



BOAT CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 3.2 km (2 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Accessible from Coastal trail; connects with Butler Creek Trail; West Ridge trail.
Features: Follows a creek through a steep canyon, which was logged during World War I to provide spruce wood for the building of airplanes. Boat Creek is spring fed all year. Passes through old growth redwood forest with vistas of the coast.
Difficulty: Class 5

BROWN CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 2.0 km (1.2 miles)
Time: 30 minutes
Trailhead: Rhododendron Trail; east of Highway 101 marker 129.1, Foothill trail.
Features: Certainly one of the most beautiful trails through streamside vegetation and mature redwood forest.
Difficulty: Class 3

BUTLER CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 2.9 km (1.8 miles)
Time: 40 minutes
Trailhead: West side of Highway 101 near milepost 131.90 at locked gate (no parking in front of gate), West Ridge Trail, Coastal trail, Prairie Creek trail.
Features: A hike along Butler Creek from the beach to the West Ridge Trail; backcountry camping (see Ranger at Prairie Creek visitor center).
Difficulty: Class 5

CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION TRAIL (C.R.E.A.)
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 3.8 km (2.6 miles)
Time: 1½ hours
Trailhead: Begins at Highway 101 marker 130.17.
Features: This trail goes through old growth forest.
Difficulty: Class 5

CARRUTHERS COVE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.28 km to beach (0.8 mile)
Time: 30 minutes to beach
Trailhead:South end of Coastal Drive at national park and state park boundary. Look for sign.
Features: Elk watching, bird watching along skid road through alders to beach.
Difficulty: Class 4

CATHEDRAL TREES TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 2.5 km (1.5 miles)
Time: 35 minutes
Trailhead: Across hwy. from Prairie Creek visitor center, Big Tree parking area, Rhododendron Trail, and Elk Prairie Trail.
Features: This trail follows streams through meadows. Elk are sometimes seen along this trail leading to a mature redwood forest.

CIRCLE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.48 km (0.3 miles)
Time: 10 minutes
Trailhead: Big Tree parking area, one mile north of campground; Foothill trail; or Cathedral Trees trail.
Features: This trail provides a walk near the Big Tree, one of the largest trees in the state park.
Difficulty: Class 1

CLINTONIA TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 30 minutes
Trailhead: James Irvine trail or Miner's Ridge trail
Features: Trail leads through virgin redwood forest, following streams and climbing to ridges.
Difficulty: Class 4

COASTAL TRAIL
This trail runs the entire length of Redwood National Park. It is described below in sections, starting from the Humboldt County line to Orick.

Gold Beach Section
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: A few miles of beach
Time: Open
Trailhead: Accessible by Davison Road, Gold Bluffs Campground, Ossagon Trail and Carruthers Cove Trail (only during low tide).
Features: Coastal prairies, wild beach, elk herd, campground, picnic area, and surf fishing. Watch the tide!
Difficulty: Class 1

Coastal-East Side Section
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 8 km (5 miles)
Time: 3½ hours
Trailhead: North: Davison Road, just south of Espa Lagoon; South: Side road at Hwy 101 marker 122.69, 2 mi. north of Orick, follow road to first right, watch for trail sign.
Features: Sitka Spruce, streamside vegetation along Skunk Cabbage Creek. Trail under construction, to be completed in 1995.
Difficulty: Class 5

ELK PRAIRIE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 3.7 km (2.3 miles)
Time: 1 hour
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Campground; Cathedral Trees Trail
Features: Trail around prime elk habitat with evidence of browsing and antler rubbing on trees.
Difficulty: Class 5

EMERALD RIDGE TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 4.5 km (2.8 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Tall Trees Trail; Redwood Creek, 1.5 miles upstream from Tall Trees Grove.
Features: Drops 580 feet in elevation through old growth redwoods before reaching Redwood Creek. Loop to Tall Trees Trail includes 1.5 miles of hiking along stream bank, with several stream crossings which should only be attempted during low water flows. A separate folder on the trails of Redwood Creek is available from a park ranger.
Difficulty: Class 5

FIVE MINUTE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP (not shown on map)
Mileage: 0.48 km (0.3 mile)
Time: 5 minutes
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Visitor Center
Features: A short walk at Prairie Creek Visitor Center. Along the trail is the hollowed-out "Chimney Tree" with boards across part of its entrance. A family once lived in this tree during the 1930's.

FERN CANYON TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.1 km loop (0.7 mile)
Time: 1 hour
Trailhead: Fern Canyon parking area
Features: Scenic display of many fern species. Trail runs through creek; hiker can follow steps up to James Irvine Trail and up to a prairie that was once a small mining town (500 pop.)
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Difficulty: Class 2

FOOTHILL TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 4.2 km (2.6 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Visitor Center; Big Tree Parking area; and South Fork Trail.
Features: Bird-watching and redwood forest.
Difficulty: Class 3

FOREST RENEWAL TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 1.3 km (0.8 mile)
Time: 1½ hours, roundtrip
Trailhead: Davison Road
Features: Second-growth redwood forest, ocean views
Difficulty: Class 2

HOPE CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 4.55 km (1.3 miles)
Time: 1 hour
Trailhead: Along Highway 101 at marker 132.74
Features: Old growth redwoods, stream-side plants and animals.
Difficulty: Class 4

HORSE TRAILS
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: Approx. 35 total km (approx. 22 total miles)
Time: 8-14 hrs. (dep. on miles covered)
Trailhead: Orick rodeo grounds
Features: Clearcut and old growth forest on the west side of Redwood Creek.
Difficulty: Class 5

JAMES IRVINE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 6.8 km (4.2 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Visitor Center; Fern Canyon; Gold Bluffs Beach. Connects with Godwood and Clintonia Trails.
Features: Possible loop with Miner's Ridge trail (10.3 mile loop) with camping available at Gold Bluff Beach campground. Suggest taking Miner's Ridge down from visitor center and return via James Irvine trail, which follows a canyon along lush streamside habitat through dense redwood forest.
Difficulty: Class 3

JOGGING TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
Mileage: 6.4 km (4 miles)
Time: 1-2 hours
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Campground, campsite 48
Features: Crosses Wolf Creek Bridge and follows an old logging road through second growth forest. Route is clearly signed.
Difficulty: Class 1

LADY BIRD JOHNSON GROVE NATURE LOOP TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 30 minutes
Trailhead: Lady Bird Johnson parking area, 2 miles up on Bald Hills road.
Features: It's a steep road (17% grade) to parking area, especially for trailers or large RV's. Self-guided nature trail begins across footbridge. Site of national park dedication and view of Lost Man Creek drainage. Trail follows an old logging road through mature redwood forest.
Difficulty: Class 1

LOST MAN CREEK TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 3.2 km (2 miles) to second bridge; approx. 16 km (10 miles) to Bald Hills Road.
Time: 2 hours; 3 hours
Trailhead: Lost Man Creek picnic area
Features: Photography, wildlife, fall mushrooms along this old road which you can follow a long distance to Bald Hills Road.
Difficulty: Class 3

LITTLE CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.48 km (0.3 mile)
Time: 10 minutes
Trailhead: Highway 101, marker 131.76
Features: Redwoods blown down by winds add interest to this trail. The trail passes under some of these fallen trees.
Difficulty: Class 2

MINER'S RIDGE TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 6.3 km (3.9 miles)
Time: 3 hours
Trailhead: End of Godwood trail, which begins at Prairie Creek Visitor Center; access to Clintonia trail; Gold Bluff Beach Road at Squashan Creek.
Features: Trail follows a low-lying ridge through redwood forest, Sitka spruce, and Douglas fir forest to Gold Bluff Beach campground. An old corduroy road, which was used by logging trucks, is part of this trail. This trail was also the supply route for pack horses to the miner's camp, located in the meadow above Fern Canyon. Excellent vistas from ridge top. Suggested loop: from the Prairie Creek Visitor Center take the Miner's Ridge Trail and return via the James Irvine Trail (10.3 mile loop).
Difficulty: Class 3

OSSAGON TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 2.7 km (1.7 miles)
Time: 1 hour
Trailhead: Highway 101 marker 132.9; Coastal Trail
Features: Trail is through redwood forest on old roadbed ending at Ossagon Creek. Open grassy areas reveal once existing homesites. Yurok Indians once had summer villages in the Gold Bluffs area.
Difficulty: Class 4

PRAIRIE CREEK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 6.4 km (4 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Prairie Creek Visitor Center.
Features: Photography, bird-watching, observing wildlife.
Difficulty: Class 3

REDWOOD CREEK TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 13.0 km to Tall Trees Grove (8.2 miles)
Time: 5 hours
Trailhead: From Highway 101 take Bald Hills road 2 miles north of Orick; take first right turn to Redwood Creek trailhead parking area; or take shuttle-bus to Tall Trees Trail (in summer).
Features: Wildlife photography, swimming and viewing of Tall Trees Grove. Backcountry camping is allowed on stream bars. Backcountry permits available at trailhead or at the information center. Footbridges are removed end of Sept. until end of May. Suggested loop starts with morning shuttle-bus pick-up at Redwood Creek Trailhead (purchase ticket in advance at Redwood Information Center); then to Tall Trees Grove via shuttle-bus and hike to parking area.
Difficulty: Class 3
NOTE: Do not drink unboiled water from Redwood Creek as it is contaminated by cattle upstream, outside the park. High water during winter makes crossing the creek very dangerous!

REVELATION TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.5 km (0.3 miles)
Trailhead: Just South of Prairie Creek Visitor Center
Features: This self-guided nature trail is designed for both blind and sighted persons. Wood and rope handrails run the full length of the trail, and "touchable" features along the way are described both on signs and in a cassette guide available at the Visitor Center.
Difficulty: Class 3

RHODODENDRON TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 10.2 km (6.3 miles)
Time: 3 hours
Trailhead: Brown Creek trail; South Fork trail; Cal Barrel road; C.R.E.A. trail; or Cathedral Trees trail.
Features: Provides a serene experience in an old growth redwood forest and pink blossoms of rhododendrons (in spring).
Difficulty: Class 3

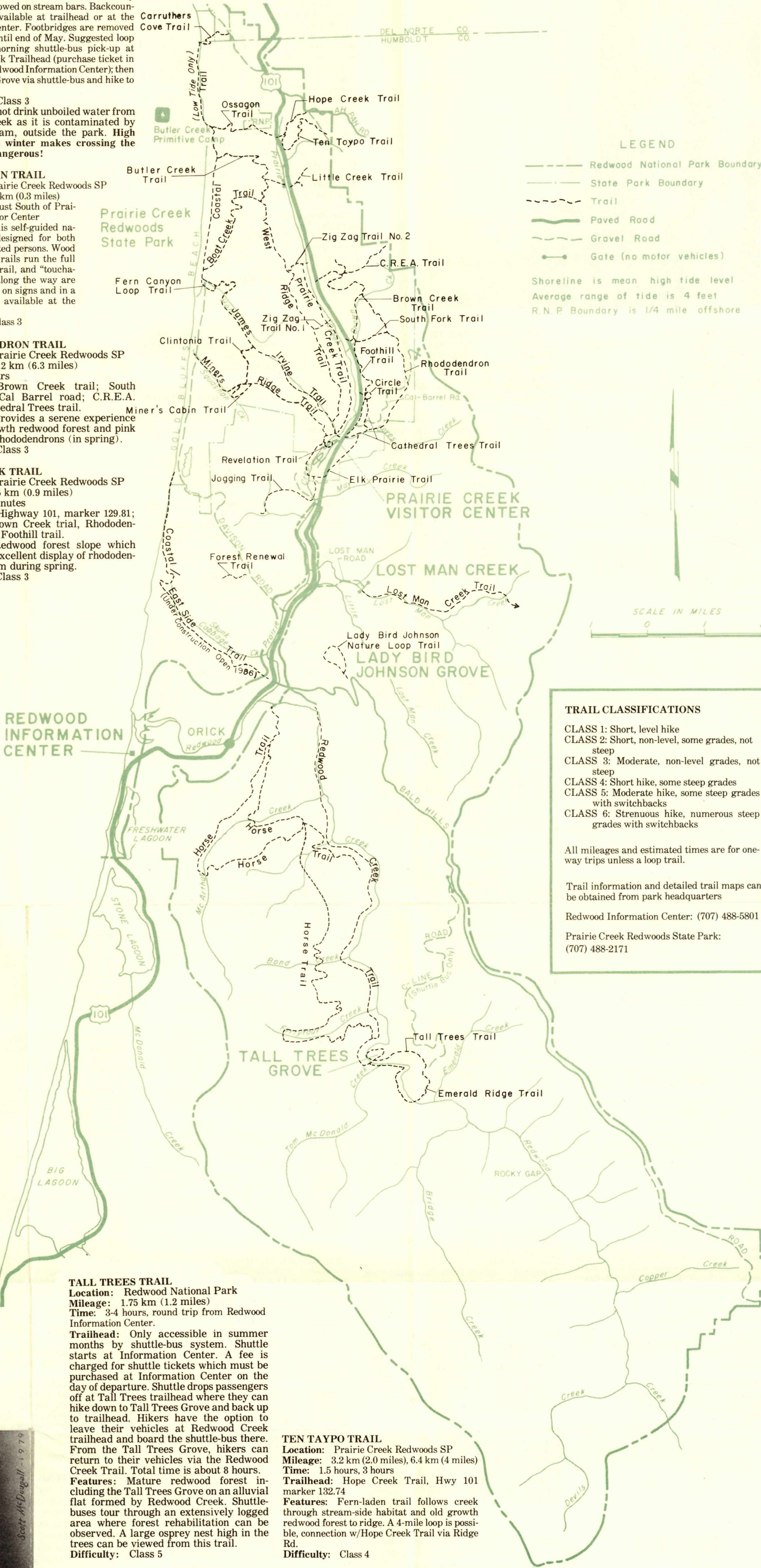
SOUTH FORK TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.5 km (0.9 miles)
Time: 30 minutes
Trailhead: Highway 101, marker 129.81; access to Brown Creek trail, Rhododendron trail, or Foothill trail.
Features: Redwood forest slope which provides an excellent display of rhododendrons in bloom during spring.
Difficulty: Class 3

REDWOOD INFORMATION CENTER

TALL TREES TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 1.75 km (1.2 miles)
Time: 3-4 hours, round trip from Redwood Information Center.
Trailhead: Only accessible in summer months by shuttle-bus system. Shuttle starts at Information Center. A fee is charged for shuttle tickets which must be purchased at Information Center on the day of departure. Shuttle drops passengers off at Tall Trees trailhead where they can hike down to Tall Trees Grove and back up to trailhead. Hikers have the option to leave their vehicles at Redwood Creek trailhead and board the shuttle-bus there. From the Tall Trees Grove, hikers can return to their vehicles via the Redwood Creek Trail. Total time is about 8 hours.
Features: Mature redwood forest including the Tall Trees Grove on an alluvial flat formed by Redwood Creek. Shuttle-buses tour through an extensively logged area where forest rehabilitation can be observed. A large osprey nest high in the trees can be viewed from this trail.
Difficulty: Class 5

TEN TAYPO TRAIL
Location: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP
Mileage: 3.2 km (2.0 miles), 6.4 km (4 miles)
Time: 1.5 hours, 3 hours
Trailhead: Hope Creek Trail, Hwy 101 marker 132.74
Features: Fern-laden trail follows creek through stream-side habitat and old growth redwood forest to ridge. A 4-mile loop is possible, connection w/Hope Creek Trail via Ridge Rd.
Difficulty: Class 4

SOUTH AREA



LEGEND
--- Redwood National Park Boundary
--- State Park Boundary
--- Trail
--- Paved Road
--- Gravel Road
--- Gate (no motor vehicles)
Shoreline is mean high tide level
Average range of tide is 4 feet
R.N.P. Boundary is 1/4 mile offshore

TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASS 1: Short, level hike
CLASS 2: Short, non-level, some grades, not steep
CLASS 3: Moderate, non-level grades, not steep
CLASS 4: Short hike, some steep grades
CLASS 5: Moderate hike, some steep grades with switchbacks
CLASS 6: Strenuous hike, numerous steep grades with switchbacks

All mileages and estimated times are for one-way trips unless a loop trail.

Trail information and detailed trail maps can be obtained from park headquarters

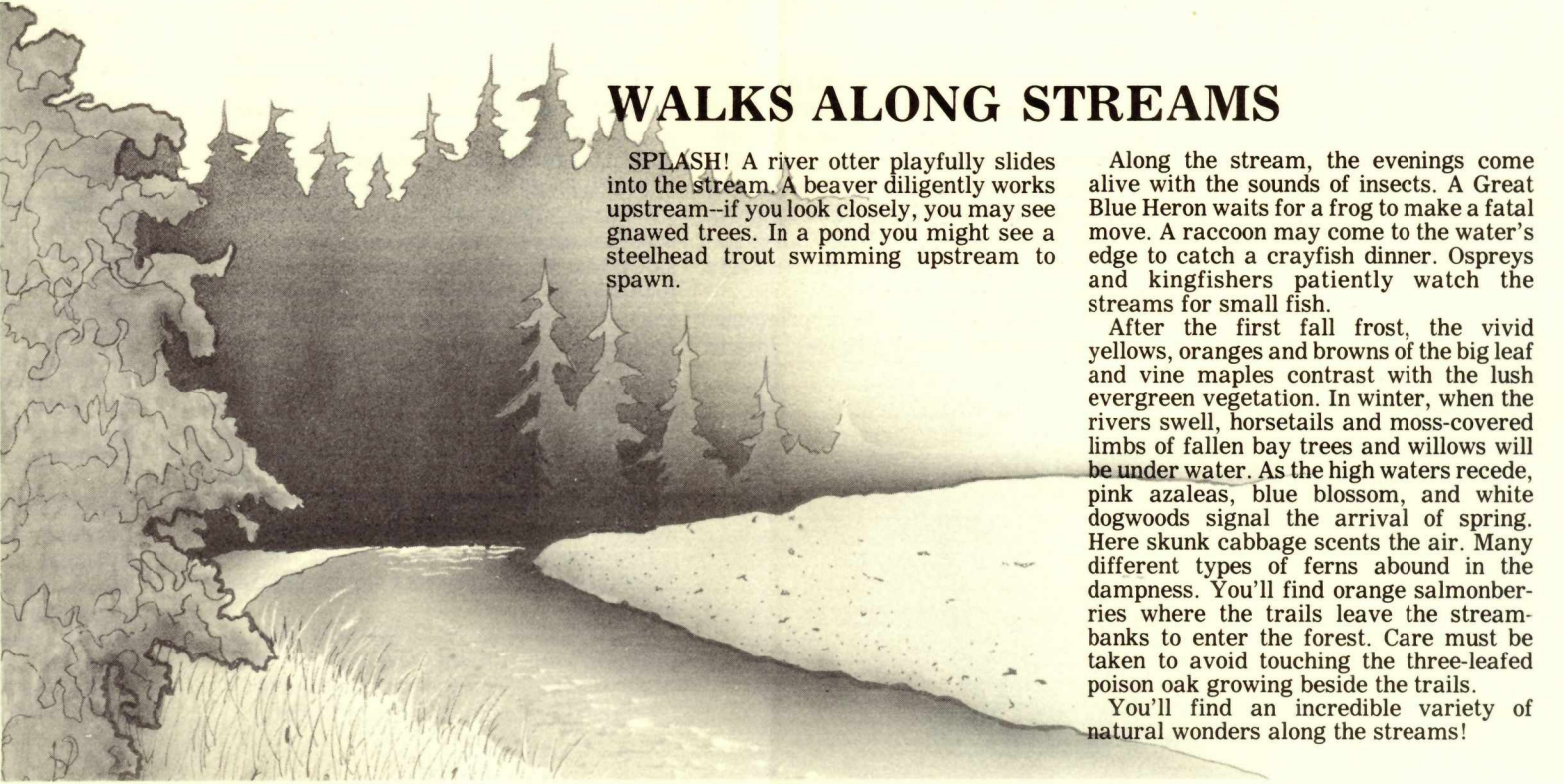
Redwood Information Center: (707) 488-5801

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park: (707) 488-2171

TRAIL MANNERS

- PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PARK TRAILS except on the Enderb's Beach Trail, Lady Bird Johnson Grove Trail, and Crescent Beach, and on leash only. Pets can disturb wildlife and interfere with visitors' enjoyment of the park.
- Help us keep your trail clean; pick up any litter you may find.
- A picked flower soon dies. Leave all plants and flowers for others to enjoy.
- Be considerate of others. Loud noises can disturb wildlife you've come to see. Walk quietly, and you might catch a glimpse of...
- Everything needs water—help keep it clean for all. Treat stream water for safety reasons, or take along your own water.
- Before leaving park boundaries on foot, check with adjacent land owners for permission to pass.
- Many suffer from an escaped fire; please be careful. Drown all fires. Campfires are permitted in designated areas only.
- Backcountry camping is allowed on certain portions of Redwood Creek. Primitive campsites are provided at other locations indicated on the map. All other camping is in established campgrounds only.

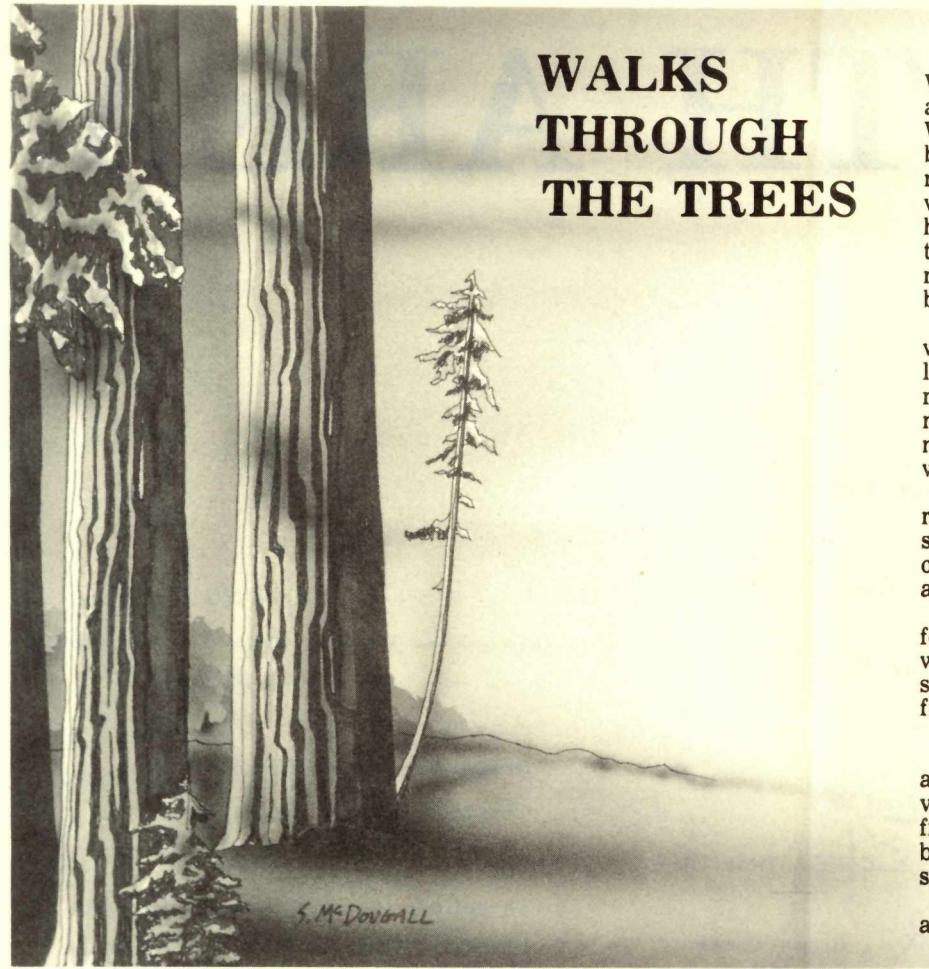
- Bears and other wildlife in the parks are wild animals and should be treated with respect. Wildlife is most enjoyed when viewed in its natural habitat; feeding wild animals quickly alters their normal behavior. Protect wildlife and yourself by hanging all food, soap, toothpaste, suntan oils, and other scented items or garbage at least 200 feet from camp. These items should be hung from a stout branch at least ten feet from the tree trunk, five feet below the branch and 12 to 15 feet above the ground.



WALKS ALONG STREAMS

SPLASH! A river otter playfully slides into the stream. A beaver diligently works upstream—if you look closely, you may see gnawed trees. In a pond you might see a steelhead trout swimming upstream to spawn.

Along the stream, the evenings come alive with the sounds of insects. A Great Blue Heron waits for a frog to make a fatal move. A raccoon may come to the water's edge to catch a crayfish dinner. Ospreys and kingfishers patiently watch the streams for small fish.
After the first fall frost, the vivid yellows, oranges and browns of the big leaf and vine maples contrast with the lush evergreen vegetation. In winter, when the rivers swell, horsetails and moss-covered limbs of fallen bay trees and willows will be under water. As the high waters recede, pink azaleas, blue blossom, and white dogwoods signal the arrival of spring. Here skunk cabbage scents the air. Many different types of ferns abound in the dampness. You'll find orange salmonberries where the trails leave the stream-banks to enter the forest. Care must be taken to avoid touching the three-leaved poison oak growing beside the trails. You'll find an incredible variety of natural wonders along the streams!



WALKS THROUGH THE TREES

ALDER BASIN TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 45 minutes
Trailhead: Mill Creek trail, across road from Mill Creek trailhead at Mill Creek Campground.
Features: Alder forest, maple and willows, Underbrush along streamside provides fall color. Small wildlife abound along stream.
Difficulty: Class 1

BOY SCOUT TREE TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 5.92 km to Fern Falls (3.7 miles)
Time: 4 hours, round trip
Trailhead: Signed trailhead on Howland Hill Road
Features: Mature redwood forest. At fork 3 miles in, right fork leads to the Boy Scout Tree, left fork to Fern Falls. Winter wrens are ever present in this fern-laden area. Old Chinese gold mines are thought to have been in this area in the late 1800's
Difficulty: Class 6

COASTAL TRAIL
This trail runs the entire length of Redwood National Park. It is described below in sections, starting from Enderts Beach and continuing to the Coastal Drive.

Last Chance Section
Location: Redwood NP, Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 9.6 km (6 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: South end of Enderts Beach Rd. Follow trail around campground and take skid road (signed) east; Damnation Creek Trailhead: (milepost 16.0), hike west to the junction with the Coastal Trail; or milepost 15.6, look for signs marked CT.
Features: Walk through redwood, spruce and red alder forests to coastal bluffs. Bird watching and photography of sea coast is exceptional along this old highway route.
Difficulty: Class 6

DeMartin Section
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP, Redwood NP
Mileage: 8 km (5 miles)
Time: 3 hours
Trailhead: North: Milepost 15.6 on Hwy 101, look for sign post marked CT. South: Just beyond milepost 12.8 on Hwy 101, at north end of DeMartin Bridge at Wilson Creek, east side of hwy.
Features: Old growth redwoods, prairies, sweeping panoramas of the ocean; backcountry campsites (10) with water, toilets.
Difficulty: Class 4

Hidden Beach Section
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 6.4 km (4 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Lagoon Creek picnic area, or Klamath Overlook on Requa Rd. (downhill route)
Features: Above the sea in spruce-alder forest, berry collecting, listening to sea lions offshore, whale watching, wildflowers, bird watching and access to beach at Hidden Beach (approximately one mile from northern trailhead). The north end of the trail is also part of Yurok Loop Trail.
Difficulty: Class 3

Flint Ridge Section
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 7.2 km (4.5 miles)
Time: 6 hours, round trip
Trailhead: (A) North end of Coastal Drive, Douglas Bridge parking area. Walk to far end (away from bridge), follow trail to old road, turn left; or (B) off "Mouth of Klamath Road" section of Coastal Drive at Coastal Trail (CT) sign (2.5 mi. from Bridge, or 1.2 mi. from junction of Alder Camp Rd. and Coastal Drive). Primitive camping (10 sites), water, toilets.
Features: Mature redwood forest, Marshall Pond (which contains beavers), Sitka spruce and alder forest, prairies.
Difficulty: Class 6

CRESCENT BEACH
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 5.6 km (3.5 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Crescent Beach picnic area
Features: A walk along the beach, surf fishing, driftwood collecting, sand castle building, clamming (in season), bird watching.
Difficulty: Class 1

WALKS ON BEACHES

LISTEN! The waves crash upon the shore, leaving behind broken crab shells, sand dollars, seaweeds, and agates. All are treasures from an underwater world which you can find as you stroll the beaches. The mysteries of the sea begin to unfold before you as a small harbor seal peeks out from the waves. Gulls, cormorants, brown pelicans, and sandpipers frequent the sandy shore and offshore rocks on a calm day. In the spring, winter, and fall you can see gray whales as they migrate past the coast on their way to Alaska or Baja California. Many tiny animals live inconspicuously beneath your feet in the sand. Wild strawberries, beach primrose, sand verbena and beach grasses cling to

Redwood, Douglas fir, Sitka Spruce, Western hemlock, grand fir, and tan oak all belong to the redwood community. White trillium blossoms dot the forest floor briefly in the early spring. Spectacular rhododendrons bring life to the dark forest with their pink blossoms. Cascara, salal, huckleberries, and Oregon grape add to the understory. Clover-like redwood sorrel, yellow violets and ferns form a carpet beneath the trees.

Fog and rain are essential to the redwood forest. Further inland, where fog is less frequent, Douglas fir dominates over redwood. Closer to the ocean, Sitka spruce mixes with redwoods, becoming prevalent near the coastal bluffs. Here, red alder, willow, and coyote bush also abound.

On logged-over lands, second-growth redwoods are produced from stump sprouts and seeds. Western hemlock, tan oak, red alder, madrone, ferns and shrubs also spring up in recently logged areas.

In the past, fires swept through these forests, leaving behind scars upon the redwoods. Naturally fire - resistant, many still stand even though hollowed out by fires and fungal rot.

The forests provide a home for many animals. The upper story hosts a rich variety of birdlife. Winter wrens chatter from shrubs on the forest floor while banana slugs, snails and insects choose slippery logs as homes. Adventures await you on your walks among the trees...

Features: Alluvial flat redwood grove with trilliums blooming in the spring. This is an excellent evening walk from the campground during summer.
Difficulty: Class 2

LIEFFER LOOP - ELLSWORTH LOOP-TRAILS
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile); 0.48 km (0.3 miles)
Time: 45 minutes; 15 minutes
Trailhead: Left side of Walker road, 0.4 miles from Highway 199. Parking at unmarked trailhead. Three bumper posts indicate trailhead.
Features: Moss-laden path through big leaf maple and old-growth redwood forest. Many benches are provided through this serene area. Ellsworth Loop approximately 0.2 miles down Lieffer Loop.
Difficulty: Class 2; Class 4

LITTLE BALD HILLS TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park and Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 7.2 km (4.5 miles)
Time: 4 hours
Trailhead: In Jedediah Smith SP, one-half mile from the end of the pavement, east of Stout Grove, on Howland Hill Rd.
Features: Open prairies - which once were the site of an old ranch where an old spring still exists - are fringed by pines and fir trees. Bird watching for birds of prey is excellent. The trail is an old road which eventually ends at park boundary.
Difficulty: Class 6

MILL CREEK TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 4.16 km (2.6 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Jedediah Smith campground across footbridge (June-Sept). Take the left fork of the Jensen Loop trail to Mill Creek trail or Howland Hill road at west side of Mill Creek bridge.
Features: Many unmarked side trails for fishing access along old growth redwood stream community.
Difficulty: Class 3

MILL CREEK TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.12 km (0.7 mile)
Time: 20 minutes
Trailhead: Adjacent to entrance road to Mill Creek Campground
Features: Wading, fishing, bird-watching and small wildlife.
Difficulty: Class 1

MILL CREEK HORSE TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 5.6 km (3.5 miles)
Trailhead: South end of Howland Hill road at locked gate, approximately 0.2 miles after the pavement ends (going east). A short trail around the gate is available for equestrian use -no motorized vehicles. Follow road bed 0.6 miles until trail sign on east side of road.
Features: A trail through second growth redwood and alder forest to Mill Creek.
Difficulty: Class 6

NATURE LOOP TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 20 minutes
Trailhead: Across from Mill Creek campground entrance station.
Features: A short loop through redwood forest vegetation. A madrone tree, with its red bark, is a highlight.
Difficulty: Class 2

NICKERSON RANCH MILL CREEK TRAIL LOOP
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 4.8 km (3 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Boy Scout Tree trail parking area or Mill Creek bridge. Suggested loop includes Howland Hill road.
Features: Diverse habitats include majestic old-growth redwood forest and streamside vegetation. No bridge across Mill Ck. to site of old ranch, where only the orchard remains.
Difficulty: Class 3

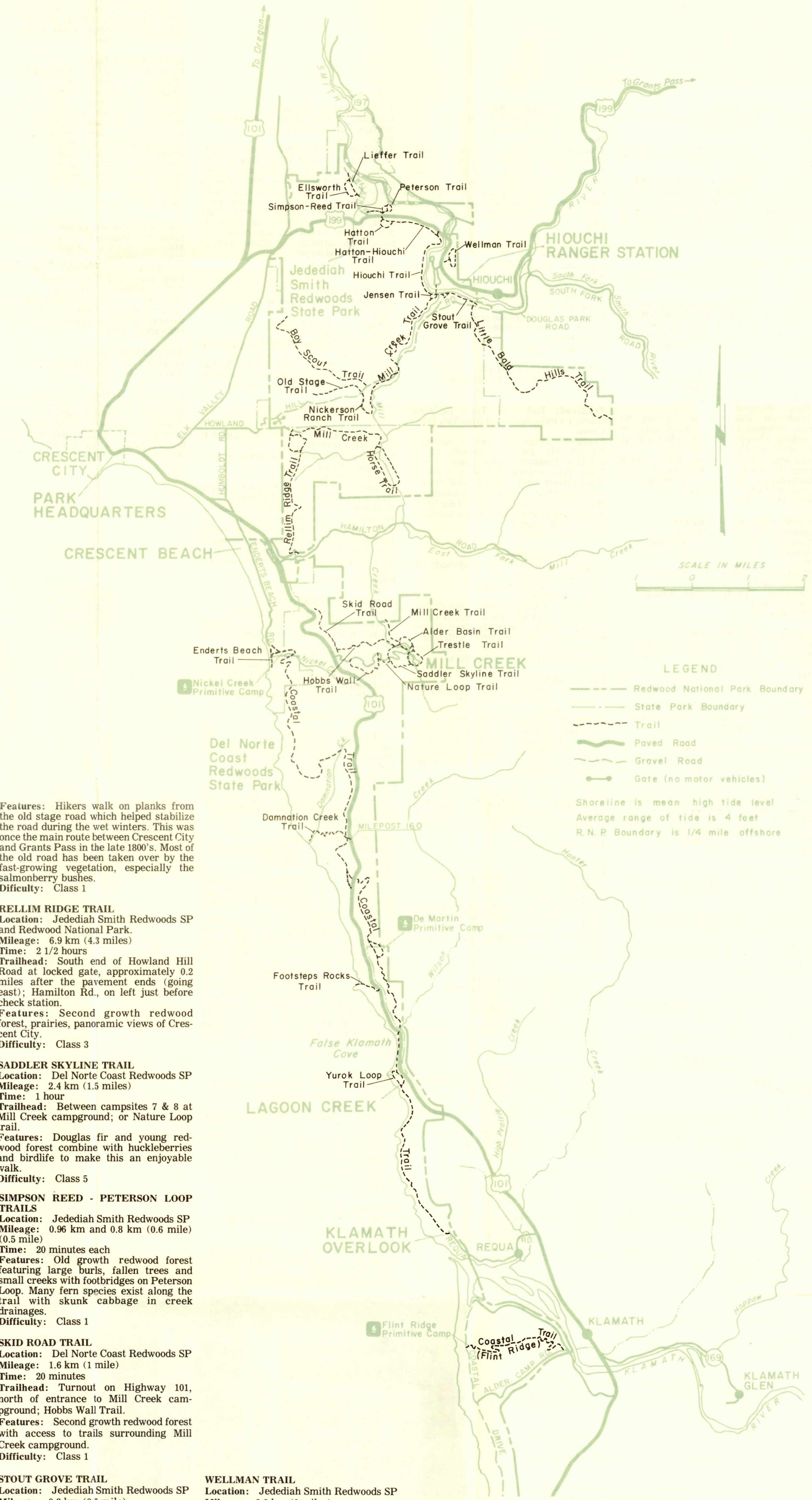
OLD STAGE TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.8 km (0.5 mile)
Time: 15 minutes to fallen tree and back
Trailhead: Located on Howland Hill road across from the Nickerson Ranch trailhead

the sand dunes where they can get a foothold. Coyote brush, silk tassel, blue blossom, Indian paintbrush and poison oak can be found scattered over rocky cliffs above the beaches. Mixed stands of spruce and red alder shelter ferns, salmonberries, thimbleberries, and blackberries. You can find herbs like cow parsnip, false lily-of-the-valley, wild cucumber, and wild ginger. This dense undercover makes walking difficult off the cleared trails.

As you listen to the hypnotic calmness of the waves, life around you is undergoing constant stress from the sun, wind, and salt spray. Wind-pruned trees bear witness to the forces that affect the plants near the sea. As you look out to sea, imagine the first ships that sailed by, bringing the first explorers-and then, through time, settlers and supplies. Native Americans watched the parade of ships from these beaches as they gathered food from the rich tidepools. Sometimes they ventured beyond the breakers in their dugout canoes, carrying goods to trade with other Indian people. Driftwood, once a part of some distant forest, is brought by winter storms to litter the beach.

What could be more invigorating than a seashore walk through the fog? Or cold water and sand rushing across your feet? Enjoy your walks along the seashore!

NORTH AREA



Features: Hikers walk on planks from the old stage road which helped stabilize the road during the wet winters. This was once the main route between Crescent City and Grants Pass in the late 1800's. Most of the old road has been taken over by the fast-growing vegetation, especially the salmonberry bushes.
Difficulty: Class 1

RELLIM RIDGE TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP and Redwood National Park
Mileage: 6.9 km (4.3 miles)
Time: 2 1/2 hours
Trailhead: South end of Howland Hill Road at locked gate, approximately 0.2 miles after the pavement ends (going east); Hamilton Rd., on left just before check station.
Features: Second growth redwood forest, prairies, panoramic views of Crescent City.
Difficulty: Class 3

SADDLER SKYLINE TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 2.4 km (1.5 miles)
Time: 1 hour
Trailhead: Between campsites 7 & 8 at Mill Creek campground; or Nature Loop trail.
Features: Douglas fir and young redwood forest combine with huckleberries and birdlife to make this an enjoyable walk.
Difficulty: Class 5

SIMPSON REED - PETERSON LOOP TRAILS
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.96 km and 0.8 km (0.6 mile) (0.5 mile)
Time: 20 minutes each
Features: Old growth redwood forest featuring large burls, fallen trees and small creeks with footbridges on Peterson Loop. Many fern species exist along the trail with skunk cabbage in creek drainages.
Difficulty: Class 1

SKID ROAD TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 20 minutes
Trailhead: Turnout on Highway 101, north of entrance to Mill Creek campground; Hobbs Wall Trail.
Features: Second growth redwood forest with access to trails surrounding Mill Creek campground.
Difficulty: Class 1

STOUT GROVE TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 0.8 km (0.5 mile)
Time: 30 minutes
Trailhead: In summer, Jedediah Smith campground across footbridge take left fork trail across Mill Creek and into understory. In fall, winter, and spring, take Howland Hill Road to Stout Grove parking area.
Features: View Stout Tree and old growth redwoods. A fallen redwood lies across the loop trail. Photography opportunities are excellent but forest floor is dark. This trail is wheelchair-accessible.
Difficulty: Class 1

TRESSEL LOOP TRAIL
Location: Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 35 minutes
Trailhead: Across from campfire circle at Mill Creek campground.
Features: Birdwatching, second-growth redwood forest; historic railroad trestle from late 1800's visible along trail which follows Mill Creek.
Difficulty: Class 2

WELLMAN TRAIL
Location: Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP
Mileage: 3.2 km (2 miles)
Time: 2 hours
Trailhead: Park at Jedediah Smith campground entrance or Hiouchi Ranger Station. Approximately 300 yards from campground, across Highway 199. Trailhead is unmarked, just past road leading to the water tanks.
Features: Huckleberries abound in late summer and there is a spectacular view of the Smith River near the ridge.
Difficulty: Class 5

YUROK LOOP TRAIL
Location: Redwood National Park
Mileage: 1.6 km (1 mile)
Time: 35 minutes
Trailhead: Coastal trail, Lagoon Creek picnic area, and Klamath Overlook (Requa)
Features: Self-guided trail leaflet, berry collecting, bird watching, spring wildflowers
Difficulty: Class 2

TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASS 1: Short, level hike
CLASS 2: Short, non-level, some grades, not steep
CLASS 3: Moderate, non-level grades, not steep
CLASS 4: Short hike, some steep grades
CLASS 5: Moderate hike, some steep grades with switchbacks
CLASS 6: Strenuous hike, numerous steep grades with switchbacks

All mileages and estimated times are for one-way trips unless a loop trail.

Trail information and detailed trail maps can be obtained from park headquarters

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