

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Elk Prairie Campground

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Magnificent groves of coast redwoods, among the tallest trees in the world at three hundred feet and more, adorn this 14,000-acre park. Set aside in the early 1920s by the people of California and the generosity of the Save the Redwoods League, Prairie Creek is a sanctuary for old growth coast redwoods.

CAMPING is available year round. Drinkable water, restrooms, and hot, coin-operated showers are available. Pitch tents only in the designated sites. There are no hook-ups or dump stations at the park. During the summer season (generally from Memorial Day through Labor Day) the campground is on a site-specific reservation system. Because the campground is usually completely full in the summer, reservations are strongly recommended.

QUIET HOURS AND GENERATORS: To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, please do not disturb other campers, regardless of the time of day or night. Radios and other sound-producing devices may not be audible beyond your immediate campsite. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and generators may only be operated between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

CHECK-OUT TIME is noon. Please vacate your site by that time. Check-in is 2 p.m.

FIRES AND FIREWOOD: Fires are allowed only in established fire rings or camp stoves. Do not build ground fires outside the fire rings or leave campfires unattended. Do not gather firewood in the park—the nutrients must be allowed to recycle back into the ecosystem. You may purchase firewood from park personnel.

PARKING at campsites is limited to the space available on the parking pad at the site. Do not park vehicles on the grass or anywhere off the road. Extra vehicles that do not fit in the site must be parked in the designated overflow area. Camping fees include one vehicle. There is an additional parking fee for each extra vehicle.

SPEED LIMIT is 15 mph in all campgrounds and day-use areas. Please drive carefully, observe the speed limit, and watch for children.

DOGS must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and under control at all times. Dogs may not be left unattended and must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Dogs are not allowed on any trails, but they are allowed on-leash on Cal-Barrel Road and Gold Bluffs Beach. Please be courteous and clean up after your pets.

BICYCLES are permitted only on designated trails. Children under 18 years old are required by law to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, etc.

FERN CANYON is open year round from 9 a.m. until dusk (weather and trail conditions permitting). Seasonal footbridges are available *only* during the summer. Waterproof shoes and/ or boots are recommended the rest of the year. *Dogs and bikes are not permitted in Fern Canyon*.

WILD ANIMALS: Bear-resistant metal lockers are provided at each campsite. All food, beverages and scented items (soap, toothpaste, lotion, etc.) are required by law to be stored in the provided lockers. Items should never be left out unattended except during food preparation or consumption. Wild animals scavenging for human food make the park unsafe for both wildlife and humans.

ROOSEVELT ELK can be seen throughout Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. Please remember that elk are wild animals and can be unpredictable. Do not approach them under any circumstances; keep a safe distance at all times.

