



California State Parks

Quick Facts



As of 5/4/2012

Parks by the Numbers

- ❖ There are 279 classified and unclassified units in the California State Park System in 25 districts.
- ❖ Over 1.3 million acres of land are owned or managed by California State Parks (CSP). This is nearly 1.5% of the total area of California.
- ❖ Almost 1,658 miles of waterfront are owned by CSP. This includes over 646 miles of lakefront, almost 340 miles of ocean front, and over 327 miles of river front.

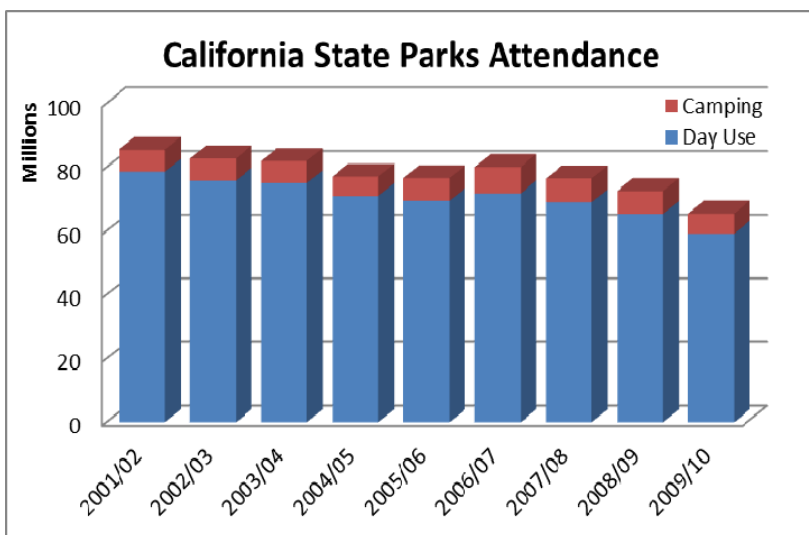
- ❖ **Top Ten State Parks** (2010/2011 Attendance):

1. Old Town San Diego SHP
2. Sonoma Coast SP
3. Torrey Pines SB
4. Bolsa Chica SB
5. Huntington SB
6. San Onofre SB
7. Oceano Dunes SVRA
8. Cardiff SB
9. Doheny SB
10. Folsom Lake SRA

- ❖ **Top Attendance by Unit Type**

(2010/2011 Attendance):

- State Historic Park–Old Town San Diego
- State Beach – Bolsa Chica State Park – Sonoma Coast State Vehicular Recreation Area – Oceano Dunes State Recreation Area – Folsom Lake
- State Natural Reserve – Torrey Pines
- State Seashore - Eastshore State Park
- State Wayside Campground – Reynolds
- State Historic Monument – Hearst San Simeon



- ❖ CSP provides the public with: 14,206 individual and group camp sites, 690 non-camping overnight facilities, 7,210 individual picnic sites, and over 4,522 miles of non-motorized trails.
- ❖ Over 57.1 million people visited California State Parks in the 2010/11 fiscal year. At 1 fl. oz. of sunscreen per person, that equals over 446,820 gallons of sun protection!
- ❖ Over 3% of park visitors operate off-highway vehicles in state park units each year.

- ❖ Five California State Parks were named to the **2010 Top 100 Family Campgrounds in the U.S.** in a survey conducted by ReserveAmerica (part of Active.com) (listed alphabetically):

- Crystal Cove SP
- Donner Memorial SP
- Folsom Lake SRA
- Lake Del Valle SRA (*operated by East Bay Regional Park District*)
- Mount San Jacinto SP

- ❖ A significant portion of California's natural and cultural resources are protected by California State Parks:



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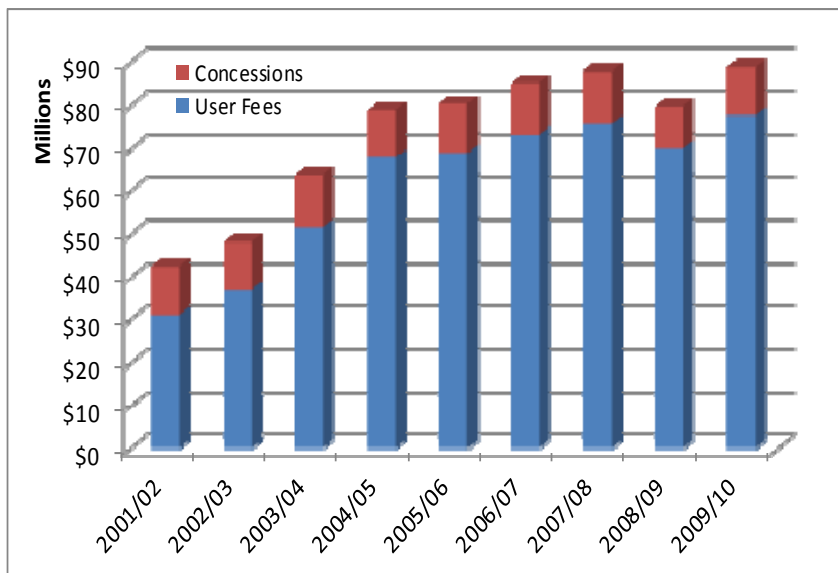


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- 93% of the 1.5 million acres of the State Park System is managed for natural resource values.
- California State Parks is responsible for documentation, preservation and care of 11,008 known prehistoric and historic archeological sites, 3,195 historic buildings, and more than 6 million museum objects, archival documents and specimens.
- Since 1965 California State Parks' Office of Grants and Local Services has administered over \$3.3 billion in local assistance grants, including funds approved by the passage of Park Bond Acts, and federal monies such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Volunteers help staff visitor centers, maintain trails, serve as camp hosts, present interpretive (educational) programs and special events, and do much more.

- ❖ California State Parks' Concessions Program includes approximately 190 concession contracts, including 54 operating agreements as of 2010/2011.
- ❖ California State Parks' 2009/10 budget totals \$845,148 million. The largest sources for these funds are:
 - State's General Fund (~\$123 million)
 - State Parks and Recreation Fund (~\$126 million)



- ❖ Interpretive (educational) programs add to the appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural resources preserved in California State Parks:

- In 2003/04*, 3.15 million visitors enjoyed guided hikes, tours, talks and demonstrations.
- In 2003/04*, approximately 535,000 school children attend formal interpretive programs in state parks.

- ❖ The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division has administered \$331.3 million in off-highway vehicle grant funds.
- ❖ California State Parks is authorized to employ 1,844 permanent staff and approximately 805 seasonal staff to administer, protect, operate and maintain the State Park System.
- ❖ 34,510 volunteers contributed 1,118,261 hours to the department in 2010.

- Young visitors also participate in programs designed specifically for them, such as the Junior Rangers and Junior Lifeguards.

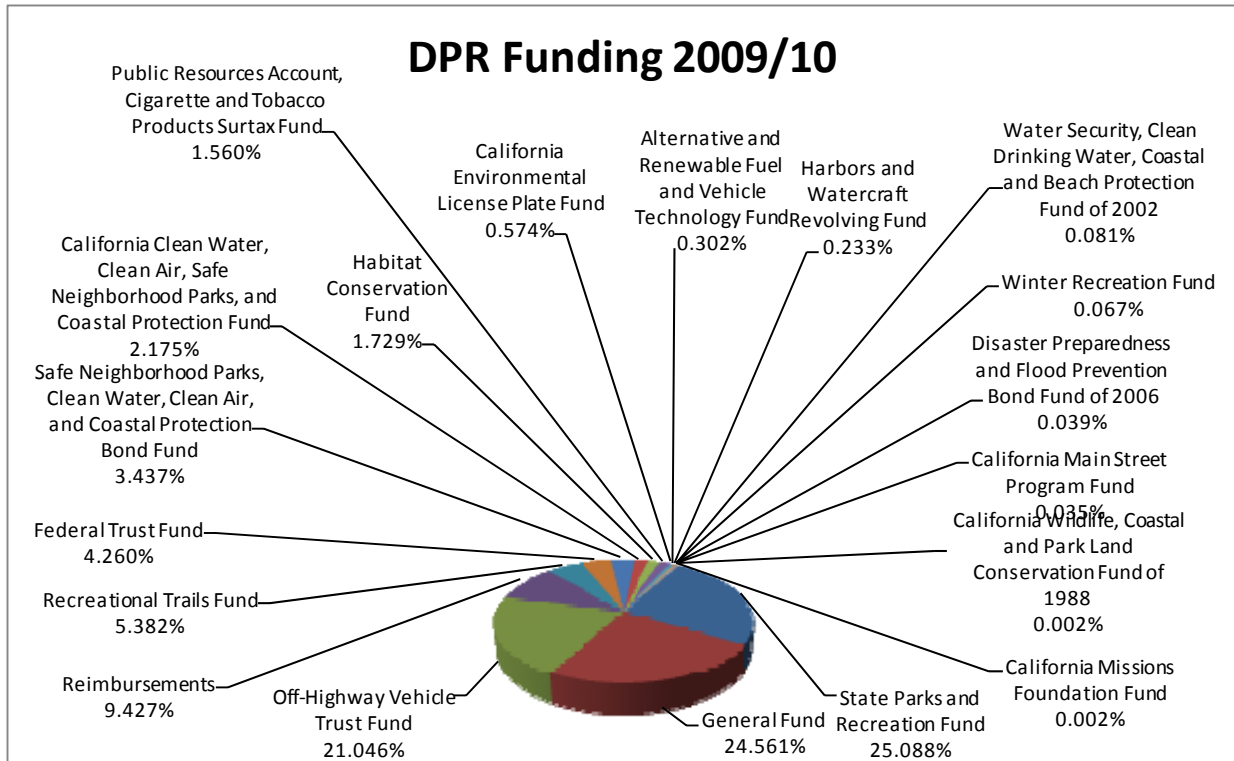
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❖ Learn more about California State Parks with these *Quick Facts* sheets:

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

Dollars and Cents – California State Park funding, local grants and concessions

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

Top Parks – California State Parks acknowledged by ReserveAmerica in their annual *Top 100 Family Campgrounds* guide