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# WILDER RANCH STATE PARK

Santa Cruz County



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Hours: Daily, Park: 8 a.m. to sunset; Visitor's Center: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fees: Day-Use: \$6

**Reservations:** Call the park for guided tours.

Location: Two miles north of Santa Cruz, off Highway 1.

For More Info: (408) 426-0505 and (408) 429-2850

This 4,000-acre ranch is the site of many historic buildings including original ranch homes, barns and gardens. The four-mile beach is popular with surfers. A Visitor's Center is on site and group tours are available.

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#### Cal-Parks Santa Cruz WILDER RANCH STATE PARK

Wilder Ranch State Park has 4,505 acres, with 34 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian rails winding through coastal terraces and valleys. Several restored buildings once belonging to the Wilder family are preserved. The park has tours and living history demonstrations to help visitors explore the history of early ranchers and farmers along the Central Coast. The site was originally the main rancho supplying Santa Cruz Mission. It later became a successful and innovative dairy ranch. Surrounding grounds include Victorian homes, gardens, and historic adobe.

Visitation: 239,025 visitors in fiscal year 1995-96.

**Location/Directions**: The park is north of Santa Cruz, immediately west of Highway One, just a mile or so past the Western Drive stoplight.

Telephone: (408) 423-9703

Operating hours: call the park for information.

**Seasons/Climate/Recommended clothing:** the weather can be changeable; layered clothing is recommended.



## SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

(408) 429-2850 FAX (408) 429-2876 600 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **Vincent, David K - District Supt** 

> HENRY COWELL REDWOODS SP (408) 335-4598 FAX (408) 335-7051 Shop (408) 335-1406 FAX (408) 335-1404 Highway 9 South, 101 North Big Trees Park Road, Felton, CA 95018 5 mi. N of Santa Cruz on Hwy 9; campground 3 mi. E of Felton on Graham Hill Rd. 4300 ac., 200' - 2000' el. 112 developed sites, 1 walk-in site; trlrs 31', campers 35'; pay showers.

#### LIGHTHOUSE FIELD SB

(408) 429-2740 Contact Santa Cruz District

## **MANRESA SB**

Main (408) 761-1795 / 429-2850 Contact Santa Cruz District Headquarters 13 mi. S of Santa Cruz on Hwy 1 to Larkin Valley Rd. Exit, take San Andreas Rd. to Sand Dollar Dr. 83 ac., 0' el. Lifeguard in summer. 63 tent sites.

#### MONARCH BUTTERFLY NP

(408) 423-4609 c/o Natural Bridges 2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

#### MOORE CREEK WETLAND NP

(408) 423-4609 c/o Natural Bridges 2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

#### **NATURAL BRIDGES SB**

(408) 423-4609
2531 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA
95060
On West Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz. 65 ac., 0' el.
Windsurfing, lifeguard in summer, monarch
butterflies from October to February.

#### **NEW BRIGHTON SB**

(408) 464-6330 FAX (408) 475-6388 Shop (408) 475-0164 1500 Park Ave & Highway 1, Capitola, CA 95010 4 mi. S of Santa Cruz on Hwy 1. 94 ac., 0' -70' el., 112 developed sites; 30 enroute sites; 8 hike/bike sites; trlrs 36', campers 36'; pay showers; dolphin watching; lifeguard in summer.

#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TRAILS

Contact the Public Safety Office (408) 335-3453

## SANTA CRUZ MISSION SHP

(408) 425-5849 or contact Henry Cowell State Park Downtown Santa Cruz on School St. Historic adobe with furnished rooms, displays; interpretive talks on weekends; seasonal festivals.

#### **SEACLIFF SB**

(408) 685-6442 FAX (408) 685-6443
Take this link to <u>Seacliff SB</u> website. You will be leaving Cal-Parks.
201 State Park Drive, Aptos, CA
95003-4323
5.5 mi. S of Santa Cruz on Hwy 1. 85 ac.,
0' el. 26 developed sites; pay showers; trlrs
36', campers 40'. Interpretive center open in summer; fishing pier; cement ship; dolphin-watching; lifeguard in summer.

#### SUNSET SB

(408) 763-7062 FAX (408) 763-7124 Shop (408) 763-7126 Contact Santa Cruz District Headquarters 16 mi. S of Santa Cruz via Hwy 1 and San Andreas Rd. 324 ac., 0' el. 90 developed sites; trlrs 31', campers 31'. Lifeguard in summer.

#### SUNSET WETLANDS NP

Contact Sunset State Beach

#### THE FOREST OF NISENE MARKS

(408) 761-3487 4 mi. N of Aptos on Aptos Creek Rd. 9960 ac., 800' el. Hike-in camps.

## THEODORE J HOOVER NP

Contact Wilder Ranch SP

## **TWIN LAKES SB**

(408) 429-2850

Contact Aquatic Headquarters At Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. 110 ac., 0' el. Snack bar, lifeguard in summer.

#### WILDER BEACH NP

Contact Wilder Ranch SP

#### WILDER DAIRY CP

Contact Wilder Ranch SP

#### **WILDER RANCH SP**

(408) 426-0505 FAX (408) 423-3763 Shop (408) 423-9709 1401 Highway 1, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 2 mi N of Santa Cruz city limits, off Hwy 1. Historic bldgs. & exhibits; visitor center; nature trail; horse trails; beach; surfing; picnicking; group tours.

### SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN SECTOR HEADQUARTERS

(408) 429-2850 FAX (408) 429-2876 600 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **Anderson, Janet L - Sector Supt** 

#### **BIG BASIN REDWOODS SP**

Take this link to the Big Basin Redwoods SP website. You will be leaving Cal-Parks. (408) 338-8860 FAX (408) 338-8863 Shop (408) 338-8870 FAX (408) 338-8872 Technical Services (408) 338-8875 or 338-8878 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006 23 mi. N of Santa Cruz via Hwys 9 & 236. 18,000 ac., 1000' el. 147 developed sites; trailers 24', campers 27'; 36 tent cabins; visitor center; self-guided nature trail; 80 mi. of hiking trails.

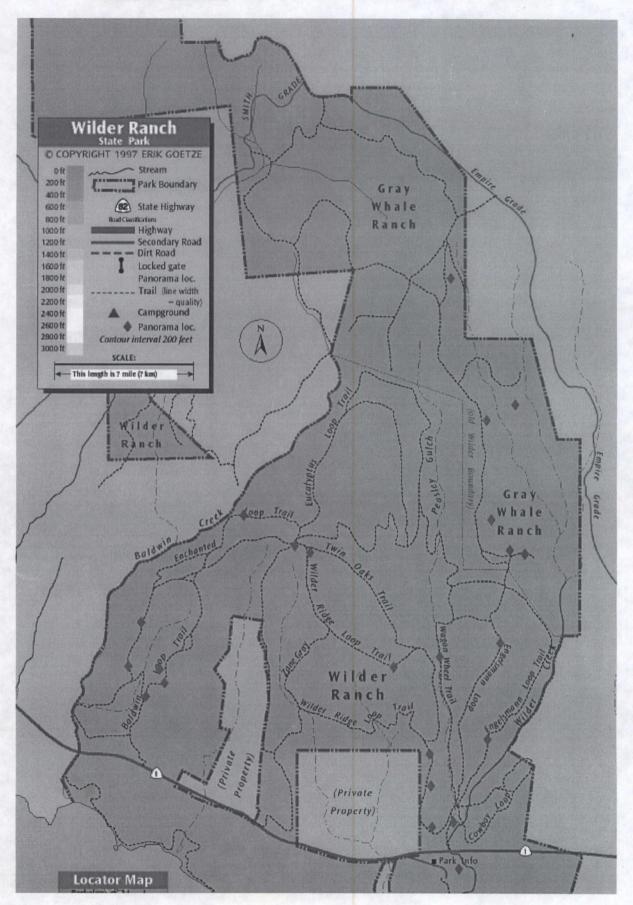
#### **CASTLE ROCK SP**

(408) 867-2952 FAX (408) 867-2952 15000 Skyline Boulevard, Los Gatos, CA 95033-9404 On Skyline Blvd., 2.5 mi. S of junction of Hwys 9 & 35. 3700 ac., 3215' el. 23 primitive hike-in sites (2.8 mi).

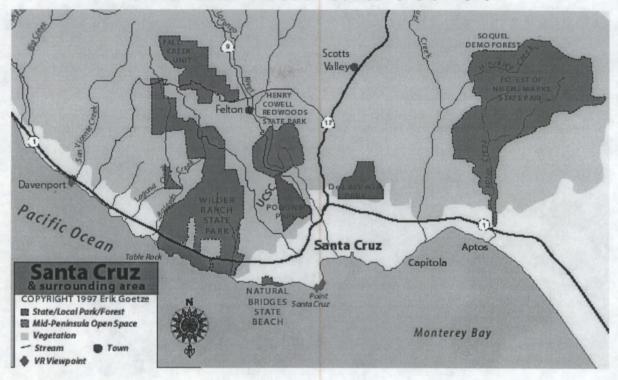
## PORTOLA REDWOODS SP

(650) 948-9098 FAX (650) 948-0137 Shop (650) 948-5908 Box F, Route 2, La Honda, CA 94020-9717 6.5 mi W of Hwy 35 on Alpine/Portola SP Rd. 2800 ac., 1000' el. 52 developed sites; trlrs 18', campers 24'; pay showers. Visitor center; redwood trees; creeks (no fishing).

# Wilder Ranch (now includes Gray Whale Ranch)



## Santa Cruz & South Santa Cruz Mtns



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