



RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK

WELCOME! Richardson Grove State Park is one of the North Coast's first redwood state parks. Approximately 2,000 acres, "The Grove" is home to towering old-growth coast redwoods, the wild and scenic South Fork Eel River, and Richardson Grove Historic Lodge. With its rich cultural and natural history and its proximity to U.S. Highway 101, Richardson Grove State Park has something for all visitors.

The Sinkyone and Wailaki people have lived in this area since time immemorial. They have and continue to utilize the riches of the landscape to preserve their culture.



**Richardson Grove
State Park**
1600 U.S. Highway 101
Garberville, CA 95542



Day-Use Areas:
Sunrise to sunset

Visitor Center:
Open Memorial Day-Labor Day
Friday-Monday: 10 a.m.-4p.m.

Passes Accepted:
Explorer, Golden Poppy, Library
Pass, Disabled Discount,
Distinguished Veteran, Golden
Bear, Golden Bear (Limited Use)



Day-Use Parking:
\$8 per vehicle per day
Main parking area near
visitor center



(707) 247-3318
711, TTY Relay Service
parks.ca.gov/RichardsonGrove



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at (707) 247-3318. If you need this publication in an alternate format, contact interp@parks.ca.gov.

FACTS ABOUT THE GROVE

Eel River—Eel River is named after the Pacific lamprey. An American exploring party in 1850 gave the river its name because it mistook the lamprey for eel.

Salmon—There are several species of salmon that live in the Eel River. Salmon are anadromous, meaning they migrate from the ocean to the rivers to spawn.

Oak Woodlands—Aside from old-growth redwood and aquatic habitats, The Grove is also home to oak woodland habitats. These habitats are full of tanoaks, huckleberries, and ground squirrels.

Bat Tree—Behind the lodge is the Bat Tree, where two trees fused together with a tunnel at the base and is home to insect-eating bats, Yuma myotis.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Swimming—Diving in the river is not permitted. No lifeguards are on duty. Children should be supervised at all times.

Campfires—Fires are permitted only in fire rings. No ground fires are allowed.

Algae Blooms—In late summer, harmful algae blooms may appear in the river. Ingesting algae can be harmful to young children and pets. Check algae warnings.

Pets—Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.

Practice Leave No Trace—Keep it "crumb clean" to protect plants and wildlife.



Visit the Richardson Grove Historic Lodge!

When the Richardson Grove Historic Lodge was first built in the 1920s, it entertained many families with its dining area, ice cream parlor, camp store, and theater. The lodge is now the park's visitor center with interpretive displays of all kinds. Check the park website for visitor center hours.

ACTIVITIES

Fishing—Catch-and-release fishing is allowed on the South Fork Eel River. Visitors 16 years of age and older must have a valid fishing license. Always check current conditions and regulations.

Swimming—June and July are the best months to go swimming in the river. The two main swimming holes are located by the Dawn Redwood Group Campground.

Hiking—There are approximately 10 miles of trails in the park. The Grove Nature Trail and parts of the Exhibit Trail are Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible and less than 1 mile each. The Woodland Trail or the Lookout Point Trail are moderate longer hikes.

Camping—Richardson Grove offers three family campgrounds and one group campground that are open seasonally. During the peak season (Memorial Day to Labor Day) most campsites are available for reservation on ReserveCalifornia.com. During the offseason (Labor Day to Memorial Day), sites are available first-come first-served in the Madrone Campground only.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

During the school year, there are many educational opportunities.

Guided In-Person Field Trips—Take your students on a three-hour guided field trip in the park. Students will learn about the cultural and natural resources of the park with guided walks, crafts, and activities.

PORTS: Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students®—Take the park to your students with these 45-minute virtual programs. Students will learn about the Eel River and its many wonders.

To schedule and book a program, visit ports.parks.ca.gov.

