

## Freshwater Lagoon Spit

### NPS MANAGEMENT

Welcome to Redwood National Park and Freshwater Lagoon Spit! Through a lease agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the National Park Service is managing day and overnight use on Freshwater Lagoon Spit. Caltrans maintains U.S. Highway 101.

Redwood National Park Rangers and Campground Hosts are on-duty at the spit daily during the summer to assist you. Please contact an NPS Ranger or a Campground Host, or come by the Redwood Information Center, just north of the camping area, if you need assistance.

### RV CAMPING

Camping is allowed in a designated area on the ocean side of U.S. 101. Please park at least 30 feet west of the paved edge of U.S. 101. RV camping is not allowed on the beach.

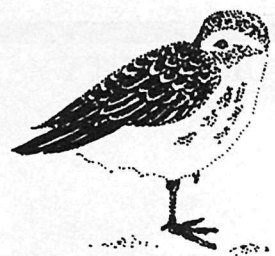
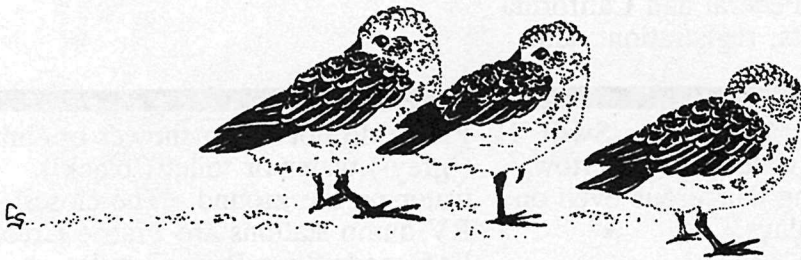
Camping is limited to 15 nights at one time, 30 nights in a calendar year. After 15 nights you must vacate your campsite for at least 24 hours before returning. You are responsible for keeping track of your 15 and 30 night stays. You may contact a Ranger or Campground Host to verify your remaining time.

No fees are charged for camping. However, donations to the NPS are used for maintaining and improving the camp area. Donations may be deposited in the cylinders located on each bulletin board.

Check-out time is 2 p.m.

Motor homes and trailers -- please do not park in the area set aside for tenters just north of the southernmost day use area.

**Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. No generators after 10 p.m.**



### TENT CAMPING

A tent camping area is designated on the beach at the southern end of the Spit. All tents must be south of the southernmost beach access road (between bulletin boards F and G) and off all vegetation. Tents are also allowed on the hard-packed dirt where vehicles park.

A parking area just for tenters has been designated at the south end of the camping area and immediately adjacent to the southernmost day use area.

### CAMP FIRES

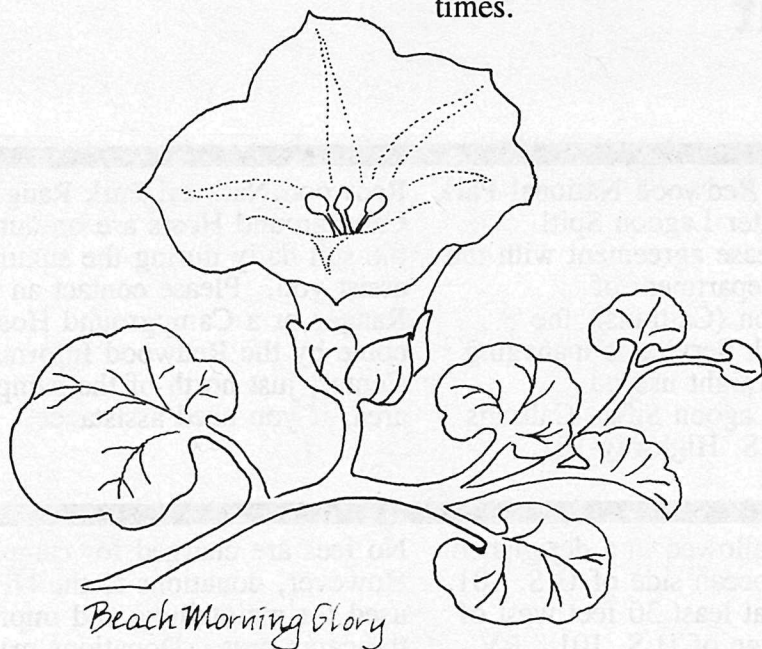
Open fires are allowed **ONLY** in the fire rings provided.

Collecting and using driftwood from the dunes is prohibited from the south end of the spit to the mouth of Redwood Creek.

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Activity schedules for Redwood National Park and the nearby California State Parks (Humboldt Lagoons to the south and Prairie Creek Redwoods to the north) are posted on the bulletin boards and at the Redwood Information Center.

Ranger-led walks and talks along with evening programs are offered during the summer at the national and state parks. Check the bulletin boards or with a Ranger or Campground Host for dates and times.



*Beach Morning Glory*

Take a walk on the beach, perhaps north to the mouth of Redwood Creek. Note the plants growing in the dunes just above the wave slope. They have adapted to live in salt spray, drifting sand, cold winds and hot sun, and they provide spectacular bursts of color in the Spring. Help them survive by not walking on the vegetation.

Freshwater Lagoon offers fishing, boating and other water sports. Overnight camping is not allowed on the Freshwater Lagoon side of U.S. 101. A required California State fishing license may be purchased in Orick.

Picnic areas are located at the south end of the spit and at the Redwood Creek Picnic Area at the north end of the spit.



*Beach Sand Verbena*

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Off-road vehicles are allowed on the sand at the three posted access areas and at or below mean high tide (on the wave slope) on the beach. No vehicles are allowed in the dunes or on any vegetation.

All ORV's and ATV's must conform with Federal and California codes. Helmets, registration, adult

supervision of juveniles, no passengers and a 15 mile per hour speed limit are some of these rules. Regulations are posted at each bulletin board, and a handout is available from Rangers, Campground Hosts or at the Redwood Information Center.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY

Do not swim in the ocean. Swift currents, cold water and undertow make swimming dangerous even on calm summer days.

Freshwater Lagoon Spit, as part of Redwood National Park, is protected by Federal law. Collecting plants, animals, minerals and other resources is not allowed. Metal detectors are not allowed to be used in the park.

Please do not feed any of the animals, including seagulls.

No fireworks are allowed, except for July 4th and then only California-legal fireworks.

Please do not dump shower or sink ('grey') water or toilet ('black') water on the ground. The closest RV dump stations are Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park (7 miles north), or service stations in Arcata (about 35 miles south). Fees are charged. Check with a Ranger or Campground Host to see if a private company is available to pump your holding tanks on the spit (also for a fee).

Dismantling or routine servicing of vehicles or other personal property is prohibited. Emergency repairs must be completed within 24 hours.

Pets must be on a leash at all times.

## IN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Public telephones are available during the day at the Redwood Information Center and during the evenings in Orick, 1 mile north.

For additional information: Contact the National Park Service at (707) 488-3461 or (707) 464-6101.