

Skyline to the Sea

Trail Camp Information

The Skyline to the Sea trail begins at Castle Rock State Park and ends at Waddell Beach in Big Basin Redwoods State Park, a distance of approximately 30 miles. There are also alternate routes available within both parks, which may provide scenic detours worth the extra effort! Refer to the list of maps on the back of this page to help you plan your trip.

Trail camps are extremely popular. Reservations are required. Trail camps are designated as enroute camping, which means that you must stay in a different camp each night. **CAMPING IS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED TRAIL CAMPS ONLY!** No wilderness camping is available in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Fires and dogs are prohibited. It is recommended that you carry water or a micro-filtration device. Some of the trail camps have potable water; refer to the chart on the back of this page for specific trail facilities. Smoking is prohibited anywhere within Castle Rock State Park. Bicycles are permitted only on fire roads in Big Basin.

To make reservations, call (831) 338-8861 between 9-5 Monday-Friday. We recommend that you use the mileage chart on the back of this sheet with your map, to plan your trip before you call the reservation desk. Reservations may be made up to two months prior to the first night of your trip.

Within five days, mail your reservation fee (\$8 for the first night of the trip, for up to 6 people) to **Trail Camps, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006** to hold your campsite. If you choose, you may also pay the campsite fees at this time, but any pre-paid fees are non-refundable. A confirmation will be mailed to you, so please be sure to send in a current address with your reservation fee. Campsite fees are \$15 per site (for up to 6 people). Extra vehicles are \$10 each.

When planning your trip, be sure to allow enough time to arrive in camp before sunset!

If you are being dropped off, bring your confirmation with you, and check in at your start point to pay your camping fees. (At Castle Rock or Rancho Del Oso you should be prepared with exact change for the self-registration station.) Santa Cruz Metro offers service to Park Headquarters and Waddell Beach on weekends, from March-December. Call (831) 425-8600 or go to www.scmttd.com for the current schedule.

If you will be leaving vehicles in the parking lots, be prepared with exact change for the self-registration stations at Castle Rock and Rancho Del Oso. Please fill out the information on the front of the envelope and include the name of the reservation. Leave the stub on your windshield, and deposit the camping fees into the self-registration tube. Each reservation includes parking for one vehicle. Additional vehicles must register and pay the extra vehicle fees as posted. At Big Basin, check in at Park Headquarters, where you will be directed where to park.

All vehicles must display a registration tag!

Castle Rock Parking Lot is located 2½ miles south of the junction of Highways 9 and 35. Campers must park inside the gate.

Rancho Del Oso is on Highway 1, four miles north of Davenport. Use the gate on the north side of the creek and follow the road.

Big Basin Headquarters is located on Highway 236, nine miles from Highway 9.

Please: Camp stoves only, no dogs, no fires and don't wash in the streams.