

29 AWESOME DOG-FRIENDLY REDWOOD PARKS



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INTRODUCTION

For many of us, dogs are treated less like pets and more like family. It only feels natural to bring our dogs—with their cute, wagging tails and unbounded enthusiasm—along with us as we explore the redwoods. As dogs' human companions may know, park agencies have varying policies on activities while visiting with four-legged best friends. The parks in this guide welcome dogs for delightful times in the magical realms of coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. Some of these parks are a short ride from urban areas. Others are wild, rugged, and remote.

No matter what you like to do outside, an unforgettable experience awaits you, your friends, and family in California's redwood parks. Nothing compares to standing in the cathedral-like groves, next to trees whose beauty and size are almost beyond belief, witnessing golden light filtering through the canopies, and seeing fairy-tale blankets of redwood sorrel and trillium on the forest floor. These experiences can be yours. This guide will help you plan your visit with your furry companion, with tips on where to go for activities such as hiking, camping, bicycling, picnicking, and beach walking. The guide also covers features accessible to people with disabilities.

You can learn more about the parks in this guide and get directions, weather forecasts, and information on fees, camping, and lodging by visiting our free trip-planning website, ExploreRedwoods.org.



COVID-19 Updates

Park operations continue to adapt to changing public health orders in response to COVID-19. Right before visiting, be sure to check the parks' websites linked on the following pages for their operating status and visitor guidelines. This guide was published in February 2021.

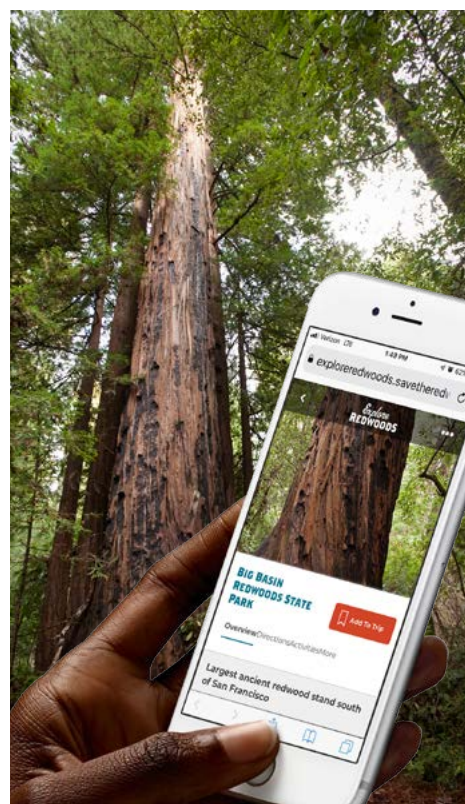


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ABOUT REDWOODS

The California coast redwood and giant sequoia forests are among the most important natural treasures in the world. Home to the world's tallest, largest, and some of the oldest trees, as well as biodiversity found nowhere else, these forests also store more carbon per acre than any other type of forest. Coast redwoods live in a narrow band stretching 450 miles from southern Oregon to the Big Sur coast. Giant sequoia, or Sierra redwoods, grow on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada in about 73 scattered groves.

JOIN US

For 100 years, Save the Redwoods League has stood between California's iconic redwood trees and the axe. We held the line, saving the last of the world's ancient redwoods. These purchases helped to create 66 parks and reserves for future generations to experience. Today, by dramatically scaling up our pace, reach, and impact, we're changing California's story, restoring the forests that we almost lost, welcoming visitors from around the world, and inspiring them to follow our lead. You can help return the world's most iconic forests to the scale and grandeur they possessed before any of us were born. And when we succeed in doing so, we'll leave the world better than we found it. Please join us!

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Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in Oakland delights pooches and their companions.



FEATURED COAST REDWOOD PARKS



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ARCATA COMMUNITY FOREST

Hiking and mountain biking close to town

Along with Humboldt State University, the City of Arcata is home to California's first municipally owned forest. This 1,025-acre tract of second-growth redwoods is used for education, recreation, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, and sustainable timber harvesting. Located blocks from downtown Arcata, the forest is rich in wildlife, including 144 bird species.

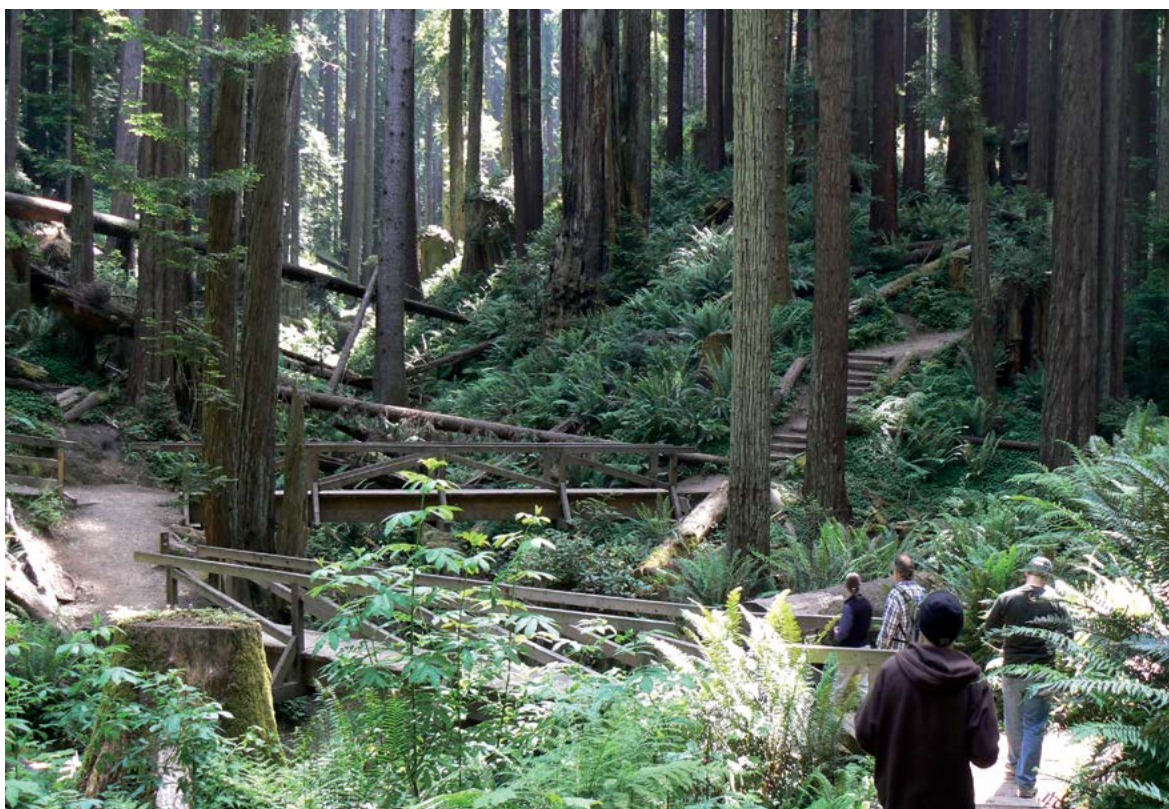


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Leashed dogs are allowed at Arcata Community Forest.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, and birdwatching. Trails link to adjoining Redwood Park and its picnic areas, public meeting spaces, and a playground.



DOGS: Allowed on leash in the Community Forest and Redwood Park.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Restrooms and picnic areas in adjacent Redwood Park are accessible, as are limited sections of trail in the Community Forest.

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Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [forest's web page](#) or call 707-822-7091.

HEADWATERS FOREST RESERVE

Pristine ancient forest

The 7,472-acre Headwaters Forest Reserve was established in 1999 after a decade-long grassroots effort to protect the world's last unprotected old-growth coast redwood forest ecosystem. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife manage the reserve.

There are two public trails in the reserve. The 11-mile Elk River Corridor Trail winds along the South Fork Elk River for 3 miles and includes a 2-mile ascent to a short loop through an old-growth redwood forest (pictured). The Salmon Pass Trail, open by guided tour only, passes through spectacular old-growth and second-growth redwood forests on the south side of Headwaters.



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ACTIVITIES: Hiking and bicycling. Bicycles are allowed from the Elk River parking area to the posted turnaround, approximately 3 miles on the Elk River Corridor Trail.

Dogs are allowed off leash on the Elk River Corridor Trail.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, and 1 mile of the Elk River Corridor Trail.



DOGS: Allowed off leash, only on the Elk River Corridor Trail.

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REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

Home of the world's tallest trees

Discover a region so extraordinary that it was named a World Heritage site for safeguarding 45% of the world's protected ancient coast redwood forest. People visit from all over the globe to experience the world's tallest trees, panoramic coastline, and signature wildlife. Redwood National and State Parks include Redwood National Park and Jedediah Smith, Del Norte Coast, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, bicycling, wildlife spotting, picnicking, camping, river swimming, and horseback riding (call 707-464-6101 for horseback riding information).



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FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: All visitor centers, many picnic areas, and Big Tree Wayside Trail. Wheelchairs available for check-out at visitor centers. Beach wheelchairs available for check-out at a few park locations; call 707-464-6101 for information.

Leashed pets are allowed on Cal Barrel Road in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and on other picturesque roads, beaches, and additional areas, but not on trails.



DOGS: Allowed on leash no longer than 6 feet in all designated picnic areas, parking areas, public roads, and road-accessible campgrounds. Allowed under the same conditions on Crescent, Gold Bluffs, Hidden, and Freshwater beaches (excluding dune habitats.) Pets are not allowed on trails, but they are allowed on roads through the old-growth redwood forest: Cal Barrel Road (pictured) in Prairie Creek and Walker Road in Jedediah Smith. Dogs are also welcome on the old logging roads of Mill Creek Day Use Area in Del Norte. The area is open Saturdays and Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. from Labor Day to Memorial Day, and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Dogs must always be attended and in a tent or vehicle at night.

On the first Saturdays from October through April, Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway in Prairie Creek is closed to motorized vehicles. The 10-mile road underneath the towering redwoods is open to walkers and leashed pets, skaters, strollers, and bicyclists.

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SEQUOIA PARK

Old-growth redwoods next to a zoo

Sequoia Park next to Sequoia Park Zoo in the city of Eureka is a 67-acre wonderland that features walking and bicycle trails through the old-growth coast redwood forest, meadows, and along a duck pond and creeks. The park includes two playgrounds, open turf grass, picnic tables, a restroom, a group picnic area, and a gazebo bandstand.



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Leashed dogs are welcome on trails through scenic old-growth coast redwood forest in Sequoia Park.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, bicycling, picnicking, birdwatching, playground.



DOGS: Allowed on leash.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Parking, sidewalk to picnic sites, restroom, 1 mile of paved trails. One trail is the old maintenance road that runs through the forest behind the zoo and the second is the Sequoia Creek Trail that heads west from the duck pond through meadows and loops back along a forested creek.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [City of Eureka's website](https://www.cityofeureka.org) or call 707-441-4248.

SHADY DELL

Lost Coast Trail to the candelabra redwoods

Save the Redwoods League owns the remote Shady Dell forest at the southern border of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. New in 2016, the Peter Douglas Trail is a 2.3-mile extension of the Lost Coast Trail that showcases ancient redwoods shaped like candelabras by wind and salty air.



Photo by League staff.

Bring your leashed dog to see Shady Dell's ancient candelabra-shaped coast redwoods along the Lost Coast Trail.

ACTIVITIES: Access to Shady Dell is limited to hiking the Peter Douglas Trail. Two picnic tables are available. It's best to visit from June through October because the rainy season (November through May) can make roads impassable.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: None.



DOGS: Allowed on leash.

ADDITIONAL REDWOOD PARKS IN THE NORTH COAST REDWOODS REGION THAT ALLOW DOGS:

[Florence Keller County Park](#)

[Ruby Van Deventer County Park](#)

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Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). If you have questions, call Save the Redwoods League at 888-836-0005.

HENDY WOODS STATE PARK

Easily accessible ancient forest in Mendocino County

In the heart of the Anderson Valley winemaking region, this park's easy trails lead through spectacular ancient coast redwoods along the Navarro River. The area is warmer than most redwood parks along the coast, making Hendy Woods popular for swimming in summer and canoeing and kayaking in late winter and early spring. The park offers many wheelchair-accessible features.



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A camper relaxes among Hendy Woods' coast redwoods. Dogs are welcome on campsites.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, picnicking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and bicycling on paved roads.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Four campsites; 0.5-mile All-Access Trail; cabin; and day-use area including two ramadas with barbecues, bathroom, drinking fountain and faucet, interpretive signs, and parking.



DOGS: Allowed on the shady gravel fire road, which offers views of the forest and river. Enter the fire road west of the day-use area. Dogs must be attended on a leash in the day-use area, and in a tent or vehicle at night. Dogs are not allowed on trails.

LEARN MORE

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JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST

Great recreation in California's largest state forest

Jackson Demonstration State Forest is one of California's working forests, a property that is managed for a variety of uses, including sustainable timber harvesting, recreation, watershed stability, and wildlife habitat. At roughly 50,000 acres, it is California's largest state forest, comprising portions of the Noyo and Big River watersheds. Redwood and Douglas-fir forest covers most of the property.



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Leashed dogs are allowed throughout beautiful Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, and swimming. Check out the 3.7-mile **Forest History Trail** to learn about redwood ecology and the area's Indigenous people. Mushroom foraging is allowed with a **permit** from CAL FIRE, Jackson's managing agency. Hunting also is allowed in season. Fishing is not permitted.



DOGS: Allowed on leash.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Restrooms and some campsites.

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NAVARRO RIVER REDWOODS STATE PARK

A tunnel of trees to the sea

Navarro River Redwoods State Park is as long and skinny as the scenic river corridor it protects. Along Highway 128's 11-mile-long "redwoods tunnel to the sea" in Mendocino County, the lush second-growth redwood forest along the Navarro River is enchanting.



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In Navarro River Redwoods State Park, Highway 128 leads through an 11-mile "redwoods tunnel to the sea."

ACTIVITIES: Picnicking, camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and swimming. The most popular swimming hole is at milepost marker 3.66. A beautiful beach is at the mouth of the Navarro River on the Pacific Ocean.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Two campsites in the Paul M. Dimmick Campground (#6 and #23) and picnicking sites in the day-use area of the campground. Beach wheelchairs available for loan; call 707-937-5721 at least seven days in advance.



DOGS: Allowed throughout the park, always attended and on leash. Must be in a tent or vehicle at night. Before visiting, check the park's website for updates about the toxins from algae in the river that can be harmful to people and pets.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 707-937-5804.

ADDITIONAL REDWOOD PARKS IN THE CENTRAL COAST REDWOODS REGION THAT ALLOW DOGS:

[Fort Ross State Historic Park](#)
[Gualala Point Regional Park](#)
[Jug Handle State Natural Reserve](#)
[Mendocino Headlands State Park](#)
[Russian Gulch State Park](#)
[Salt Point State Park](#)
[Soda Springs County Reserve](#)
[Stillwater Cove Regional Park](#)



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Leashed dogs are welcome at Stillwater Cove Regional Park in Jenner.

BALTIMORE CANYON OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

Cool refuge with a waterfall and wildlife

At 193 acres, Baltimore Canyon Open Space Preserve is a gem. Located at the headwaters of Larkspur Creek, it encompasses a mixed hardwood and second-growth redwood forest that shelters one of the prettiest canyons in the North Bay. The creek is a critical source of water for the abundant local wildlife and supports a variety of fish and amphibians. Be sure to check out 30-foot Dawn Falls when it's running strong during the rainy season.



Photo by HikesDogsLove.com.

Dogs love Baltimore Canyon's trails and fire roads.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, and horseback riding. The canyon is an excellent venue for watching wildlife, especially its 100 species of birds.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: A 3-mile fire road accessible from Crown Road has a level surface and a gentle grade.



DOGS: Allowed on leash on single-track trails and off leash on fire roads, with leash on hand.

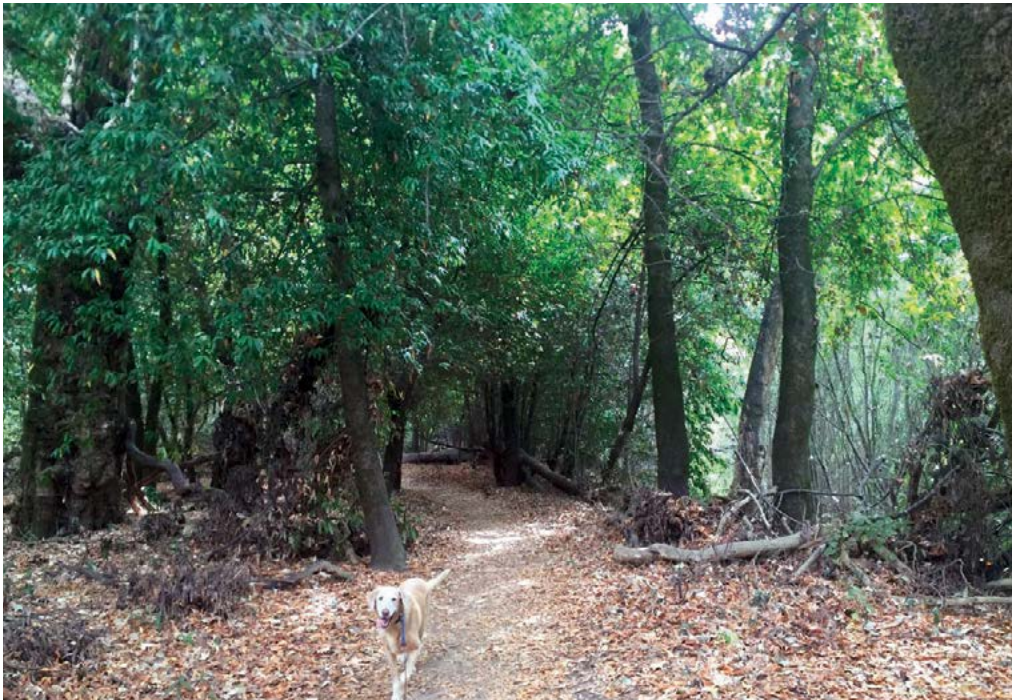
LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit [Baltimore Canyon's web page](#) or call 415-473-6387.

HENRY COWELL REDWOODS STATE PARK

A Santa Cruz escape

Five miles from the bustle of Santa Cruz, 4,140-acre Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park offers sunlit meadows, lush stream canyons, pine and oak forests, and walks through ancient redwood groves.



Although dogs are only allowed on a few trails at Henry Cowell, you can loop the trails together for a long hike.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, camping, picnicking. Bicycling on designated fire roads. Horseback riding on designated trails and roads. Summer swimming in the river. Nature programs. The Roaring Camp Railroad offers tours of a nearby forest as well as transportation to the beach at Santa Cruz. The station is near the Cowell parking lot east of the park.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Redwood Grove Loop Trail (audio tour available), visitor center, nature store, campsites, restrooms, and showers.



DOGS: Allowed on leash in picnic areas and campsites and on the Meadow Trail, Pipeline Road, Graham Hill Trail, and Powder Mill Fire Road. Except for service animals, dogs are not permitted on other trails or fire roads or anywhere in the Fall Creek Unit. Dogs are not permitted on the Redwood Grove Loop trail. Must be in a tent or vehicle at night.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 831-335-4598.

JOAQUIN MILLER PARK

Oakland's urban wilderness

Nine miles from downtown Oakland, Joaquin Miller Park offers natural beauty you can't find in most cities: fern-lined creeks, wet meadows, second-growth coast redwood groves, oak woodlands, and more than 200 species of native plants.

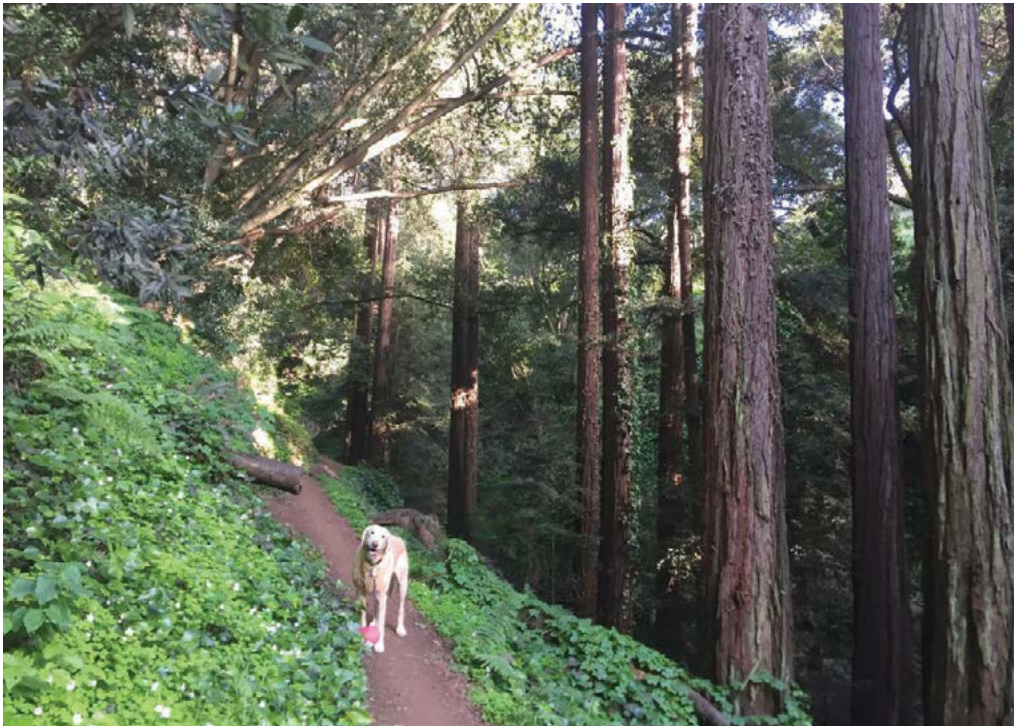


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In Joaquin Miller Park, the Big Trees Trail and the Sequoia-Bayview Trail wind past towering redwoods.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, biking, picnicking, horseback riding, and summer camps. The park's attractions include wedding sites, a plant nursery, an outdoor amphitheater, a visitor center, a rentable community center, and Joaquin Miller's home and monuments.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Restrooms, picnic area and the Joaquin Miller Trail.



DOGS: Allowed on leash throughout the park, and off leash in a designated fenced area.

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Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 510-867-0669.

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Vast woodlands and grasslands on Mount Tamalpais

The Marin Municipal Water District oversees 21,000 acres of redwood forest, associated woodlands, and grasslands on Mount Tamalpais and the hills of western Marin County. In addition to providing water for county residents, recreation also is a major component of the agency's management plan. The district's 150 miles of trails and unpaved roads host tens of thousands of hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, birders, and nature lovers annually.



Photo by HikesDogsLove.com.

Phoenix Lake is in Marin Municipal Water District.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, picnicking, and birdwatching.



DOGS: Allowed on leash.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Some parking areas, restrooms, picnic tables, and one cabin at West Point Inn. Parking fees are waived for vehicles with the appropriate placards.

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Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [district's website](#) or call 415-945-1180.

MILLER PROPERTY

50 acres of towering ancient redwood forest and a sparkling creek

Protected by Save the Redwoods League in 1994 and donated to Santa Cruz County, these 50 undeveloped acres of old-growth redwood forest are open to the public for exploration and enjoyment. Parking is on pullouts along Kings Creek Road and on the shoulder.



Photo by Cameron Potratz.

Ancient redwoods await on the undeveloped Miller Property.

ACTIVITIES: Wander among ancient redwoods on unmarked and uneven hiking trails, and find a few moments of solitude along Kings Creek.



DOGS: Allowed on leash.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: None.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For more information, call the Santa Cruz County Parks Department at 831-454-7901.

MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK

A San Francisco Bay Area oasis of trails and open space

A walk on 2,571-foot Mount Tamalpais, just north of San Francisco, puts Northern California in perspective. On a clear day you can see the Farallon Islands 25 miles to the west and the Sierra Nevada 150 miles to the east. Here you will find deep canyons, cool redwood forests, oak woodlands, open meadows, and chaparral.



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Dogs are allowed on Mount Tam's Old Stage Road, which leads to the many dog-friendly trails on Marin Municipal Water District land (described on page 16).

ACTIVITIES: The park offers 60 miles of hiking trails, plus picnicking, stargazing, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, birdwatching, rock-climbing, mountain biking, and geocaching. Ocean swimming is permitted nearby at Stinson Beach.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Parking, campsites, restrooms, cabins, Mountain Theater, 0.75-mile-long Verna Dunshee Trail, and parts of the Old Mine and McKennan Trails.



DOGS: Allowed on the Old Stage Road (pictured), a 0.75-mile fire road west of the Bootjack Campground and Day Use Area. The road leads to **Marin Municipal Water District land**, which allows dogs on its 150 miles of trails and unpaved roads. Dogs must be leashed in the state park and the water district lands. While dogs are not allowed on Mt. Tam's other trails, dirt roads, or backcountry areas, they are allowed on paved roads in developed areas, family campgrounds, and picnic areas. Dogs must remain attended and in a tent or vehicle at night.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 415-388-2070.

POGONIP OPEN SPACE

A lush city greenbelt with a few ancient redwoods

Affectionately called “The Pogonip” by locals, this space in Santa Cruz has trails through woodland and prairie to awesome views of Monterey Bay. A few ancient redwoods remain, though most were logged in the mid-1800s for lumber and to fuel the limekilns, which still stand.



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Leashed dogs are welcome on most of Pogonip's trails.

ACTIVITIES: Three of 17 hiking trails are open to mountain bikers and equestrians.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Wheelchair accessibility is limited to the trailheads.



DOGS: Allowed on leash on most of Pogonip's 8 miles of trails, excluding trails that cut through ecologically sensitive habitat. **See the trail map.**

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PORTOLA REDWOODS STATE PARK

Stunning redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains

Five miles north of Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Portola Redwoods State Park offers visitors solitude and some of the tallest, most majestic redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The park centers on two creeks, Peters and Pescadero.



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Portola's redwoods encircle campers; dogs are welcome for camping.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, picnicking, camping, and backpacking. Biking and horseback riding on Old Haul Road only. The park's 18 miles of trails connect with those of four other nearby parks—Pescadero, Memorial, Sam McDonald, and Heritage Grove.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Visitor center, restrooms, one campsite, one picnic site.



DOGS: Allowed only in campsites and picnic areas, and on paved roads and the Upper and Lower Escape Roads. Must be on leash and always attended and inside a tent or vehicle at night. Except for service animals, dogs are not allowed in the visitor center or on hiking trails or dirt roads.

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Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 650-948-9098.

REINHARDT REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK & ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA

Largest remaining stand of coast redwoods in the East Bay

The slim, 150-foot-tall trees you can see in these two regional parks are a generation removed from those that helped build the San Francisco Bay Area during and after the Gold Rush, but they are the largest remaining stand of coast redwoods in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area.



Dogs are allowed off leash in undeveloped areas of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park and Roberts Regional Recreation Area.

ACTIVITIES: Picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, kite flying, archery, camping, swimming in the Roberts Pool complex (after Memorial Day and to Labor Day), baseball, volleyball, and visiting Chabot Space & Science Center.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Restrooms, picnic areas, playground, path from Canyon Meadow to Trail's End.



DOGS: Allowed on leash in developed areas. Can be off leash on most trails. A \$2-per-dog fee applies for non-service dogs on weekends and major holidays April through October. Fees are collected only at the Redwood Gate entrance for Reinhardt Redwood Regional.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [Reinhardt Redwood](#) or [Roberts](#) web pages or call the East Bay Regional Park District at 888-327-2757.

ROY'S REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

Old-growth redwoods without the crowds

Halfway between San Rafael and Point Reyes, Roy's Redwoods is a 293-acre county-run preserve with lots to admire. It is easy to get to, right off Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in western Marin County. It has old-growth redwoods without the crowds of a place like Muir Woods.



Photo by Cameron Potratz.

Old-growth redwoods are the highlights at Roy's Redwoods Open Space Preserve.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, birdwatching, mountain biking, horseback riding. See the redwoods from the 2.3-mile Roy's Redwoods Loop Trail and the 0.25-mile Meadow Trail.



DOGS: Must be leashed on trails and can be off leash on fire roads, with leash on hand.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: None.

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SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK

Giant trees within easy reach

Less than a one-hour drive from San Francisco, this park's giant redwoods are easily accessible: You can picnic, hike, bike, and camp right among them. A panoramic view of the rolling countryside is a reward for a hike to the top of Barnabe Peak. Bicyclists can ride on the scenic Cross Marin Trail through the forest and along a creek.



Photo by Paolo Vescia.

A canine camper is dressed for the Cross Marin Trail at Samuel P. Taylor State Park.

ACTIVITIES: Camping, biking, hiking, picnicking, horseback riding.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Some campsites and cabins, restrooms, parking, South Creek Trail, and Cross Marin Trail.



DOGS: Allowed on leash in day-use picnic area and on campsites (excluding the hike-and-bike campsite and in the cabins). Allowed on the Cross Marin Trail (pictured), the partially paved scenic path that runs along Lagunitas Creek about 3 miles through the park. Dogs are not allowed on any other trails or in undeveloped areas or the creek.

LEARN MORE

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ADDITIONAL REDWOOD PARKS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA THAT ALLOW DOGS:

[Anthony Chabot Regional Park](#)

[Blithedale Summit Open Space Preserve](#)

[Forest of Nisene Marks State Park](#)

[French Ranch Open Space Preserve](#)

[Gary Giacomini Open Space Preserve](#)

[Grove of Old Trees](#)

[Indian Tree Open Space Preserve](#)

[Lake Sonoma Recreation Area](#)

[Loch Lomond Recreation Area](#)

[Lodato Open Space](#)

[Mount Madonna County Park](#)

[Sanborn County Park](#)

[Soquel Demonstration State Forest](#)

[Windy Hill Open Space Preserve](#)



Unleashed dogs are permitted on most trails at Anthony Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley.

PFEIFFER BIG SUR STATE PARK

A magical forest off the iconic Highway 1

For many visitors, “Big Sur” means Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. The state park and its 15 miles of trails are dominated by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Big Sur River, which meanders through coast redwood groves on its way to the Pacific Ocean 5 miles away. Big Sur Lodge, located in the park, welcomes dogs. The Lodge has 61 guest rooms, a conference center, a cafe, and a grocery store.



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Pooches enjoy a day at Pfeiffer Beach just south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

ACTIVITIES: Swimming in the Big Sur River. Hiking, picnicking, camping. Biking is allowed on paved roads only.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE

WITH DISABILITIES: Some campsites, restrooms, showers, campfire center, picnic areas, 0.28-mile Nature Trail.



DOGS: Allowed on leash on the Warden's Path and River Path, and in day-use lots and campgrounds; not allowed on other trails. Allowed on nearby United States Forest Service property, including **Pfeiffer Beach** (pictured), which is 1 mile south of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park's entrance and which requires a separate entrance fee.

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FEATURED GIANT SEQUOIA PARKS

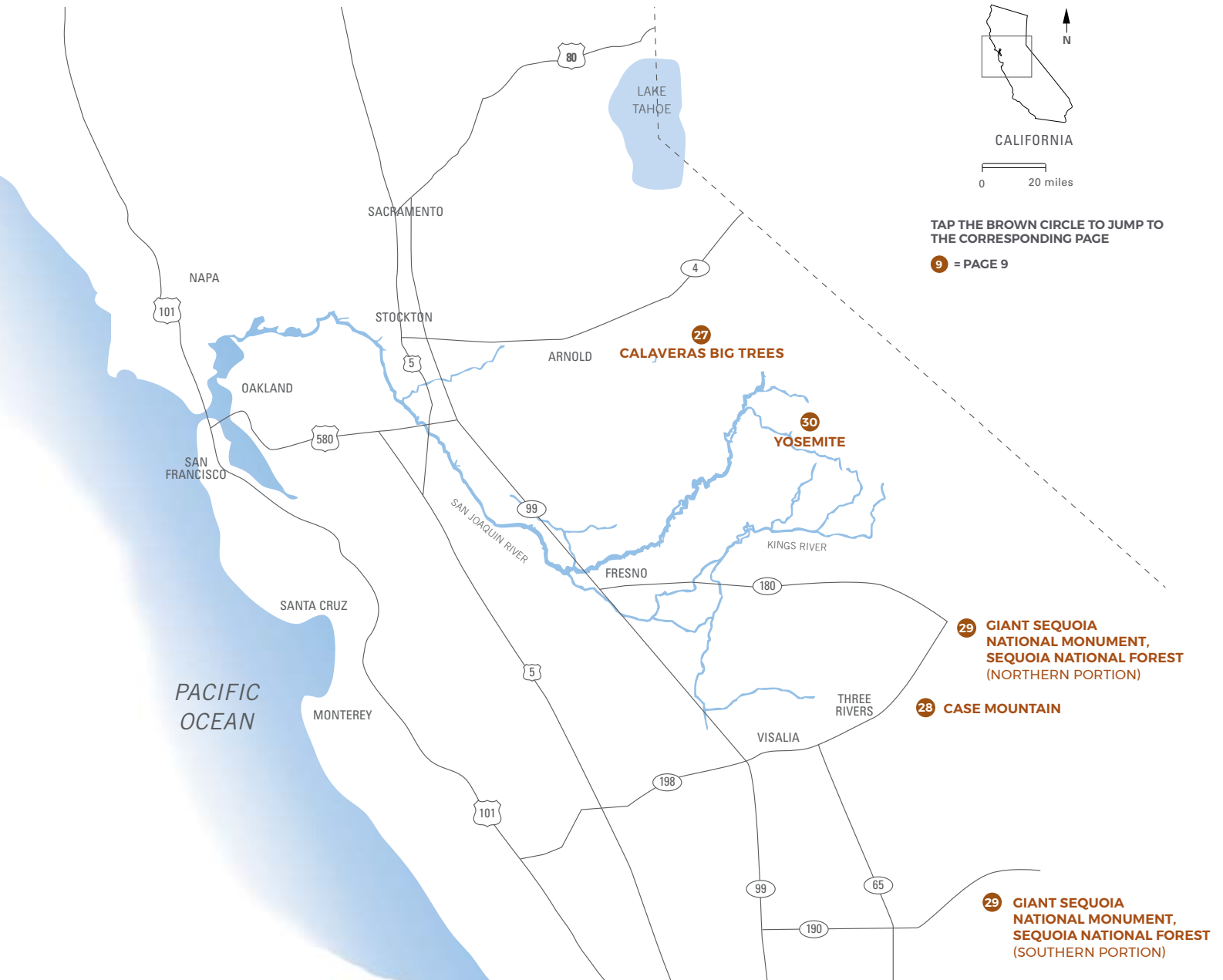


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CALAVERAS BIG TREES STATE PARK

Spectacular giant sequoia

In the rugged central Sierra Nevada, Calaveras Big Trees State Park thrills visitors with its massive cinnamon-hued giant sequoia trees, also called Sierra redwoods, and the scenic Stanislaus River and Beaver Creek.



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Pups are welcome to join campers at Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, bicycling, birdwatching, picnicking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Trout fishing in the Stanislaus River. Swimming in Beaver Creek. Interpretive programs for adults and children.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Visitor center, Jack Knight Hall, campfire center, some picnic areas and restrooms, campsites at North Grove and Oak Hollow, one hike-in environmental site, and four trails: Three Senses (Braille text), North Grove, Beaver Creek, and Stanislaus River.



DOGS: Allowed on leash on the fire roads, on paved roads, in the regular campgrounds, and in the day-use picnic areas. Must be in a tent or vehicle at night. Not allowed on any of the park's trails, near the river or creeks, in the open forest and meadows, or in the environmental campsites or cabins.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [park's website](#) or call 209-795-2334.

CASE MOUNTAIN GIANT SEQUOIA

Old-growth giant sequoia groves in a wild wonderland

About 7 miles southeast of the town of Three Rivers, the Case Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) is home to 101 giant sequoia ranging from 3 to 16 feet in diameter. The thriving habitat managed by the Bureau of Land Management is resplendent with creeks, hills, meadows, and forests, sheltering rare plants and wildlife.

ACTIVITIES: From the Craig Ranch and Skyline Drive trailheads, it's about 10 miles and 6,500 feet of elevation gain to the giant sequoia trees. Many visitors mountain bike the route to the trees on the maintained dirt Salt Creek Road from Craig Ranch trailhead at California State Highway 198. Motorized vehicles are not permitted. Other activities include hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and backcountry camping. The ERMA does not have designated campsites.



Photo by Bob Wick.

Mind-blowing giant sequoia beckon at Case Mountain. Off-leash dogs are welcome.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Access to the grove can be arranged by contacting the Bureau of Land Management at 661-391-6089.



DOGS: Allowed off leash.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://exploreredwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit [Case Mountain's web page](#) or call 661-391-6000.

GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT AND SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

More than half of the giant sequoia groves on Earth

Giant Sequoia National Monument and the surrounding Sequoia National Forest celebrate the greatest concentration of giant sequoia groves in the world. In addition to the spectacular trees, you'll find granite peaks, roaring rivers, and wildflower-filled meadows. Archaeological sites reveal the 8,000-year history of tribal communities.



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Pups and people can meet massive trees at Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia National Forest.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, backpacking, fishing, horseback riding, rock climbing, scenic drives, nature photography, caving, history trails, birdwatching, mountain biking, kayaking, rafting, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITIES: Campsites in Sequoia National Forest: Fairview, Headquarters, Hobo, Quaking Aspen, and Sandy Flat. In the monument: Chicago Stump Trail and parts of The Trail of 100 Giants.



DOGS: Allowed on leash in developed recreation sites such as trailheads, picnic areas, and campgrounds. Allowed off leash on trails, but must not chase or disturb wildlife or other visitors.

LEARN MORE

Plan your visit on [ExploreRedwoods.org](https://www.exploreRedwoods.org). For the latest on park operations and guidelines in response to COVID-19, visit the [Sequoia National Forest](https://www.sequoianationalforest.org) or [Giant Sequoia National Monument](https://www.giantsequoia.org) websites or call 559-784-1500.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Spectacular glacier-carved valleys and world-class trees

Yosemite National Park is home to some of the world's most beautiful scenery, from glacier-carved valleys and granite walls to massive ancient giant sequoia, also known as Sierra redwoods.

ACTIVITIES: Hiking, camping, backpacking, biking, fishing, swimming, picnicking, ice skating, downhill and cross-country skiing, and rock climbing.

GIANT SEQUOIA:

Mariposa Grove is the largest grove in the park and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoia. (As of February 2021, Mariposa Grove was closed indefinitely because of wind damage.) Tuolumne and Merced Groves each have about two dozen mature giant sequoia.

FEATURES ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE

WITH DISABILITIES: Shuttle buses, parking, restrooms, picnic areas, campsites, sign language interpreters, video captioning, assistive listening devices, rental wheelchairs. Free passes for permanently disabled U.S. citizens and permanent residents are available.



Dogs are allowed on the main trail through Tuolumne Grove at Yosemite National Park.

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DOGS: Must be on 6-foot leash.

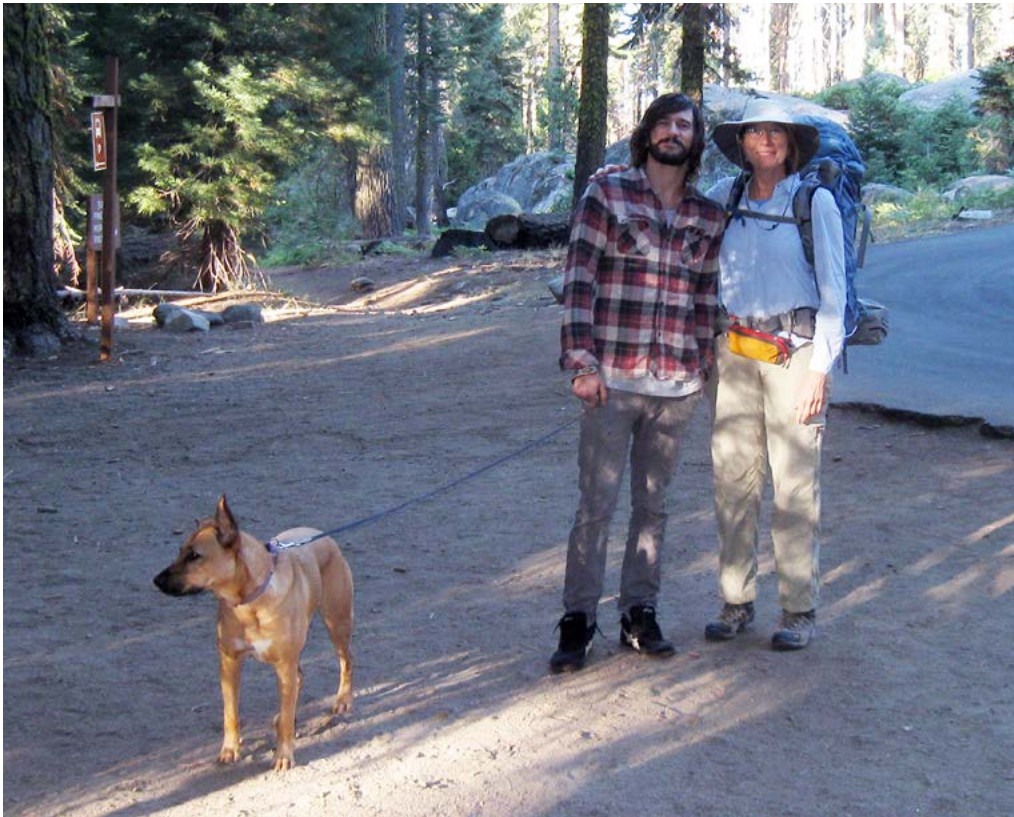
Allowed in developed areas; on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except when signed otherwise); and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds (Camp 4). Allowed on the main trail through the Tuolumne Grove (pictured) all the way through to the Hodgdon Meadows Campground. Pets are not allowed on any trails in Mariposa Grove. Yosemite Hospitality offers a dog kennel in Yosemite Valley during the summer.

LEARN MORE

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ADDITIONAL REDWOOD PARKS IN THE GIANT SEQUOIA REGION THAT ALLOW DOGS:

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Tahoe National Forest



Leashed dogs are allowed on paved roads and in campgrounds and picnic areas in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

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