

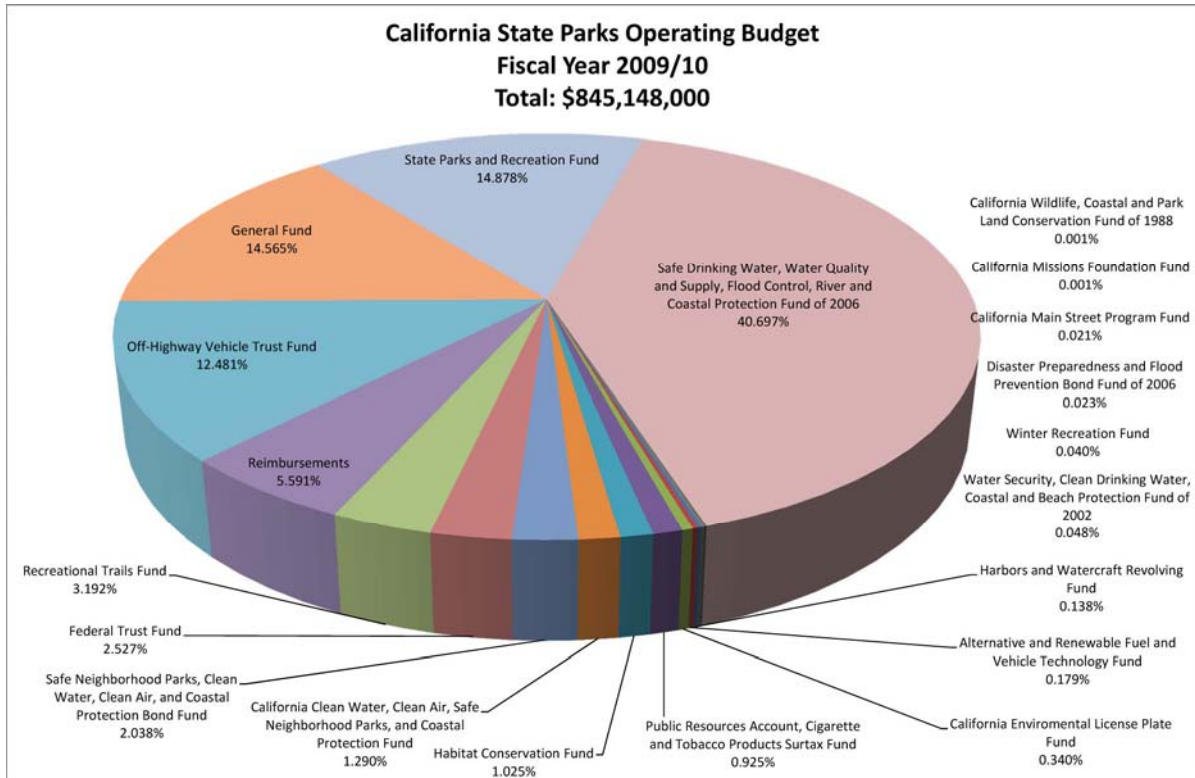


# California State Parks Quick Facts



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## Dollars and Cents



California State Parks' 2009/10 fiscal year Operating Budget is over \$845 million, from the following sources:

- Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 = \$343.9 million
- State Parks and Recreation Fund = \$125.7 million
- General Fund = \$123.1 million
- Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund = \$105.5 million
- Reimbursements = \$47.2 million
- Recreation Trails Fund = \$27 million
- Federal Trust Fund = \$21.4 million
- Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund = \$17.2 million
- California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund = \$10.9 million
- Habitat Conservation Fund = \$8.7 million
- California Environmental License Plate Fund = \$2.9 million
- Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund = \$1.5 million

\*State Parks and Recreation Fund - The State Parks and Recreation Fund (also called SPRF) was created by legislation in 1979, Chapter 1065, Statutes of 1979 (Public Resources Code 5010). All fees<sup>#</sup> earned by the department from camping, day use, museums, concessions, etc. are deposited into SPRF and are "available for expenditure for state park planning, acquisition, and development projects, operation of the state park system, and resource and property management and protection, when appropriated by the Legislature." Historically, SPRF revenues have been used for the support of the State Park System. None of the fees earned by the Department are deposited into the State's General Fund. #Note: exception—fees earned at State Vehicular Recreation Areas are deposited in the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund and fees earned at Sno-Parks are deposited into the Winter Recreation Fund.



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- Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund = \$1.2 million
  - Winter Recreation Fund = \$ 336 thousand
  - State Park units act as an economic boost to local communities. For example, a study by California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo in 2003 found that visitors to Morro Bay State Park added \$15 million to the local economy in direct and indirect expenditures over two years. The visitors' expenditures were responsible for 364 jobs in Morro Bay, primarily in recreation and amusement, hotels, restaurants, and retail shops.
  - There were more than 65.5 million people who visited the State Park System in the 2009/10 fiscal year. A study prepared for the Department in 2002 determined that approximately \$2.6 billion was generated by visitor spending in local communities during that year. These dollars supported over 100,000 jobs statewide.
- Concessions and Cooperating Associations in California State Park Units**
- California State Parks' Concessions Program includes approximately 190 concession contracts, including for-profit and non-profit concessionaires. (2010/11)
  - California State Parks (CSP) has 54 operating agreements with public agencies to operate select state park units or portions thereof. (2010/11)
  - Gross sales through the Concessions Program totaled \$87,885,077 and CSP collected \$12,298,483 in rent during the 2010/11 fiscal year.
  - The largest grossing concessions are located in the following CSP units:
    - Asilomar
    - Old Town San Diego
    - Crystal Cove Alliance
    - Pfeiffer Big Sur
    - Hearst Castle
    - Lake Oroville
    - Destination Cinema
    - Lake Tahoe Golf Course
    - Pismo
    - Malibu Pier
- Hearst Castle® generated revenue from gross sales in the amount of \$4,861,877 and \$1,121,963 from rent in 2009/10.
- Unique concessions:
- Fremont Peak State Park, Fremont Peak Observatory Association - Uses the Association's telescope to present educational astronomy programs to the public. Run exclusively by volunteers.
  - Concessionaires of Columbia and Old Town San Diego SHP - provide a wide variety of retail goods (such as a Chinese import store, gold jewelry, and hand made candy) and services (such as metal smithing and personal portraits) that recreate the atmosphere of the villages during their hey day.
  - Mendocino Woodlands State Park - Rent historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) era cottages for an affordable family reunion, Girl Scout Camp, or company retreat. The large cottages come complete with stone fireplaces and wooden decks.
  - Organ Grinder with a Monkey – a visual and audio touch of history at Monterey State Historic Park
- Grants and Local Funding**
- Since 1965, California State Parks' Grants and Local Services Division has administered over \$3.3 billion in local assistance grants. Several bond acts have been approved by California voters, the most recent being Proposition 84, the California water quality, safety and supply, flood control,



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- Natural resource protection, park improvement bond and initiative statute of 2006, which provides \$368 million in State park system acquisition, development, restoration, Nature education and research facilities. These funds are being distributed through per capita, block and competitive grants.
- California State Parks also administers several other annual grant programs: the Habitat Conservation Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Recreational Trails Program.
- Funding amounts and filing dates for current grant programs are as follows:
  - The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$331.3 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds to local, federal agencies, education institutions, and eligible organizations.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>Final Application Filing Date</b>
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$ 2 Million	October 1, 2011
Recreational Trails Program	\$2.3 Million	October 1, 2011
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Approximately \$1.2 Million	November 1, 2011

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*At a Park Near You* – the connection between California State Parks and California residents

*Camping In Your California State Parks* – reservation tips

*The Cultural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Park units contain a wide variety of cultural resources

*The Future of California State Parks* –California State Parks are part of the California lifestyle

*Interpretation and Education* – learning is fun in California State Parks!

*The Natural Resources of California State Parks* – California State Parks preserve some of the state's most important natural treasures

*California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division* – fun off the road in California State Parks

*Park People* - the people that protect and operate California's State Parks

*What's in a Park?* –the wide variety of places and experiences you can find in California State Parks