



Backcountry Trip Planner



Little Bald Hills Backcountry Camp



Little Bald Hills Trail and backcountry camp (typical site shown, inset) accommodates hikers, bicyclists, horses, and pack animals.

Camp Amenities



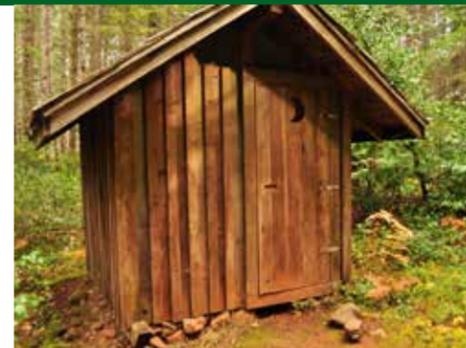
For hikers, bicyclists, & pack animals



Stock-friendly: corral & trough avail.



Food storage lockers (at each site)



Pit toilet

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- 3 miles to camp from Little Bald Hills Trailhead (Howland Hill Road in Jedediah Smith Redwood State Park); **or**
- 6 miles to camp from Paradise Trailhead/Sand Camp (South Fork Road milepost 7.6 in Smith River National Recreation Area).
- Little Bald Hills Trail and backcountry camp designated for use by hikers, bicycles, horses, and pack animals.
- On national and state park lands, pets (with the exception of service animals) are not allowed on trails or in camp.



Designated Sites

- Four (4) standard campsites; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- One (1) group campsite; maximum twenty (20) people.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.



Traveling with Horses & Pack Animals

- Pack animals—horses, mules, ponies, burros, goats, and llamas—must be fed pelletized or certified weed free feed.
- Animals may not graze park vegetation and must be hobbled or tied to a hitching post when unattended.
- Maximum of twelve (12) pack animals allowed for overnight use.
- Corral, trough, and (seasonal) non-potable water available in camp.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Pit toilet for human waste only—do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



Never Feed Wildlife (that includes birds, too!)

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even crumbs!



Water

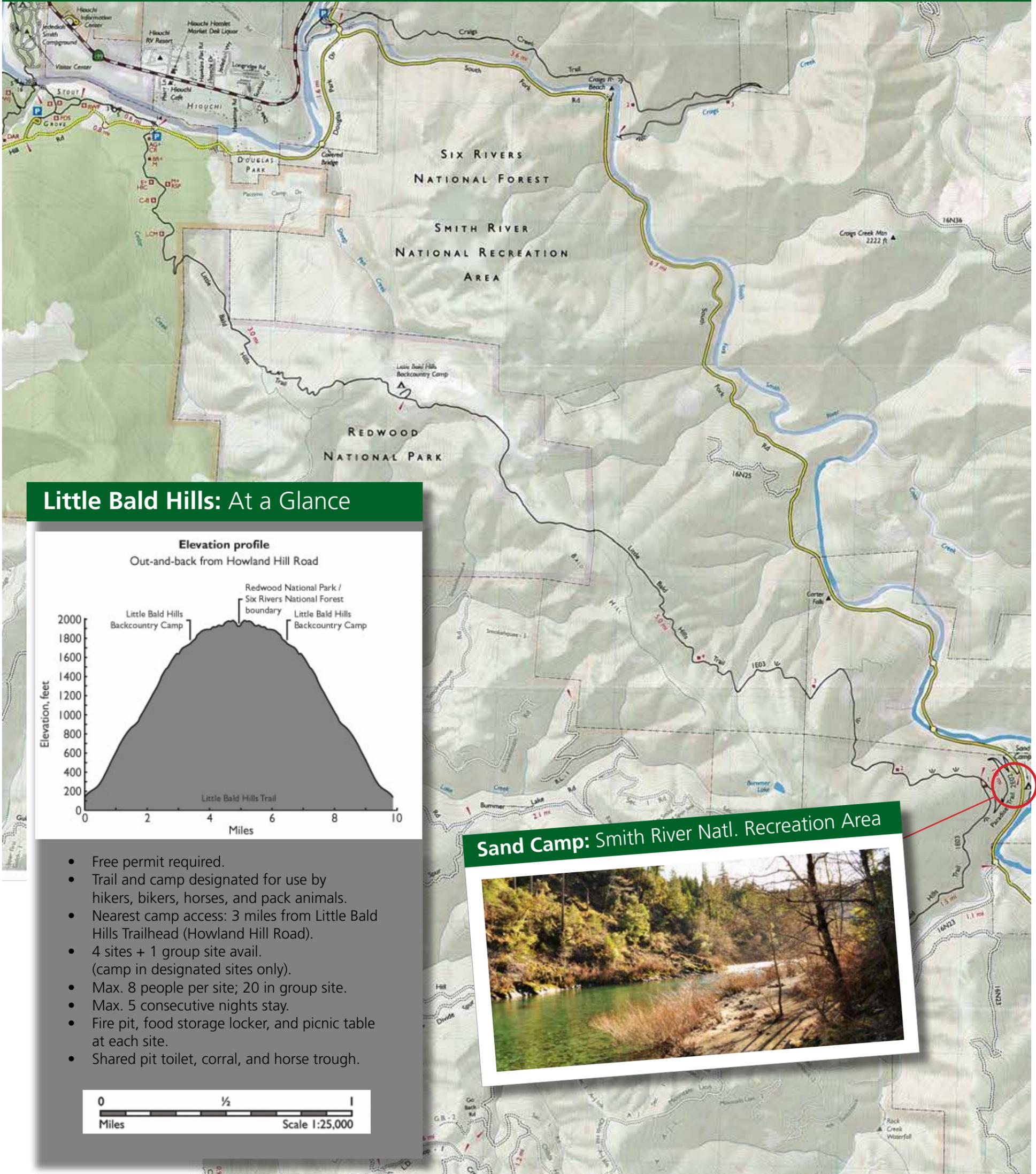
- No treated water source available—pack in water or bring water filter/purifier.
- Horse trough and (seasonal) non-potable water available in camp.



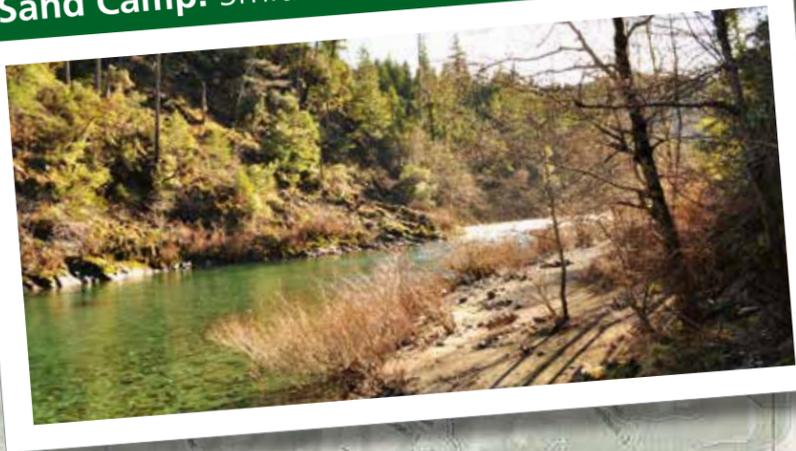
Fires and Firewood

- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, only.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use only.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Little Bald Hills Map



Sand Camp: Smith River Natl. Recreation Area



Map courtesy of Redwood Hikes Press

Camp Activities



Stroll through old-growth forests



Mountain biking



Explore upland prairies



Horseback riding

DeMartin Backcountry Camp

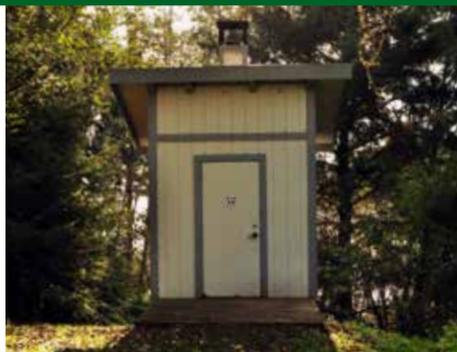


Shaded by alders, blackberry, spruce, and hemlock, DeMartin backcountry camp is accessible via the DeMartin Section of the Coastal Trail.

Camp Amenities



Food storage lockers (at each site)



Composting pit toilet



Fire rings (at each site)



Picnic tables (at each site)

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *Access to the Coastal Trail - DeMartin Section and DeMartin backcountry camp generally require crossing the busy U.S. 101 highway. Please proceed with caution!*
- *When parking at trailheads, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- Pets (with the exception of service animals), bicycles, horses, and/or pack animals are not allowed on trail or in camp.
- Northern access: 3 miles to camp from Coastal Trail - DeMartin Section Trailhead (U.S. 101 milepost 15.7). Look for small Coastal Trail sign on east side of highway.
- Southern access: 2.5 miles to camp from Wilson Creek Picnic Area (U.S. 101 milepost 12.8). Trailhead is located on east side of highway just north of Wilson Creek Bridge, marked by small Coastal Trail sign.
- Southern access (seasonal—requires crossing Wilson Creek): 2.5 miles to camp from Wilson Creek Picnic Area (U.S. 101 milepost 12.8). Cross to east side of highway (on foot), then continue approx. 200 ft. on Wilson Creek Road; turn left (north) at junction—this side road may be chained-off to prevent vehicle access—and continue to Wilson Creek. Triangular orange signs on both sides of creek indicate trail crossing.



Designated Sites

- 10 campsites available; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Composting pit toilets for human waste only—do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



Never Feed Wildlife (*that includes birds, too!*)

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even crumbs!



Water

- No treated water source or reliable natural water source available—**pack in drinking water.**



Fires and Firewood

- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, only.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use only.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Flint Ridge Backcountry Camp



Within ¼-mile of the Coastal Drive, Flint Ridge backcountry camp offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and nearby old-growth coast redwoods.

Camp Amenities



Food storage lockers (at each site)



Composting pit toilet



Fire rings (at each site)



Picnic tables (at each site)

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- West access: ¼-mile to camp from Coastal Trail - Flint Ridge Section Trailhead (Coastal Drive); **or**
- East access: 4½ miles to camp from Coastal Trail - Flint Ridge Section Trailhead (Alder Camp Road).
- Bicycle access via Coastal Drive (see above), then walk bicycle ¼-mile to camp; bicycle riding **not** allowed on Coastal Trail - Flint Ridge Section.
- Pets (except service animals), horses, and/or pack animals are not allowed on trail or in camp.



Designated Sites

- Eight (8) campsites available; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Composting pit toilets for human waste only—do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



Never Feed Wildlife *(that includes birds, too!)*

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—*even crumbs!*



Water

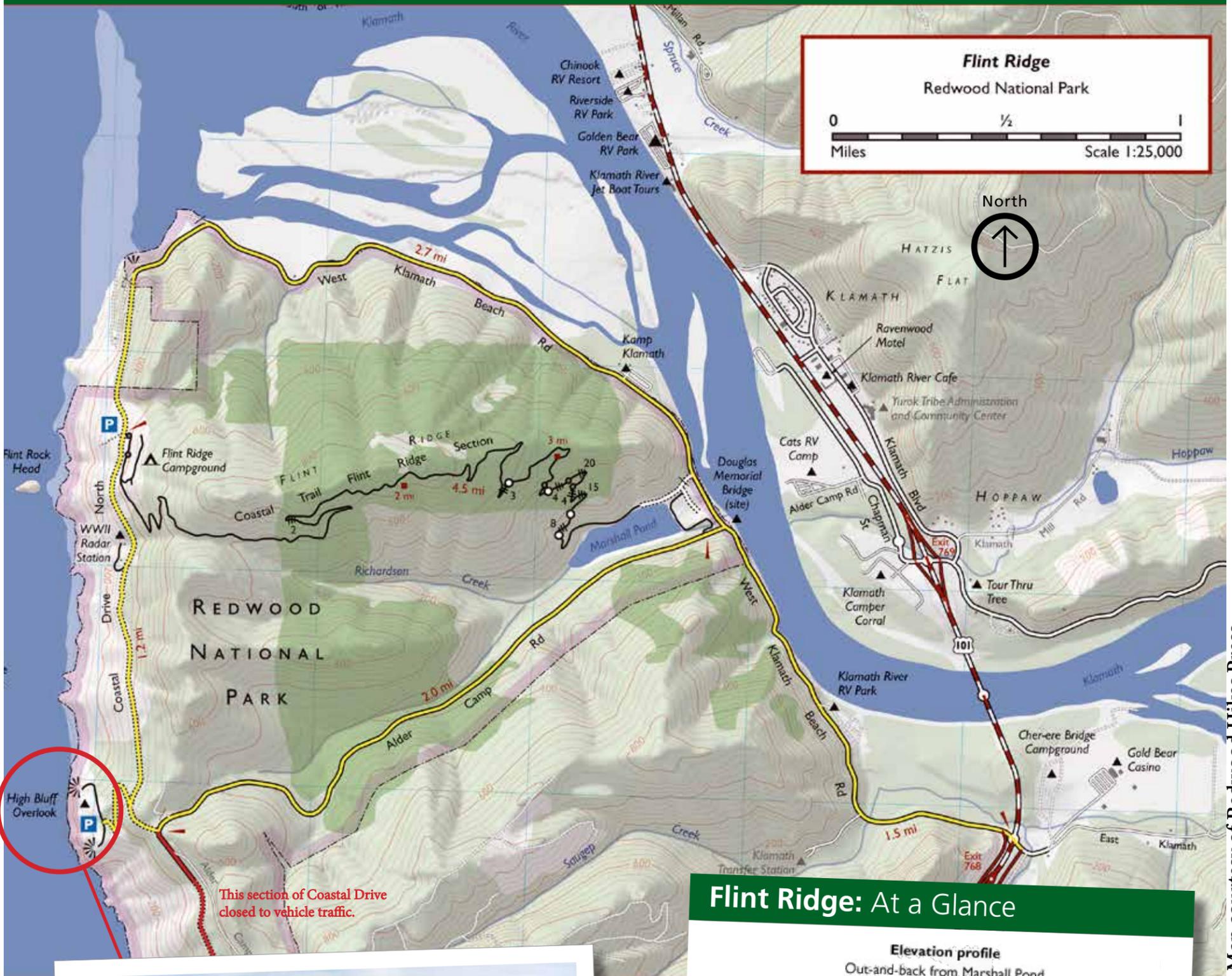
- No treated water source or reliable natural water source available in close proximity to camp—*pack in drinking water.*



Fires and Firewood

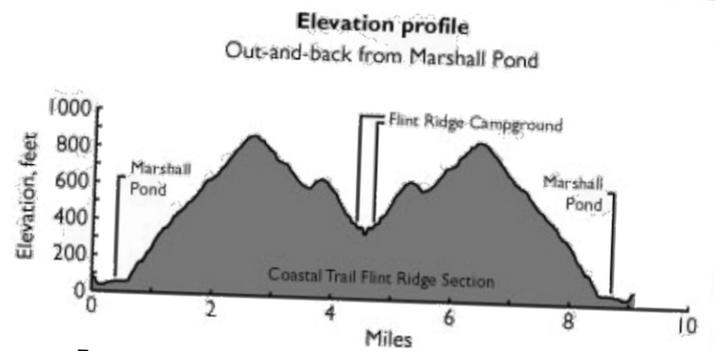
- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, only.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use only.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Flint Ridge Map



Map courtesy of Redwood Hikes Press

Flint Ridge: At a Glance



- Free permit required.
- 8 sites avail. (camp in designated sites only).
- Nearest access: ¼-mile from Coastal Drive.
- Bicycle access via Coastal Drive.
- Max. 8 people per site.
- Max. 5 consecutive nights stay.
- Composting pit toilet.
- Fire ring, food storage locker, and picnic table at each site.

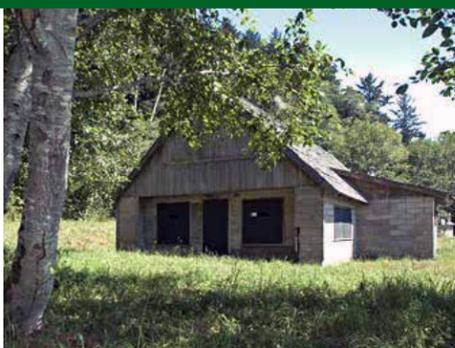


Coastline as seen from High Bluffs Overlook, about 1½-mile from camp.

Camp Activities



Hike to the Klamath River mouth



Visit a disguised WWII Radar Station



Bike the old Coastal Drive (no cars!)



Bird-watch at Marshall Pond

Gold Bluffs Beach Campground-Hiker/Biker Site



An aerial view of Gold Bluff Beach Campground

Camp Amenities



Food storage locker



Restroom and showers



Self pay station



Picnic table & fire ring

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know

The hiker/biker site at Gold Bluff Beach Campground is reserved for backcountry users. A backcountry permit is required to stay at the site. A fee of \$5 per person, per night is required. A self-pay station is available at the site.



Access

- All overnight vehicles (for backcountry trips that originate from Prairie Creek Redwood State Park) must park at the designated area located next to the Prairie Creek Ranger Office (across Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway from the Prairie Creek Visitor Center). Backcountry hikers/bikers, who have a vehicle, must display a parking permit that will be issued with the backcountry permit.
- Secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.
- Thru-hikers only: - 11.5 miles to camp from Flint Ridge on the Coastal Trail. **The Coastal Trail may be inaccessible at high tide from Carruthers Cove to Ossagon Creek.**
- Thru mountain bicyclist: - 6.1 miles to camp from Ossagon Trailhead (mile marker 132.9 on Newton B Drury Scenic Parkway.
- Hikers: - 4.5 miles from the Prairie Creek Visitor Center to camp on the Miners Ridge Trail and 7 miles on the James Irvine Trail.
- Bicyclist: - 19 mile loop with overnight: From the Prairie Creek Visitor Center to camp is 7 miles by way of Strelow Creek Trail and 12 miles by way of Ossagon Trail.



Designated Site

- **The hiker/biker site in Gold Bluffs Beach Campground ONLY.** Look for the access trail between campsites 19 and 20. Look for the hiker/biker sign profiled above. Maximum of 8 people (with backcountry permit, i.e. 8 individuals with 8 separate permits OR 1 group of 8).



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Restrooms with showers (free and often cold).
- Animal proof trash cans and recycle bins available.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage-even crumbs!
- Do not feed wildlife (including birds) or allow them access to food. It's illegal, dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.



Water

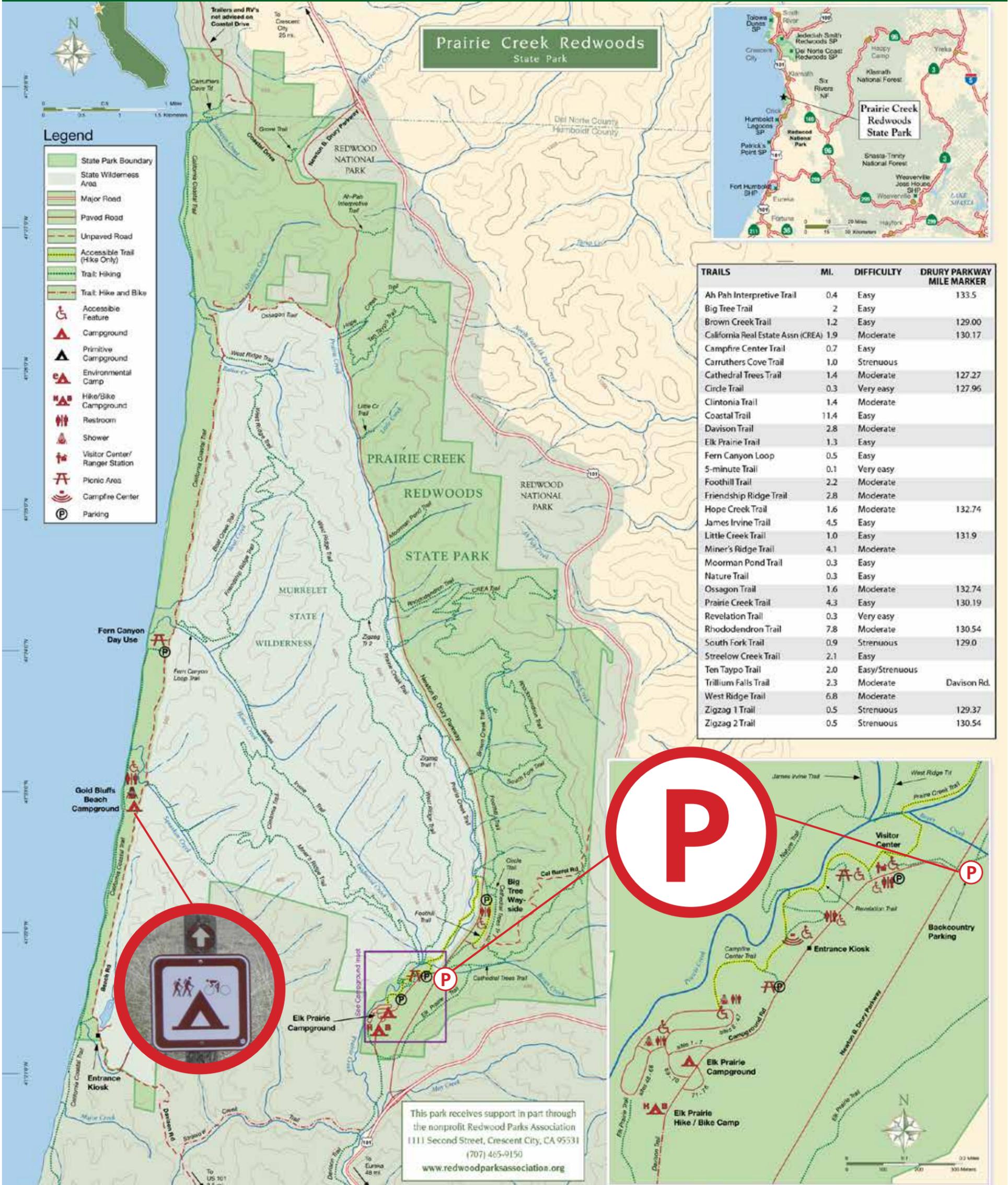
- Potable water is available in the campground.



Fires & firewood

- Use of portable camp stoves in lieu of campfires is strongly recommended.
- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings only.
- Collecting of firewood is not permitted. However, you may purchase firewood from the Camp Host if available.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Gold Bluffs Beach Map



Camp Activities



Hike through old-growth forest



Birding on the Beach



Hike Fern Canyon



Stroll along Gold Bluffs Beach

Elam Backcountry Camp



Hikers and equestrians can camp at Elam backcountry camp, with nearby access to Redwood Creek. Equestrian access via Orick Horse Trailhead *only*.

Camp Amenities



Camp for hiker & equestrian use



Seasonal water, trough, and corral



Food lockers, fire rings, & picnic tables



Shared pit toilet

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- ~6 miles to camp from Orick Horse Trailhead; trailhead parking fee required: \$10 overnight; \$5 day use.
- Hikers/backpackers **only**: ~3 miles to camp from Redwood Creek Trailhead. *Note: Frequent vehicle break-ins at trailhead parking area.*
- Hikers/backpackers **only**: ~6½ miles to camp from Tall Trees Trailhead.
- Pets (with the exception of service animals) and bicycles are not permitted on trails or in camp.
- **Redwood Creek may be impossible to cross during the rainy season and/or during high flow stages; two bridges over Redwood Creek are only in place seasonally, usually June–September.**



Designated Sites

- Three (3) campsites available; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.



Traveling with Horses & Pack Animals

- Pack animals—horses, mules, ponies, burros, goats, and llamas—must be fed pelletized or certified weed free feed.
- Animals may not graze park vegetation and must be hobbled or tied to a hitching post when unattended.
- Maximum of twelve (12) pack animals allowed for overnight use.
- Corral, trough, and (seasonal) non-potable water available in camp.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Pit toilets for human waste only—do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



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- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even crumbs!



Water

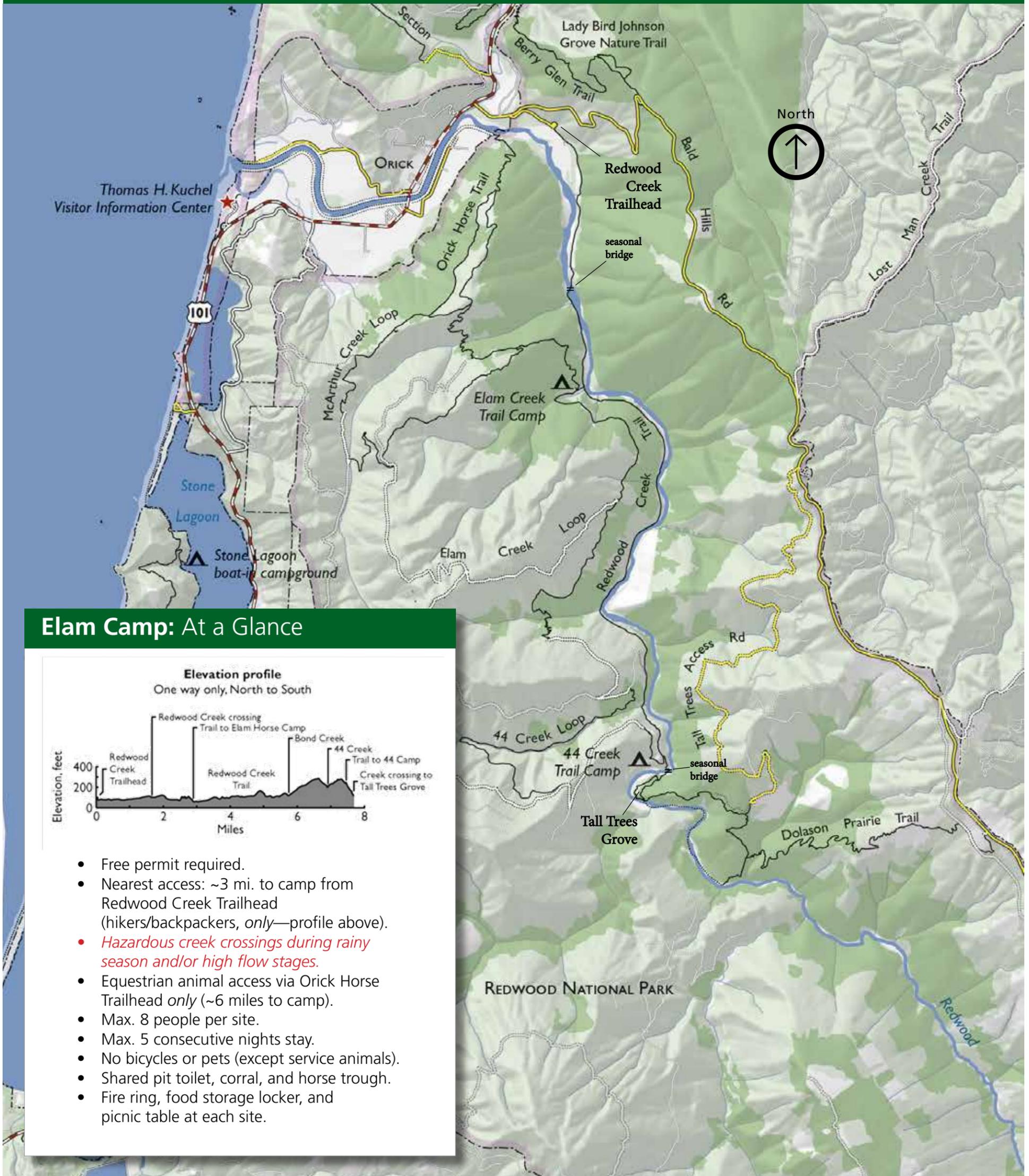
- No treated water source available—pack in drinking water or filter/purify water from Redwood Creek tributaries.



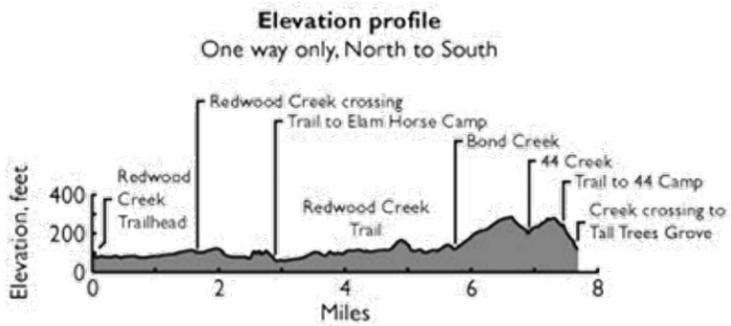
Fires and Firewood

- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, only.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood (including driftwood) per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use only.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Elam Camp Map



Elam Camp: At a Glance



- Free permit required.
- Nearest access: ~3 mi. to camp from Redwood Creek Trailhead (hikers/backpackers, *only*—profile above).
- **Hazardous creek crossings during rainy season and/or high flow stages.**
- Equestrian animal access via Orick Horse Trailhead *only* (~6 miles to camp).
- Max. 8 people per site.
- Max. 5 consecutive nights stay.
- No bicycles or pets (except service animals).
- Shared pit toilet, corral, and horse trough.
- Fire ring, food storage locker, and picnic table at each site.

Map courtesy of Redwood Hikes Press

Camp Activities



Over 20 miles of horse-friendly trails



Hike through old-growth forests

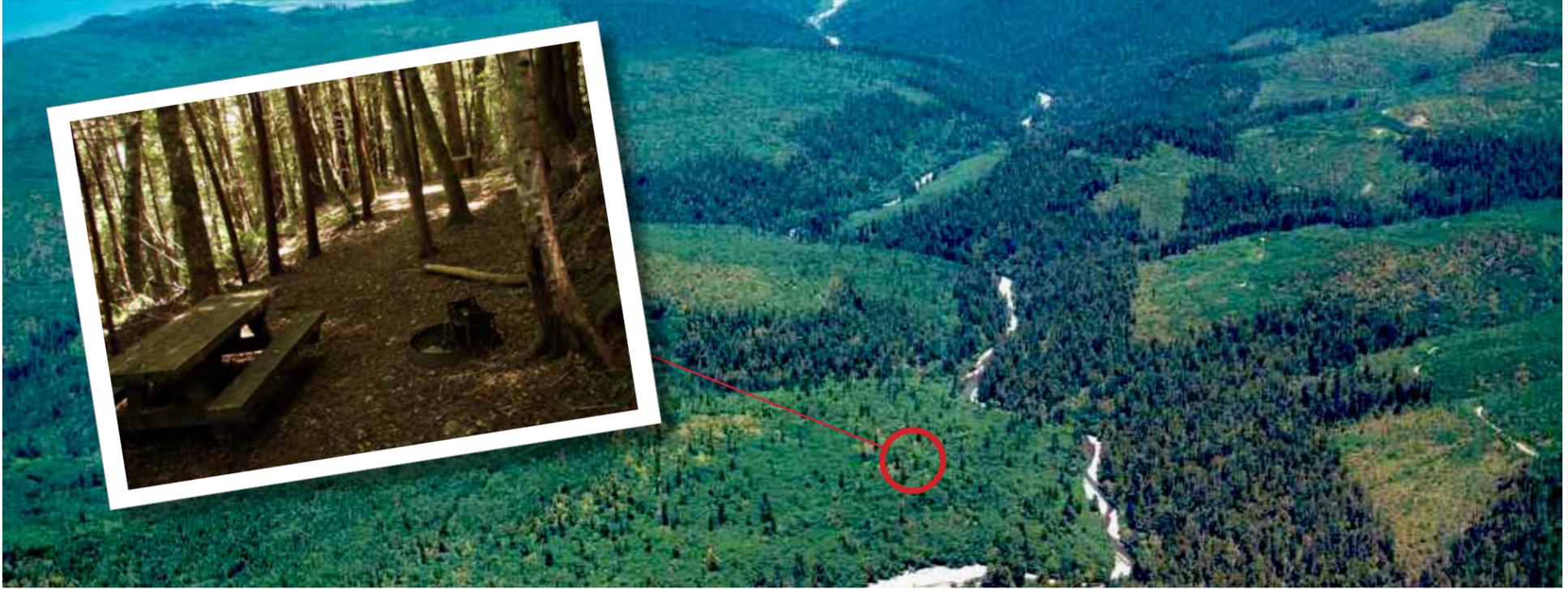


Fish Redwood Creek (by CDFG regs)



Redwood Creek swimming holes

44 Camp Backcountry Camp



Backpackers/hikers can overnight at 44 Camp, a designated backcountry camp with nearby access to Redwood Creek and Tall Trees Grove.

Camp Amenities



Food storage lockers (at each site)



Shared composting pit toilet



Fire rings (at each site)



Picnic tables (at each site)

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- Overnight use of 44 Camp for backpackers/hikers *only*; travelers with horses and/or pack animals may access camp for *day use only* via the Orick Horse Trails *only*.
- ~3 miles to camp from Tall Trees Trailhead.
- ~8 miles to camp from Redwood Creek Trailhead; *Note: Frequent vehicle break-ins at trailhead parking area.*
- ≥17 miles to camp (via numerous horse trail routes) from Orick Horse Trailhead; Trailhead parking fee required: \$10 overnight; \$5 day use.
- Pets (with the exception of service animals) and bicycles are not permitted on trails or in camp.
- ***Redwood Creek may be impossible to cross during the rainy season and/or during high flow stages; two bridges over Redwood Creek are only in place seasonally, usually June–September.***



Designated Sites

- Four (4) campsites available; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- Camp ***only*** in designated sites.



Traveling with Horses & Pack Animals (*day use only*)

- Pack animals—horses, mules, ponies, burros, goats, and llamas—must be fed pelletized or certified weed free feed.
- Animals may not graze on park vegetation and must be hobbled or tied to a hitching post when unattended.
- Corral, trough, and (seasonal) non-potable water available in camp.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Composting pit toilets for human waste *only*—do ***not*** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



Never Feed Wildlife (*that includes birds, too!*)

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even *crumbs!*



Water

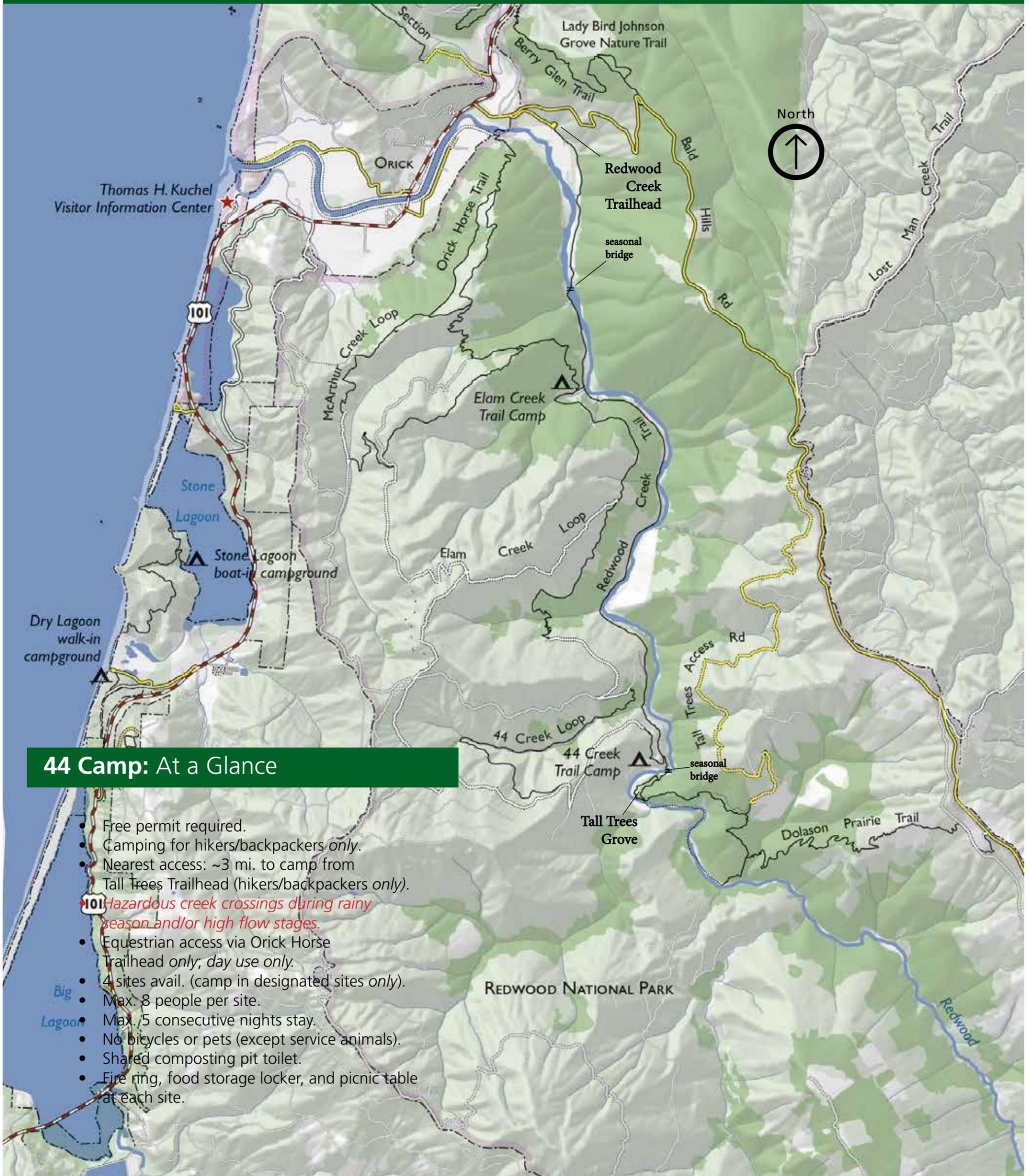
- No treated water source available—pack in drinking water or filter/purify water from Redwood Creek tributaries.



Fires and Firewood

- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, *only*.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use *only*.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

44 Camp Map



44 Camp: At a Glance

- Free permit required.
- Camping for hikers/backpackers *only*.
- Nearest access: ~3 mi. to camp from Tall Trees Trailhead (hikers/backpackers *only*).
- **101 Hazardous creek crossings during rainy season and/or high flow stages.**
- Equestrian access via Orick Horse Trailhead *only*; day use *only*.
- 4 sites avail. (camp in designated sites *only*).
- Max. 8 people per site.
- Max. 5 consecutive nights stay.
- No bicycles or pets (except service animals).
- Shared composting pit toilet.
- Fire ring, food storage locker, and picnic table at each site.

Map courtesy of Redwood Hikes Press

Camp Activities



Hoseback riding (day use only)



Hike to Tall Trees Grove



Fish Redwood Creek (by CDFG regs)



Redwood Creek swimming holes

Redwood Creek Dispersed Camping

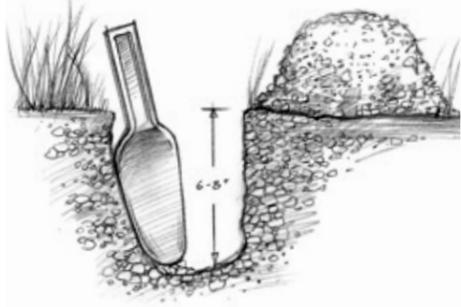


Dispersed, undeveloped tent camping on Redwood Creek gravel bars is allowed by permit.

Camping along Redwood Creek



Proper food storage required



Bury human waste or pack it out



Prepare for stream crossings



High creek flow hazards year-round

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Designated Sites

- Dispersed tent camping is permitted only on Redwood Creek gravel bars upstream of McArthur Creek and no closer than ¼-mile from Tall Trees Grove.
- Maximum group size is eight (8) people; larger groups require multiple permits and must camp at least ¼-mi. apart.
- Limited permits issued for overnight use of Redwood Creek—max. 50 people per day.



Access (distance to nearest gravel bar camping location in parenthesis)

- *When parking at any trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- Redwood Creek Trailhead (~1½ miles to camp); *Note: Frequent vehicle break-ins at trailhead parking area.*
- Tall Trees Trailhead (~2 miles to camp).
- Dolason Prairie Trailhead, via Dolason Prairie and Emerald Ridge Trails (~5 miles to camp).
- Orick Horse Trailhead at Orick Rodeo Ground (~6 miles to camp).
- Hiker access only—dispersed gravel bar camping **not** permitted for bicycles, horses, and/or pets.
- **Redwood Creek may be impossible to cross during the rainy season and/or during high flow stages; two bridges over Redwood Creek are only in place seasonally, usually June–September.**



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Pack out solid human waste **or** bury in “cat-hole” at least 6 inches deep in soil (not leaf litter), and at least 100 feet from any water source, campsite, or trail; pack out all toilet paper.
- Pack out all trash/garbage.
- Wash dishes (or yourself) at least 200 feet away from any water source.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in one of two ways:
 1. Suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet horizontally from tree trunk; **or**
 2. Secured within a bear-resistant canister.



Never Feed Wildlife (that includes birds, too!)

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even crumbs!



Water

- No treated water source available—pack in water or bring water filter/purifier.
- Drink filtered/purified water from Redwood Creek tributaries, not from the main channel itself.



Fires and Firewood

- Under normal conditions, fires are permitted on Redwood Creek gravel bars.
- Up to 50 lbs. of dead and downed wood per day per campsite may be collected from gravel bars.
- Never leave fires unattended.
- When leaving, extinguish fires and dismantle completely; bury with sand and/or gravel, leaving no visual evidence of fire behind.

Stop the Invaders!

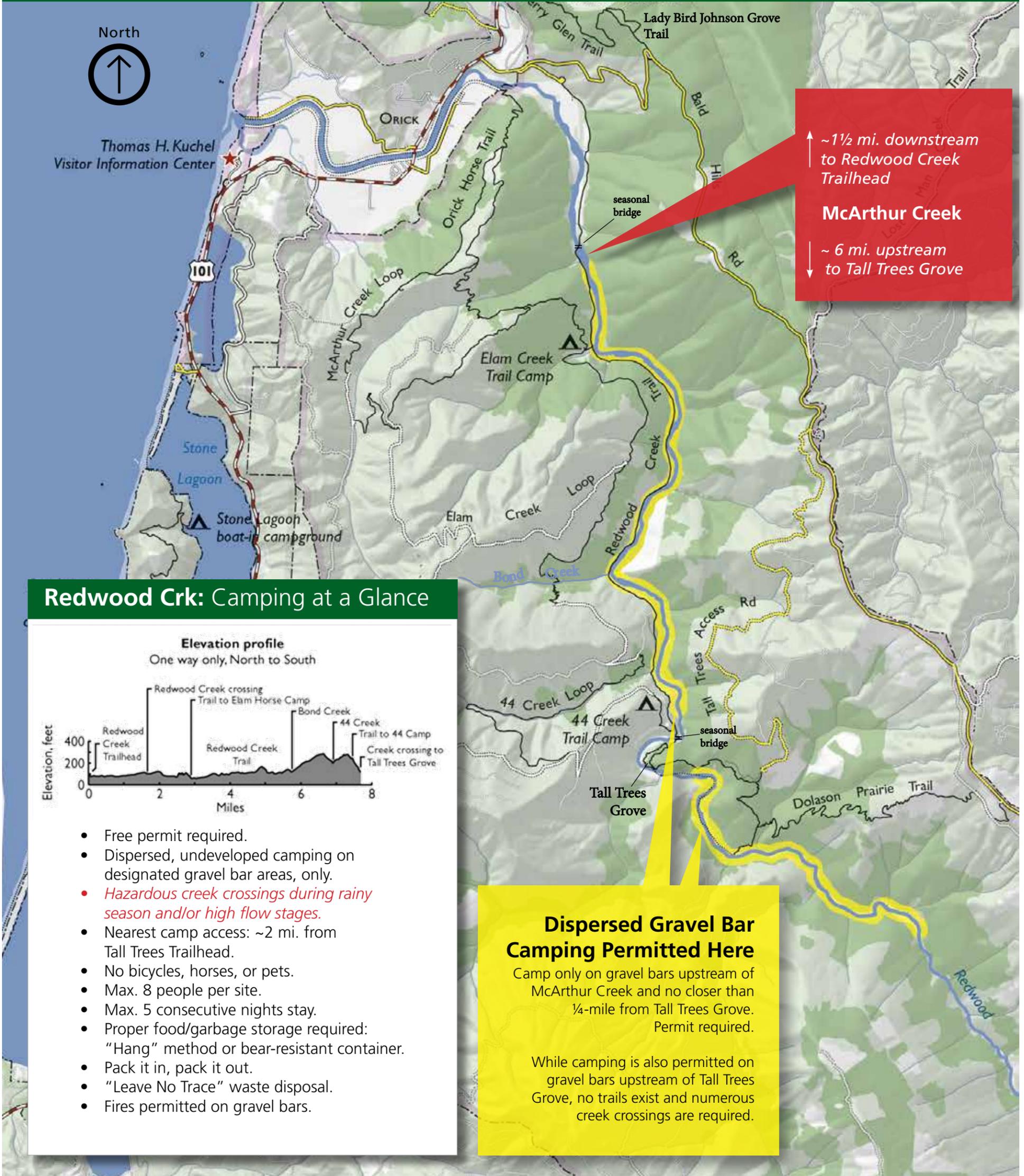
You can help prevent the spread of non-native diseases and plants in the Redwood Creek Watershed.

Fortunately, most of these harmful invaders can't travel upstream into our pristine parkland. Let's keep it that way! Do your part to minimize the transport of mud, plants, and fungi to exotic locales:

- Clean your boots before hiking in and around Redwood National and State Parks.
- Clean your boots before and after hiking any trail in the Redwood Creek watershed.
- Stay on established trails.
- Clean your boots before and after hiking through any creek or stream in the Redwood Creek watershed.

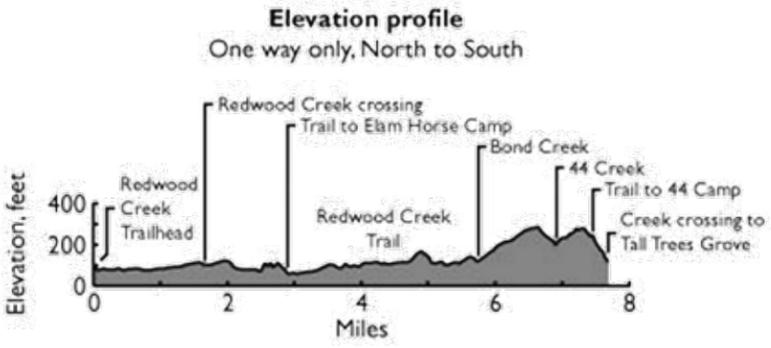


Redwood Creek Map



↑ ~1½ mi. downstream to Redwood Creek Trailhead
McArthur Creek
 ↓ ~6 mi. upstream to Tall Trees Grove

Redwood Crk: Camping at a Glance



- Free permit required.
- Dispersed, undeveloped camping on designated gravel bar areas, only.
- *Hazardous creek crossings during rainy season and/or high flow stages.*
- Nearest camp access: ~2 mi. from Tall Trees Trailhead.
- No bicycles, horses, or pets.
- Max. 8 people per site.
- Max. 5 consecutive nights stay.
- Proper food/garbage storage required: "Hang" method or bear-resistant container.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- "Leave No Trace" waste disposal.
- Fires permitted on gravel bars.

Dispersed Gravel Bar Camping Permitted Here
 Camp only on gravel bars upstream of McArthur Creek and no closer than ¼-mile from Tall Trees Grove. Permit required.
 While camping is also permitted on gravel bars upstream of Tall Trees Grove, no trails exist and numerous creek crossings are required.

Map courtesy of Redwood Hikes Press

Camp Activities



Hike to Tall Trees Grove



Swimming holes



Fishing (by CDFG regulations)



Relax creek-side

