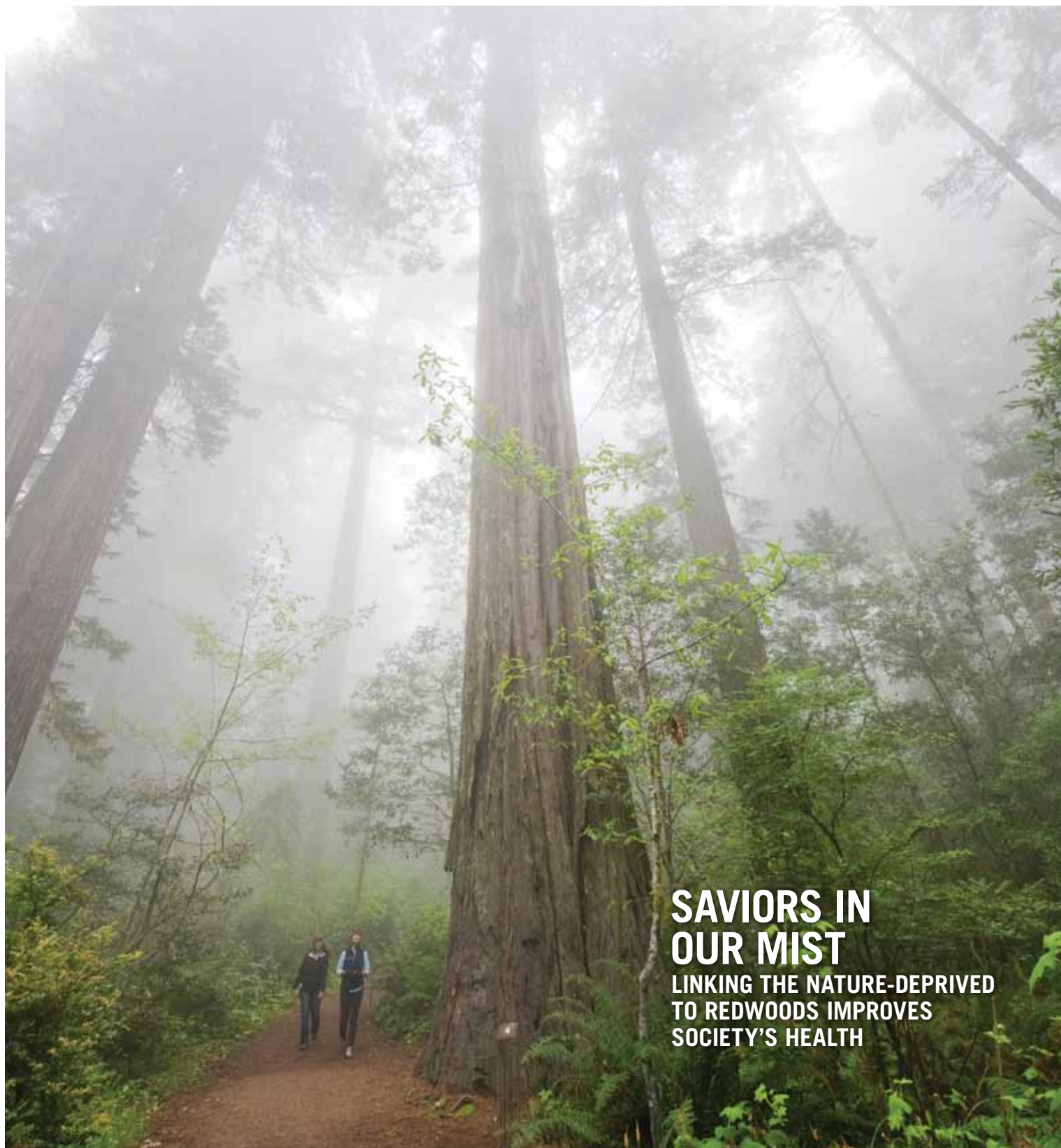


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TO REDWOODS IMPROVES
SOCIETY'S HEALTH



Our Mission: Save the Redwoods
League protects and restores redwood forests and connects people with their peace and beauty so these wonders of the natural world flourish.

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This page: You can help complete the effort to restore and open this easy-access gateway to Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest. *Learn more on page 9.*

The Bulletin newsletter is published for friends of Save the Redwoods League.



Dear Save the Redwoods League Friends,

I am lucky enough to spend a lot of time with my family in the redwood forest. We're our best selves there: happy, relaxed and inspired by the forest's beauty.

Far too few families can have experiences like these. More children are growing up in cities without nearby creeks, woods and fields in which to play. The consequence is that American children spend only 1 percent of their time outdoors and 27 percent of their time in front of a screen. But research shows that *spending time in nature enhances the ability to cope with and recover from stress, illness and injury.* That's why the League is *working to connect more people with our redwoods parks.* The more people we introduce to these places, the healthier our communities will be, and the more likely they will protect our magical forests. *On page 5, you can learn how your support links new generations to the redwoods.*

Your gifts also are making redwood parks even more special through *trail construction projects, campground improvements and even a new visitor center (featured on page 10).*

Meanwhile, we continue to acquire and protect redwood forests for all of us to enjoy. Our fall campaign will focus on closing the funding gap to protect an ancient forest where a year-round creek ripples through deep canyons past five-finger ferns, carpets of redwood sorrel and jaw-dropping redwood giants, all near San Francisco. *You can learn more on page 9.*

I thank you for your generous and crucial support. I know we can continue to make a difference together.

Sam Hodder President and CEO

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Connect

You link the nature-deprived to the redwoods, improving society's health



“The redwood forest is really important because it cleans our air. We’re just guests here, so we should respect where we are. Every action of ours is affecting tomorrow.”

—Risa Padilla (right), participant in the League's Redwoods and Climate Change High School Program in Oakland, California



Young students (like the one above with Sam Hodder, League President and CEO) joined the League and other organizations at last spring's BioBlitz to inventory plant and animal species in Muir Woods National Monument. Your gifts support such League projects to introduce new generations to the wonder of the redwoods, improving their health and well-being as they learn about the forest.

Left photo by Tonatiuh Trejo-Cantwell

SAVIORS IN OUR MIST

Teenager Risa Padilla lives in Oakland, California, in the shadow of Redwood Regional Park, home of the largest remaining natural stand of coast redwoods in the eastern San Francisco Bay Area.

For Oakland's 400,000 residents, the forest of 15-story redwoods offers nearby inspiration and access to the wild territory of golden eagles, rainbow trout and more. **Thanks to your generous gifts, Padilla recently visited the park for the first time** through the Save the Redwoods League Education Program. She smiled as she recalled her school trip.

“The trees are so huge, it really makes you feel like a little ant. **It's a humbling experience,**” she said.

Like most of her Oakland Technical High School classmates, she had never experienced this local park's beauty.

Such **detachment from nature is a trend among children nationwide**. Of Americans ages 6 and older, **only half participated in outdoor recreation** in 2012, according to The Outdoor Foundation's *Outdoor Participation Report 2013*, which is based on a scientific survey of 26,000 households.

Half of humanity lives in cities, the United Nations (UN) shows. Eighty-two percent of the United States population lives in urban areas, and the UN projects continued urban growth.

Redwoods Strengthen Us

As a redwoods enthusiast, you likely have always known that spending time in nature makes you feel good. Well now you have proof: Studies consistently demonstrate that **spending time in nature improves people's mental and physical condition**. So says an academic literature review by Deakin University and Parks Victoria in Australia. The review cites three studies showing that **exposure to natural environments such as parks enhances the ability to cope with and recover from stress, illness and injury**.

Most urbanites can only experience nature by visiting parks, and most of them are unaware of parks and their potential health benefits, the review says. **Making people healthier is a great reason for the League to connect more people with redwood parks.**



Through a new League program, nearly 200 Oakland high school students drew on new League research data, analyzing it and using scientific techniques in the field to learn about redwoods and climate change.

“As our cities grow, we need our local redwood parks more than ever,” said Sam Hodder, League President and CEO. “Redwoods have a magical impact on all of us. They inspire a unique connection with and appreciation of the great outdoors as they improve our health, clean our air and water, and bring us peace. That is a primary reason we have worked for 96 years to establish our redwood parks: They make our lives better.”

Connecting people to the redwood forest has stood as a League objective. **With support from you and other members, the League has:**

- **contributed** to creating more than 60 coast redwood and giant sequoia parks for the public to enjoy
- **helped** bring more than 69,000 children to redwood forests since 2000
- **taught** more than 460,000 people about the forest through our Education Grants Program since 2000
- **provided** in recent years online and printed resources about redwood forests, research and conservation to more than 200,000 teachers, parks, education organizations and members of the public annually

New Program in the Forest

Your generous contributions support **new ways of connecting our future stewards to the redwoods.**

Through the new Redwoods and Climate Change High School Program, Padilla and nearly 200 Oakland high school students visited the forest, thanks in part to **a grant from Oracle**. The program brings urban youths into redwood forests to conduct scientific research.

“Our goal is to make climate change tangible and relevant by showing students how environmental changes affect a local resource,” said Deborah Zierten, League Education and Interpretation Manager. “The program also supports teachers

in teaching locally focused science using scientifically sound data.”

Students learn from the **new, groundbreaking work** of the League’s Redwoods and Climate Change Initiative, which explores past, present and future impacts of climate change on redwood forests. **The findings will help us make informed decisions about how to protect and restore redwood forests** as they face rapid climate change. We include the data in our education curriculum, straight from the redwood canopy, giving students insight into how new discoveries are relevant to their daily lives.

Padilla recalls her program experience of measuring redwoods and calculating their carbon storage.

“Actually going to the forest and doing the jobs that scientists do, it gives you a new respect for it,” Padilla said. “It was really nice because **we don’t learn about the redwoods otherwise**, and redwoods are all around us in Oakland. It was nice learning how important they are and how we can get the word out about them.”

Colleen Cassity, Director of Oracle Corporate Citizenship, said Oracle supports our high school program because everyone must take action for a healthy planet.

“**What better way to cultivate tomorrow’s environmental stewards** than to connect today’s youths to the beauty and ecological importance of our redwoods, the treasure in their own backyard? We’re proud to be part of Save the Redwoods League,” Cassity said.

You Can Help

With your visionary contributions to the League, you can help connect people to the redwood forest and inspire the next generation to experience and care for these magical places. Please make a gift by calling (888) 836-0005, using the attached envelope or visiting our secure website, **SaveTheRedwoods.org/give**. In addition, you can share your love of the forest with your friends and family using our online resources.

CONNECT WITH THE REDWOODS ONLINE

Your generous support enables us to offer these **free resources on SaveTheRedwoods.org** to everyone.

Redwoods Finder Interactive Map: Learn about 43 magnificent parks and what to see and do in them

Family Guides to the Coast Redwoods and Giant Sequoias: Plan activities for kids in top parks

Webcam: See live views of the Smith River flowing through world-renowned Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

Redwood Watch: Using your iPhone or camera, help League scientists study redwood forests as the climate changes

Redwoods Learning Center: Get curricula, reading lists and K-12 publications

Social communities: Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr and YouTube

Community

Making a
Lasting
Difference

Joyce Harris met her first Sierra redwood (aka giant sequoia) when she was 5 years old. Her family was camping in Sequoia National Park. She can still remember the magic of looking up at that unbelievably huge, towering tree, more fantastic than anything she had ever seen.

"I loved the beauty," she said. "But later I learned that only 5 percent of the old-growth coast redwoods were left. So I felt mad at California for not taking better care of them."

Today Harris has been a proud member of Save the Redwoods League for nearly half a century. **She's helping to protect the future of our redwood forests by naming the League in her estate plan.** In 2003, Harris made another important contribution to the redwood forest by **dedicating the "J C R D Harris Family Grove" in Limekiln State Park.**

Two streams flow through the 5-acre grove. Harris frequently drives from her Long Beach home to visit. She's glad to enjoy her cherished place and likes knowing that because of her thoughtful bequest, future generations will experience the forest.



Tamara Pabis, left, and Joyce Harris enjoy a day in the redwood forest. Harris is helping to protect the future of redwood forests by naming the League in her estate plan.

REDWOOD GROVES DEDICATED JUNE 15, 2013–JUNE 14, 2014

BUTANO STATE PARK

YVONNE JENSEN DODD AND ARTHUR F. DODD FAMILY GROVE
SEQUOYAH MEMORIAL REDWOOD GROVE

JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS STATE PARK

PARKS, LENTON, LAMBLIN, ZANGER FAMILY GROVE

JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS STATE PARK

TERESA KELLER TILDEN AND
DOUG TILDEN FAMILY SEA VIEW GROVE

NAVARRO RIVER REDWOODS STATE PARK

HARRY E. AND MARGARET MILLER RICHARDS GROVE
HARRY MARSHALL, III MEMORIAL GROVE

PETERS CREEK OLD-GROWTH FOREST

KLINK PEERY GROVE

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK

WALLACE AND MARY HELEN CLEMENTS MEMORIAL GROVE
HARRY AND RUTH S. METZGER GROVE
RICHARD MCWHERTER MEMORIAL GROVE
TRISH STRICKLAND GROVE

PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

DAVID W. WEBER MEMORIAL GROVE

Honor Your Loved Ones While You Protect the Forest

You can dedicate a special place in the forest to friends, family or an organization by contacting Megan Ferreira, Director of Major Gifts, at (415) 362-2352 or mferreira@SaveTheRedwoods.org.

Conservation

You Can
Protect New
Gateway
to Giants



Photo by Paolo Vescia

We need your help to protect and care for this rare ancient forest at location 4 on the map on page 11.

You may recall our Santa Cruz Mountains Old-Growth Campaign to protect **some of the most beautiful ancient redwood forests still standing less than an hour's drive from the bustle of the South San Francisco Bay Area.** One of the places is Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest: 145 acres of jaw-dropping giants.

This coveted forest would make a spectacular addition to Portola Redwoods State Park one day, offering you easy access to a hidden wonderland that escaped the mid-1880s logging boom.

Now we've **added another magnificent forest** to this campaign, and you have the chance to complete the project to restore and open this easy-access gateway to Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest in the future. The Van Kempen Addition to Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest embraces **33 acres of rare, ancient redwoods**, buffering nearby Pescadero Creek, **home of imperiled coho salmon and steelhead trout.** The undeveloped trail corridor provides valuable habitat for the forest community, and it connects protected land that wildlife needs to survive.

Save the Redwoods League must raise \$975,000 to complete the project, make critical improvements to the property, and manage it for the long term or until a permanent steward can be identified.

Your gifts to the Santa Cruz Mountains Old-Growth Fund will help **protect magnificent forests like this one, assist in stream stabilization to aid fish passage and survival, and help develop the public access plan for this property.**

Please join League members like you whose support in past years has helped win protection for more than 800 acres of neighboring Portola Redwoods State Park for everyone to enjoy. **Donate today.**



Members' Generosity Helps Open New Calaveras Visitor Center

Living in Arnold near Calaveras Big Trees State Park, the late **James and Carmen Hickling** thought of the park's amazing giant sequoias as their backyard. "They were very outdoorsy people," said their nephew Donald Hickling. "They were always generous, and **they wanted to give back to the forest for all the great times they had there.**"

For decades during their lifetimes, most of their gifts to Save the Redwoods League supported the park's interpretive center and the creation of a campfire area, where rangers give talks to visitors.

Now their love for Calaveras Big Trees lives on through a generous bequest, which supported construction of the park's new visitor center. The center hosted a grand opening last Memorial Day. This new center honors the legacy of those who preserved these groves in the past, and tells the story of the giant sequoias. In addition, you can see cultural artifacts of native Californians, animal displays and a new film on the origin of California State Parks and Calaveras Big Trees.

The grand opening marked the 150th anniversary year of California State Parks, which are home to most of the redwoods that League members have protected. In fact, the League helped create the California state park system in 1927. At Calaveras Big Trees, gifts from members like you have enabled us to protect more than 2,300 acres including the north and south groves; create brochures for visitors; and support scientific research and education projects.

A generous bequest resulted in the League's support of the new visitor center at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. You can plan a trip to this redwood park and 42 others by visiting SaveTheRedwoods.org/maps.

Victory for Protecting Redwood Forests in San Francisco Peninsula

With your voice, vote, volunteer hours and League support, you have helped to protect redwood forests and rare native species, restore waterways and increase access to magnificent places in San Francisco's Peninsula. The Measure AA Regional Open Space Access, Preservation and Restoration Bond won with more than 67 percent of the vote, reflecting the public's priorities to expand, enhance, and connect regional trails and open space areas and complete restoration projects of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Volunteer to Help Redwoods State Parks

Volunteer for California State Parks as a docent, caretaker or patroller, or choose from many other roles. Call (916) 653-9069 or email vipp@parks.ca.gov, and leave your name and address to receive applications and information about each of the parks.

The Impact of Your Support



Your gifts are helping to protect and improve the public's enjoyment of redwood forestland in these locations and many others.

THIS PROTECTED LAND SAFEGUARDS ...



CLEAN WATER



WILDLIFE



RECREATION



SCENERY



YOU CAN SAVE THE WONDER OF THESE FORESTLANDS

Your help is crucial for protecting and restoring redwood forests and connecting current and future generations to these magical places so they will be inspired to protect them. Please donate through our secure website at **SaveTheRedwoods.org/RedwoodLandFund**. Alternatively, you may use the attached envelope. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts.

Redwoods State Parks IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

- A MILL CREEK
- B STANDISH-HICKEY
- C HENDY WOODS
- D PORTOLA

Redwoods State Parks IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

- E CALAVERAS BIG TREES*

Other projects that NEED YOUR HELP

- 1 ORICK MILL
- 2 SHADY DELL
- 3 NOYO RIVER REDWOODS
- 4 PETERS CREEK*, BOULDER CREEK, VAN KEMPEN ADDITION*
- 5 SAN VICENTE REDWOODS

*Described in the Conservation section of this newsletter. Learn more about these projects and others at SaveTheRedwoods.org.

Education

Nurturing Tomorrow's Redwoods Champions

Sixth-graders trundle off buses and into a sun-speckled redwood forest. It's *terra incognita* for most of them. But they are in good hands with educators from LandPaths, a Sonoma County organization supported by the Save the Redwoods League Education Grants Program and members like you.

More than 60 percent of these kids are English-language learners. More than 90 percent qualify for their school's free or reduced-price lunch program. A mere 10 miles from their school, they'll spend this day — and three others throughout the year — **getting to know this local forest and helping it thrive.**

This LandPaths program, called In Our Own Backyard or IOOBY, serves 900 students each year. They hike, play nature games, and **learn about wildlife and waterways.** Each visit, they'll return to a quiet "sit spot" in the forest to make observations and write. They'll also sort and weigh their lunch garbage — and learn how they can reduce what they add to the waste stream.

In places that were logged a few decades ago, the students plant licorice ferns and huckleberries. Some name their plants and wish them well by burying messages like "Good luck, Bob" in their holes.

Work days such as this one are a key part of the program, explained Bree Arthur, LandPaths Education Director. **"It's a chance to give the students hands-on experience in taking care of a place,"** she said. "On the next field day, they come running back and remember exactly what they planted."

Arthur loves watching kids' curiosity come alive in the outdoors. "People come from all over the world

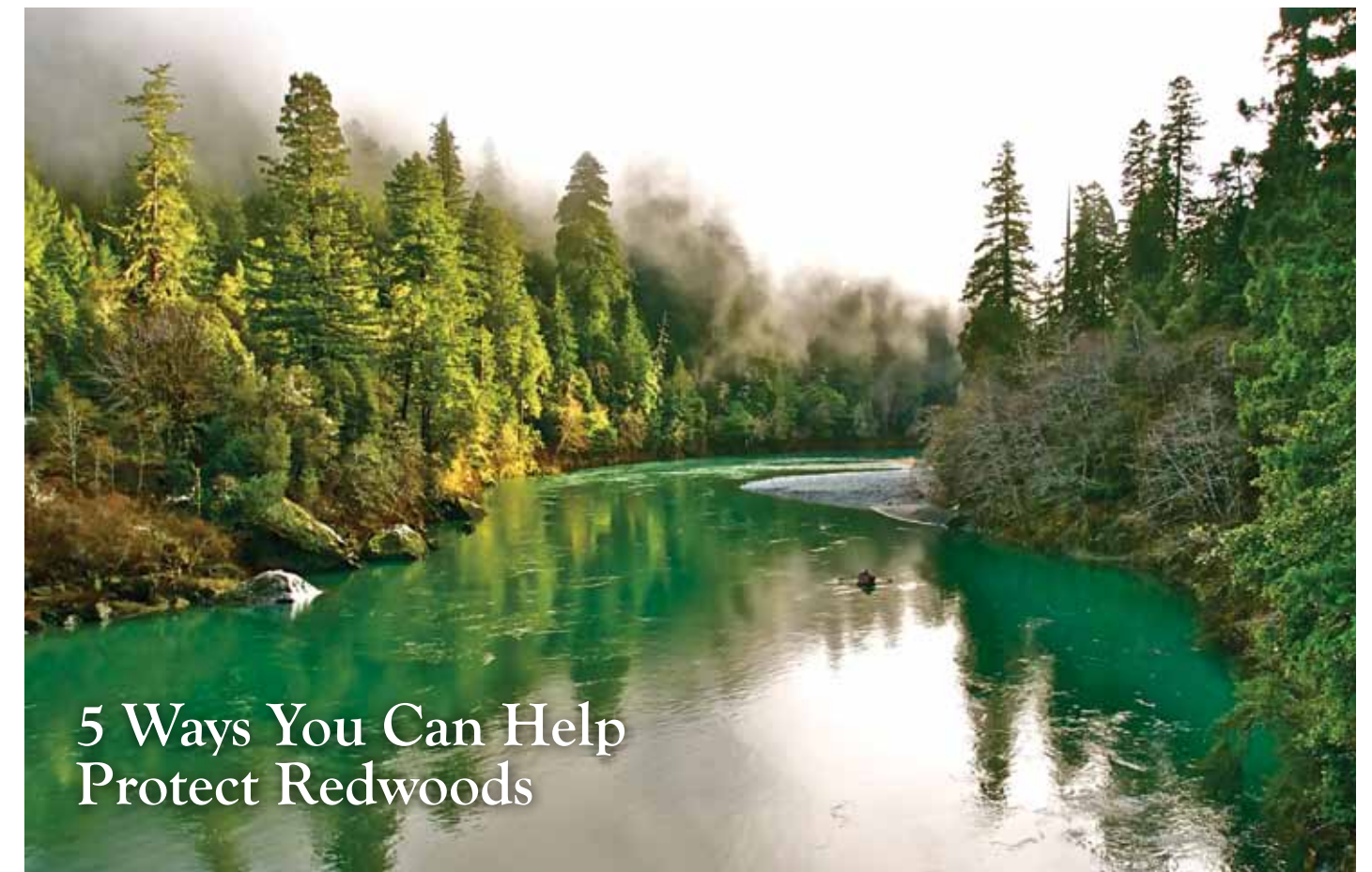


This page: Your gifts enable a LandPaths' In Our Own Backyard program to teach 900 students about the forest each year. **Opposite page:** The Smith River is a gem winding through the Northern California redwoods.

to see the redwoods," she said. **"We teach the children how rare and important they are."**

These lessons are vital because they influence the next generation who will care for our redwood forests.

You can help connect more people to the redwood forest and attract the next generation who will protect these amazing places. Please make a gift by calling (888) 836-0005, using the attached envelope or visiting our secure website, [SaveTheRedwoods.org/give](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/give).



5 Ways You Can Help Protect Redwoods

DONATE

to Save the Redwoods League.

PLAN

a gift in your will or trust for Save the Redwoods League.

TALK

to your friends about the League's work.

VISIT

the redwood forest with your friends and family.

EXPLORE

volunteer opportunities in redwood parks.

To learn more, visit [SaveTheRedwoods.org](https://www.savetheredwoods.org), or call us at (888) 836-0005.

THE MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO THE REDWOODS

Your gifts of any amount support the work of Save the Redwoods League to protect the forests for current and future generations! For more information or to donate, visit our secure site, [SaveTheRedwoods.org/give](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/give), or call us at (888) 836-0005.

Renew Your Membership, \$25. Recommit to support the forest. You will continue to receive the *Bulletin* and invitations to members-only events.

Plant a Seedling, \$75. Have a seedling planted in a California redwoods park in honor of an individual or organization or in memory of a loved one.

Give Monthly, \$5 or More. The amount you designate will be automatically charged to your credit card. You'll get invitations to special appreciation events and the satisfaction of knowing that your gifts save us the cost of yearly requests for your support.

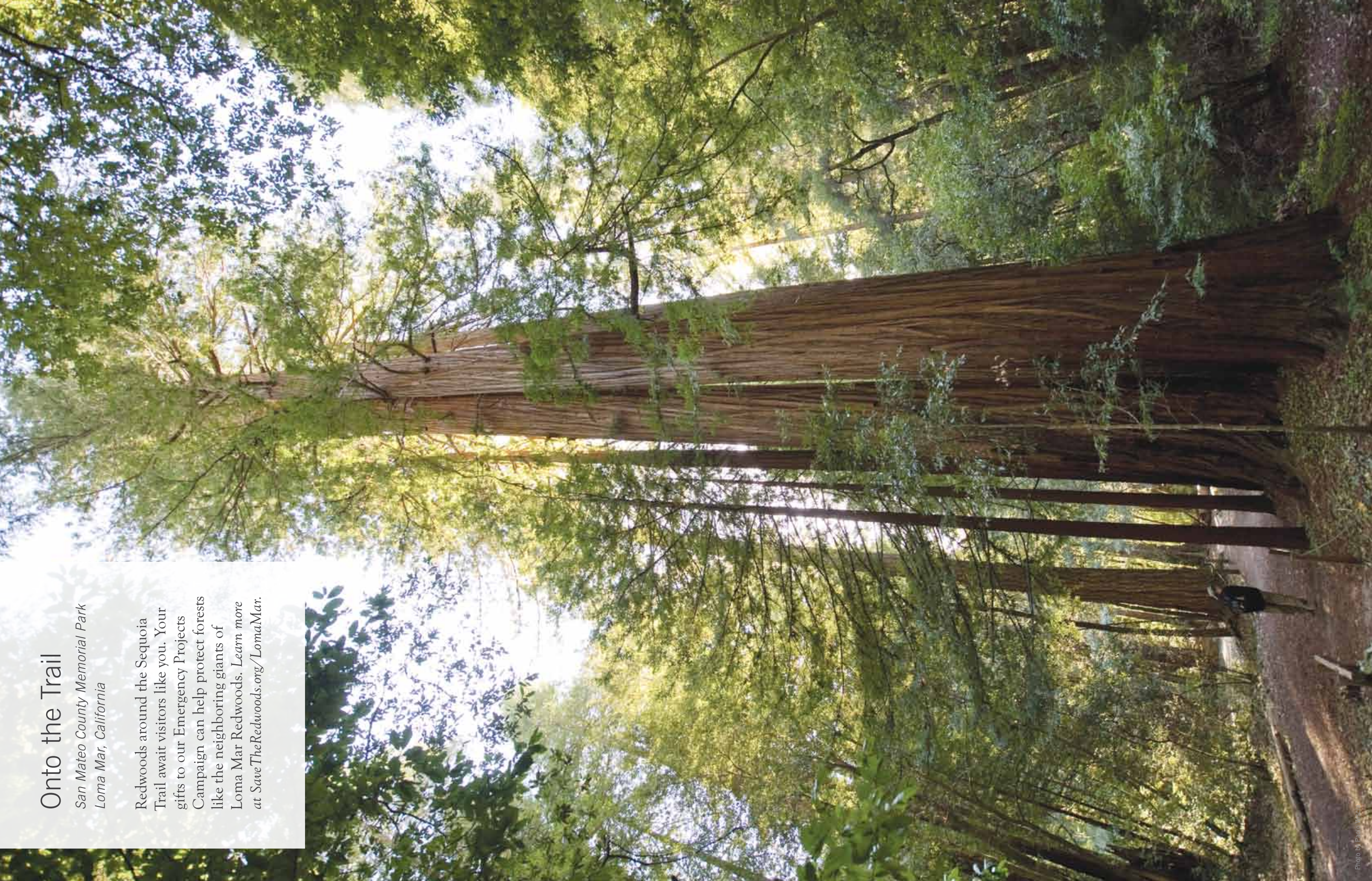
Dedicate an Honor Tree, \$2,500–\$25,000. Select and dedicate a redwood in one of our honor groves.

Dedicate a Grove in honor or memory of a loved one: \$35,000–\$1 million. Mark important occasions such as births, weddings and anniversaries with these unique, timeless and tangible gifts.

Onto the Trail

*San Mateo County Memorial Park
Loma Mar, California*

Redwoods around the Sequoia Trail await visitors like you. Your gifts to our Emergency Projects Campaign can help protect forests like the neighboring giants of Loma Mar Redwoods. *Learn more at [SaveTheRedwoods.org/LomaMar](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/LomaMar).*





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Dedicate a Grove

Since 1931, The Garden Club of America members nationwide have donated more than \$1.8 million to Save the Redwoods League to establish and support the club's honorary grove in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Recently, their members raised nearly \$400,000 to help restore and reopen a trail through the grove that was badly damaged by fire and storms. *On page 8, learn how a member like you dedicated a grove, and how you can too.*

