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Redwood National and State Parks

at a glance

The only one of the big US national parks that costs nothing, and yet three places still ask for cash.

over **2,000** **500**
AGE years AVERAGE AGE
to 700 years

about **2.5** cm **20**
CONE SIZE (1 in) ROOT SPREAD
to 27 m (66 to 89 ft)

BEFORE YOU GO



One national park and three state parks

Since May 1994 the National Park Service and California State Parks have jointly managed four neighbouring protected areas: Redwood ...



Open all year

The parks are accessible all year round.



Six hours from San Francisco

The park lies about 325 miles (523 km) north of San Francisco, a good six hours on US 101.



Between 7 and 16 °C all year

The ocean keeps the temperature steady: the park authority gives values from the mid-40s to the low 60s °F, about 7 to 16 °C, in January as ...



Keep 75 ft from elk

Roosevelt elk are regularly found at Elk Prairie, Elk Meadow, Gold Bluffs Beach, on Bald Hills Road and on Enderts Beach Road.



The rut and calving season are the dangerous times

Bulls are aggressive during the autumn rut, cows during calving in spring.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/redwood

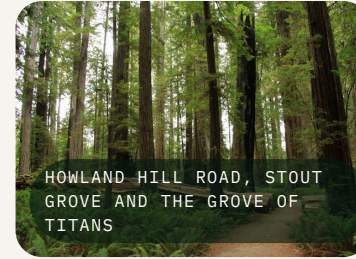


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FERN CANYON



HOWLAND HILL ROAD, STOUT GROVE AND THE GROVE OF TITANS



GOLD BLUFFS BEACH AND THE ELK

THINGS TO DO

Fern Canyon

Vertical walls above a creek bed, completely covered in ferns.

Grove of Titans

A boardwalk 400 m (1,300 ft) long leads over the root zone of the giants.

Trillium Falls

A 4.4 km (2.7 mi) loop from the Elk Meadow Day-Use Area, 137 m (450 ft) of climb, right through old growth.

There is no drive-through tree

The park authority states it plainly: there is no tree in the parks that you can drive through.

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Stout Grove via Howland Hill Road

Sixteen kilometres (10 mi) of gravel road wind through the old growth of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park.

Tall Trees Grove, with a gate code

45 full-day permits up to 180 days in advance, plus ten morning and ten afternoon permits the day before. ...

Lady Bird Johnson Grove

A 2.4 km (1.5 mi) loop with 30 m (100 ft) of climb, 2.5 miles (4 km) up Bald Hills Road.

Of two million acres, five percent remain

The coast redwood once covered about two million acres.

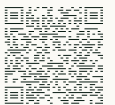
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