

#REDWOODSFRIDAY



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Save the Redwoods League to Provide Free Day-Use Admission to Visitors at 40+ Redwood State Parks on the Day after Thanksgiving

Free day-use passes are limited and available first-come, first-served based on each park's capacity.

San Francisco, Calif. (November 1, 2017) — Save the Redwoods League and California State Parks have collaborated for the third consecutive year, now offering free day-use admission to more than 40 redwood state parks on November 24, 2017, the day after Thanksgiving. This event promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of California's state trees and the state parks that protect these magnificent forests. Thanks to the support of generous Save the Redwoods League members, more than 2,500 free vehicle day-use passes will be available for participating redwood state parks. The passes cover day-use admission and parking fees. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis at RedwoodsFriday.org beginning today at 8 a.m. Some of the parks include Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Calaveras Big Trees State Park and Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve.

"Californians are so fortunate to have such spectacular state parks in our home state," said Sam Hodder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Save the Redwoods League. "And what better way to spend the day after Thanksgiving than walking among the giant ancient redwoods with friends and family. Save the Redwoods League is delighted to invite the people of California to explore our spectacular redwood state parks, to connect with friends and family and to be thankful for the people and places — and parks — that we care so much about."

Lisa Mangat, California State Parks Director, said Redwoods Friday is among the many successful programs in the long history of California State Parks's collaboration with Save the Redwoods League. "By offering free vehicle day-use passes, we hope to welcome thousands of new visitors to our spectacular redwood state parks, inspiring a love of nature and a strong conservation ethic for all Californians," she said. "A great time to promote these values is during the holidays."

Please keep in mind:

- Passes are limited. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis according to each park's capacity.
- Only one day-use pass is needed per vehicle, per park.
- The pass covers day-use admission and parking fees. 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.
- Consider visiting a state park during the off-peak hours – opening time to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to closing time.
- Visitors without passes are welcome, but must pay admission.
- We encourage all park visitors to review and obey [park rules](#).
- Share your experiences with us on social media using the hashtags #RedwoodsFriday and #CAStateParks.

For detailed information, including a full list of participating state parks, park operating hours and outdoor [safety tips](#), please visit [RedwoodsFriday.org](#).

California State Parks invites the public to enjoy state parks year-round. With 280 park units, over 340 miles of coastline, 970 miles of lake and river frontage, 15,000 campsites and 4,500 miles of trails, the state park system provides wonderful recreational, educational and inspirational opportunities for more than 68 million visitors annually.

Editors, please note: Free guides and brochures are available at [RedwoodsFriday.org](#). B-roll of redwood state park images may be accessed on the site's newsroom page. For more information, go to [RedwoodsFriday.org](#).

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California Department of Parks and Recreation

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