



## MEDIA ADVISORY:

### Celebrate the First Annual California State Parks Week

*Parks across the state will offer special community events with in-person and virtual programming*

**WHAT:** The public is invited to celebrate the first annual California State Parks Week, presented by [California State Parks](#), [Save the Redwoods League](#), [Parks California](#) and the [California State Parks Foundation](#).

Through special community events and in-person and virtual programming, this inaugural event celebrates California's 279 state parks and the people who visit and help protect these iconic places.

**WHEN:** June 14 – 18, 2022; highlights include:

- Tuesday, Jun 14: [Land Acknowledgement Day](#): [View all events](#).
- Wednesday, June 15: [Kids Career Day](#): [View all events](#).
- Thursday, June 16: [Health and Wellness Day](#): [View all events](#).
- Friday, June 17: [Stewardship Day](#): [View all events](#).
- Saturday, June 18: [Partnership Day / Volunteer Day](#): [View all events](#).

**WHERE:** Various locations throughout California, including: **Big Sur, Dana Point, Danville, Hearst Castle, Humboldt, Huntington Beach, Lompoc, Malibu, Mendocino, Morrow Bay, San Clemente, San Diego, Santa Cruz, Truckee** and many more.

A complete list of the week's events and how to participate are available at [CAStateParksWeek.org](#).

**WHY:** The COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges to California's communities, but it also illuminated the important connection of the outdoors to our physical and mental well-being. Parks across the U.S. experienced increased visitation in 2020-21, and California State Parks

Week underscores the important role parks play in communities statewide.

California State Parks protects the best of the state's natural and cultural history; more than 340 miles of coastline; the tallest, largest and among the oldest trees in the world; and deserts, lakes, rivers and beaches. Across 279 parks statewide there are more than 5,200 miles of trails, 15,000 campsites, prehistoric and historic archeological sites, ghost towns, historic homes and monuments – all waiting to be explored.



California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento (left), Providence Mountains State Recreation Area in San Bernardino County (center), Año Nuevo State Park in San Mateo County (right). Photos courtesy of California State Parks.

**INFO:** For additional guidelines and safety tips, please visit [parks.ca.gov/COVID19](https://parks.ca.gov/COVID19); additional information: [CAStateParksWeek.org](https://CAStateParksWeek.org).

**MEDIA:** Media is invited to attend local area events. To schedule interviews and in-person photo opportunities, please contact Robin Carr at (415) 971-3991 or [redwoods@landispr.com](mailto:redwoods@landispr.com).

To access hi-res [images](#) and b-roll [video](#), please visit the [California State Parks Week newsroom](#).

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