

Field Trips at Big Basin Redwoods State Park

We look forward to having your group participate in a guided walk through our old growth redwood grove at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Reservations are necessary for these guided walks. Read on for more information:

Old Growth Redwood Walks: Big Basin Redwoods State Park is home to a magnificent old growth redwood grove. Our half-mile, easily accessible trail through the grove provides an exciting learning experience for your group. One-hour guided walks will lead your class to the famous Mother Tree, Father Tree and Chimney Tree. We'll discuss the natural and cultural history of Big Basin, the oldest state park in California. Make sure to include a visit to our fun and informative Nature Museum.

Group Size: A ratio of one adult to every seven children for all guided walks at Big Basin is required. The maximum group size for all guided walks is 35, which includes both children and adults.

Reservations: All group tours and guided walks must be arranged at least 15 days in advance by calling 831-338-3944. Reservations are made by phone only. Bear in mind that the phones are not always staffed—please permit plenty of time to make your arrangements. Once your reservation has been made, a confirmation will be e-mailed to you. Make a copy of this confirmation to present at Park Headquarters when entering the park for your field trip.

Fees: There is no parking fee for K-12 school groups that have made a reservation through the Interpreter's Office. For other groups (non-school groups or school groups without a reservation), the parking fees are \$6.00 per automobile, \$50.00 per 10-24 passenger bus, and \$100.00 per bus with over 25 passengers.

Arrival at the Park: Please arrive early so students can use the restroom (one is located next to Park Headquarters) before the walk. At Headquarters, identify yourself, your school, and inform the park aide that you have a reservation (present your confirmation sheet). The park aide will give you parking passes. Your docent will meet you under the flagpole at Park Headquarters.

Location: Big Basin Redwoods State Park is located on Highway 9, nine miles northwest of Boulder Creek on Highway 236.

From Santa Cruz area: take Highway 9 north to the town of Boulder Creek, turn left at the stop sign onto Highway 236. Park Headquarters is nine miles from Boulder Creek.

From San Jose area: take Highway 17 south towards Santa Cruz, exit Mount Hermon Road and turn right, drive through Scotts Valley to Felton, turn right on Graham Hill Road, turn right on Highway 9 (north), drive about eight miles to Boulder Creek. Turn left at the stop sign onto Highway 236. Park Headquarters is nine miles from Boulder Creek.

Other important information for a successful field trip at Big Basin Redwoods State Park: If planning to eat lunch here, there's a beautiful picnic area a short walk from the redwood grove.

We suggest students bring the following:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Long pants
- Layered clothing
- Jacket (check weather conditions)
- Water bottle
- Name tag
- Snacks and/or lunch

Teachers, please make sure to read this. Be sure to let the other adults know what their role is while on this field trip.

- Teachers are in charge of discipline.
- Teachers are in charge of first aid and should bring a first aid kit on the trail.
- Docent-led walks will be canceled due to heavy rain, please call to cancel as soon as possible if heavy rain is the case, 338-3944.
- For any other cancellation, please give at least 24 hours notice.
- Please have your students divided into small groups, each with a parent chaperone.
- Chaperones and teachers are expected and needed to be attentive and involved.
- Restrooms are located next to Park Headquarters and on the Redwood Loop Trail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Interpreter's Office at 831-338-3944.

