

Redwood State Parks offer ‘Second Saturdays’ park passes

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To celebrate 100 years of saving California’s redwood forest, Save the Redwoods League and California State Parks are offering free day-use admission to more than 40 redwood state parks on the second Saturday of each month in 2018.

The goal of “Free Second Saturdays at Redwood State Parks” is to reconnect the people of California with these natural legacies, to inspire visitors with the beauty and power of the redwoods and to celebrate Save the Redwoods League’s 100-year conservation legacy.

More than 16,000 free vehicle day-use passes will be available in 2018 for more than 40 redwood state parks. The passes cover day-use admission and parking fees. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis at FreeRedwoodsDays.org. Some of the participating parks are Richardson Grove State Park, Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park, Patrick’s Point State Park, Fort Humboldt State Historic Park, Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and others. Visit FreeRedwoodsDays.org to sign up; space is limited.

The 2018 dates for Free Second Saturdays are Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

“People come from around the world to walk among California’s ancient redwoods,” said Sam Hodder, president and chief executive officer of Save the Redwoods League. “As part of our Centennial celebration, Save the Redwoods League is thrilled to host a free day in the redwood parks once a month all year long. We invite you to stand under the world’s tallest living creatures — the most powerful forest in the fight against climate change — and learn why we are working so hard to protect and restore it. We are celebrating our 100th birthday in the redwood parks, and we want you to join us!”

“Free Second Saturdays at Redwood State Parks events are among many successful programs in the long history of our collaboration with Save the Redwoods League,” said Lisa Mangat, California State Parks director. “Together, we work through our state parks to support the health, inspiration and education of all Californians. Free Second Saturdays at Redwood State Parks events allow people who might not otherwise be able to visit a park to get outdoors in our spectacular redwood state parks.”

The pass covers day-use admission and parking fees. The pass does not guarantee a parking space or entry if the park is full due to high demand. To ensure valid entry and avoid fines, printed passes must be presented to park staff members at entry gates or displayed on vehicle dashboards if no personnel are on duty. Electronic images of the pass will not be accepted.

Visitors without passes are welcome, but must pay admission.

Share your experiences on social media and tag them with #FreeRedwoodsDays, #Stand4Redwoods and #CAStateParks.

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