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State Park System

- ▶ 280 Park Units
- ▶ 80 million visitors annually
- ▶ 1.6 million acres
- ▶ 340 miles of coastline
- ▶ 5,200 miles of non-motorized trails
- ▶ 3,195 Historic Buildings
- ▶ 11,000 Prehistoric & Archaeological sites
- ▶ 15,000 camping & overnight accommodations



“The largest and most diverse recreational, natural and cultural heritage holdings of any state agency in the nation.”

Climate Resilience



State Parks' stewardship work demonstrates the importance of actively protecting and managing lands so that those lands persist in a healthy state.

The Department has taken an approach to climate planning that underscores the need for climate change considerations to be embedded in everything we do.

The State Park System also offers opportunities to educate the public about the impacts of climate change and the importance of native habitats.

Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy

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Prepare State Parks for sea level rise and extreme events

2

Provide staff with tools to integrate sea level rise into existing processes

3

Support continued access and recreational opportunities while protecting resources

Wildfire and Forest Resilience and Ecosystem Management

- ▶ The Wildfire and Forest Resilience Program supports restoration and stewardship of fire-adapted ecosystems
- ▶ More than 100 parks will be treated to restore natural fire and reduce extreme wildfire
- ▶ Restoration efforts focus on ecological uplift: restoring natural processes and reducing stressors



Planning and Partnerships



- ▶ Develop consistent approaches to incorporating climate considerations into all park plans
- ▶ Integrate assessments of climate impacts and subsequent adaptation strategies
- ▶ Provide opportunities for partnerships with NGOs, Tribes, allied agencies, and others
- ▶ Parks CA supporting climate change fellows since 2022

Dos Rios Ranch State Park



RIVER
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California State Parks Mission Statement

“To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.”





Thank you!

Garrapata State Park