



# California State Parks

## Quick Facts



### Top Parks

As of 5/26/2011

ReserveAmerica is the largest provider of campsite reservations in North America facilitating over 4 million transactions per year.

2009 marked ReserveAmerica's seventh annual *Top 100 Family Campgrounds*, a guide to help campers and their families plan camping trips at locations across America's great outdoors. The list also included ReserveAmerica's top biking trails, beaches, scenic views, water recreation parks and much more.

To determine the top campgrounds and locations, over 4,000 parks were reviewed and evaluated on criteria including educational programs, overall beauty and scenery, family beaches, visitor centers and camping amenities such as hot showers and laundry facilities. The featured locations were also selected based on testimonials, campground ratings and feedback provided by park rangers, regional park management and campers throughout the year.\*

Included in this Quick Facts are the California State Parks units that were acknowledged in this guide.

- ❖ *Top 100 Family Campgrounds in the United States*(listed alphabetically):
  - Anza-Borrego Desert SP
  - Castle Crags SP
  - Lake Del Valle SRA (*operated by East Bay Regional Park District*)
  - Millerton Lake SRA
  - Morro Bay SP
  - Sonoma Coast SP
- ❖ *Top 25 Amazing Spots in the United States:*
  - San Simeon SP near Cambria
- ❖ *Top 25 Biking Trails in the United States:*
  - Cuyamaca Rancho SP near San Diego
- ❖ *Top 25 Bird-Watching Spots in the United States:*
  - Salton Sea SP near Riverside
- ❖ *Top 25 Canoeing Spots in the United States:*
  - Lake Oroville SRA near Oroville
- ❖ *Top 50 Educational & Historical Facilities in the United States:*
  - Colonel Allensworth SHP near Tulare
- ❖ *Top 50 Fishing Spots in the United States:*
  - Bolsa Chica SB near Orange
- ❖ *Top 50 Hiking Trails in the United States:*
  - Castle Crags SP near Shasta
- ❖ *Top 25 Horse-Friendly Parks in the United States:*
  - Anza-Borrego Desert SP near San Diego
- ❖ *Top 25 Kid-Friendly Parks in the United States:*
  - Morro Bay SP near San Luis Obispo



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❖ *Top 25 Park Beaches in the United States:*

San Elijo SB near San Diego

❖ *Top 25 Picnic Areas in the United States:*

Benbow Lake SRA near Humboldt

❖ *Top 25 Romanic Spots in the United States:*

Sonoma Coast SP near Bodega Bay

❖ *Top 50 Scenic Views in the United States:*

Saddleback Butte SP near Lancaster

❖ *Top 25 Tours & Events in the United States:*

Año Nuevo SNR (now SP) near San Mateo

❖ *Top 25 Unique Cabins in the United States:*

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial SP near Shasta

❖ *Top 25 Water Recreation Parks in the United States:*

Millerton Lake SRA near Fresno

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

*Parks by the Numbers* – a statistical overview of the California State Parks system.

*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

\* from [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)