



SINKYONE WILDERNESS STATE PARK

WELCOME! Sinkyone Wilderness State Park (SP) is located on the southern portion of a rugged and stunning shoreline called "The Lost Coast." Approximately 7,700 acres, Sinkyone Wilderness SP offers unique landscapes to those who make the trek. Visitors to this park can see coastal bluffs, black sand beaches, elusive terrestrial and marine wildlife, and steep Douglas fir forests shrouded in fog.

Since time immemorial the Sinkyone people have lived in this area, applying traditional practices in their use of the landscape. Today, many people of Sinkyone descent live and continue to thrive throughout the North Coast.



Sinkyone Wilderness State Park
Briceland Thorn Road
Whitethorn, CA 95589



Day-Use Areas:
Sunrise to sunset



Day-Use Parking:
\$8 per vehicle per day for Needle Rock and Jones Beach. No fees at Usal Beach.



Passes Accepted:

Disabled Discount, Explorer, Golden Bear, Golden Bear (Limited), Golden Poppy, State Library Pass, Veteran Pass



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



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.

LOST COAST TRAIL

Many visitors come to this area to hike or backpack on the beautiful Lost Coast Trail. In total this trail is about 47 miles long, with 25 miles in the King Range National Conservation Area and 22 miles in Sinkyone Wilderness SP. Because the trail winds through two parcels managed by different public entities (Bureau of Land Management and California State Parks), there are different regulations regarding trail use and camping.

For information about Sinkyone Wilderness SP regulations, visit parks.ca.gov/Sinkyone. For information about King Range National Conservation Area, scan the QR code to visit the Bureau of Land Management's website bit.ly/BLM-KingRange.



PLEASE REMEMBER

Ocean Safety—The cold waters off the rugged North Coast are unpredictable and can be deadly, not only for beginners but even for experts. Please be extra cautious and check the tides and weather conditions before recreating in or near the ocean.

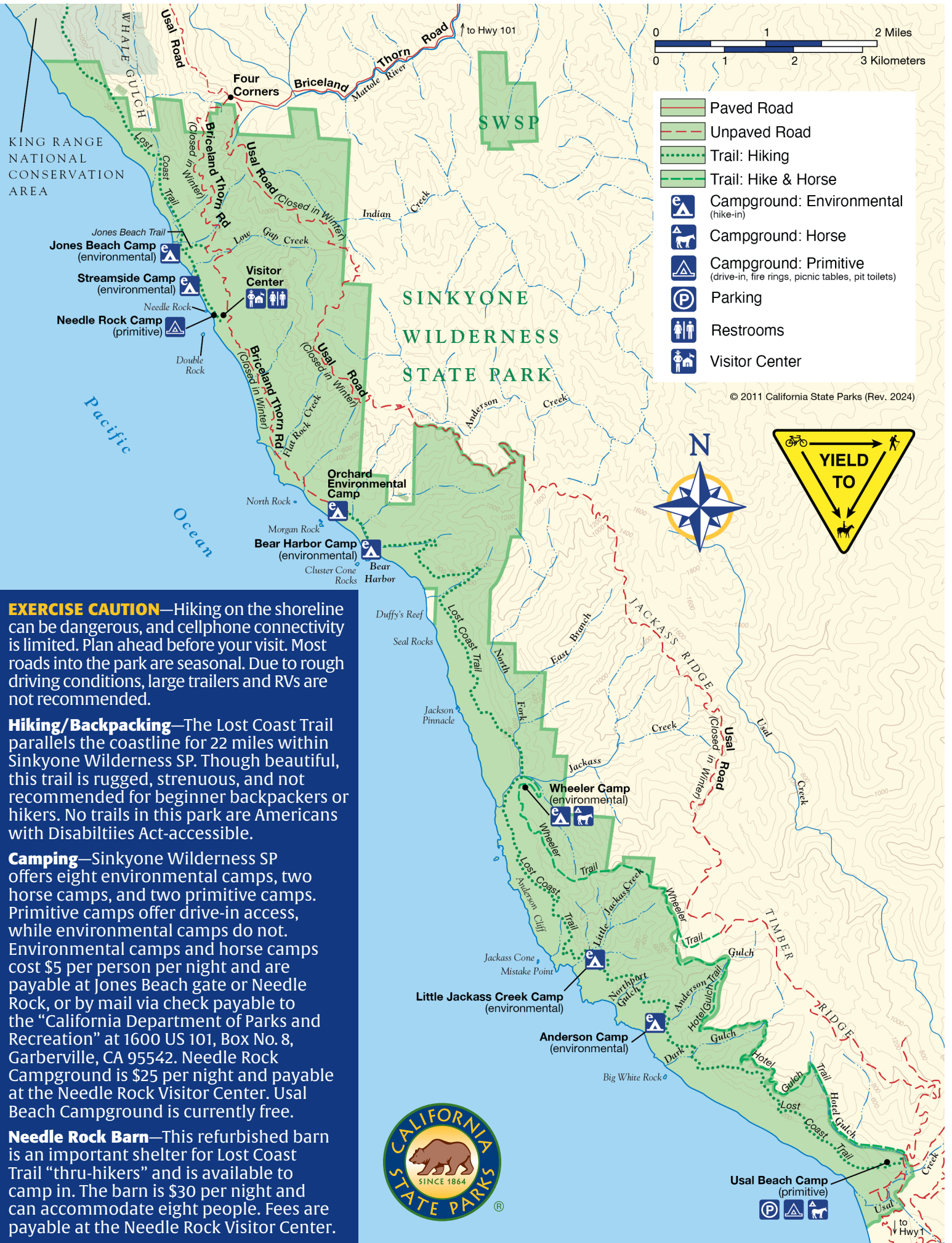
Remote Area—Sinkyone Wilderness SP is one of the most remote parks in California. In an emergency situation, help may not arrive for hours. Plan ahead and bring extra food and supplies if stranded.

Food Storage—Protect yourself and wildlife by storing food and any scented items in a bear canister when camping. Items may also be stored in a locked car.

Roosevelt Elk Rebound!

Sinkyone Wilderness SP is home to a herd of Roosevelt elk, the largest North American elk subspecies. Once plentiful, local elk were almost hunted out of existence. To help the population, ranchers relocated a small herd from Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and worked to protect the remaining herd and their habitat. Now they can be seen roaming the park's coastal prairies.





EXERCISE CAUTION—Hiking on the shoreline can be dangerous, and cellphone connectivity is limited. Plan ahead before your visit. Most roads into the park are seasonal. Due to rough driving conditions, large trailers and RVs are not recommended.

Hiking/Backpacking—The Lost Coast Trail parallels the coastline for 22 miles within Sinkyone Wilderness SP. Though beautiful, this trail is rugged, strenuous, and not recommended for beginner backpackers or hikers. No trails in this park are Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible.

Camping—Sinkyone Wilderness SP offers eight environmental camps, two horse camps, and two primitive camps. Primitive camps offer drive-in access, while environmental camps do not. Environmental camps and horse camps cost \$5 per person per night and are payable at Jones Beach gate or Needle Rock, or by mail via check payable to the “California Department of Parks and Recreation” at 1600 US 101, Box No. 8, Garberville, CA 95542. Needle Rock Campground is \$25 per night and payable at the Needle Rock Visitor Center. Usal Beach Campground is currently free.

Needle Rock Barn—This refurbished barn is an important shelter for Lost Coast Trail “thru-hikers” and is available to camp in. The barn is \$30 per night and can accommodate eight people. Fees are payable at the Needle Rock Visitor Center.



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