



Portola and Castle Rock Foundation

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*Inspiring the Protection of Castle Rock and
Portola Redwoods State Parks Through
Quality Educational Experiences and
Infrastructure Improvements*

Sept 2018 Newsletter

Special Day at Castle Rock

PCRF will have an exhibit table and Members will conduct guided hikes at this California State Parks event. Castle Rock State Park opened in 1968 - 50 years ago! Come celebrate with us.

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK ROCK N' REC DAY

Explore, experience, & enjoy the
gateway to the Santa Cruz Mountains

Hourly GUIDED HIKES
meet at the kiosk
starting at 9:00AM

Saturday, September 29
9am - 1pm

Castle Rock State Park
15000 Skyline Blvd. Los Gatos, CA 95030

For more information email:
Brandon.Caskey@parks.ca.gov

\$8 Parking Fee. Parking is first come first serve, an early arrival is highly recommended.

FEATURING:

GUIDED HIKES
REPTILE EXHIBIT
BACKPACKING
DEMONSTRATION
LIVE MUSIC
PARK RANGER
MEET N' GREET

ALL AGES EVENT

PARKING IS
EXTREMELY
LIMITED
and tends to fill
before 9am



Join Us for Guided Hikes at Portola Redwoods, 10/13

On Saturday, 10/13, PCRFB & CA State Parks will lead two hikes at Portola Redwoods State Park in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Save the Redwoods League. There is one short, family-friendly hike and a longer one for more adventurous folks.

<https://www.portolaandcastlerockfound.org/events/redwoods-hikes-at-portola-oct-13-2018/>



Volunteering at Portola Redwoods and Castle Rock State Parks

We are blessed with 30 state parks in the Santa Cruz District, but a limited supply of professionals to staff them. This is especially true in the back-country where visitors can encounter problems or emergencies and be hours from help. California State Parks have had a proud tradition of working with volunteers. From docents to trail workers, volunteers are vital to the operation of the system.



[Learn about volunteer programs and read the profiles of two of our dedicated volunteers.](#)

Go to:
<https://www.portolaandcastlerockfound.org/volunte>

Parks and Partners Activities

California State Parks

Portola Redwoods State Park is open for camping. Campers and visitors will enjoy visiting the PCRF Store in the Visitor Center where camping supplies, nature books, souvenirs, and convenience items are available. During the summer guided hikes, Campfire, and Little Ranger programs are offered.

<http://www.portolaandcastlerockfound.org/camping-at-portola-redwoods/>

Sept 29th Rock N' Rec Day at Castle Rock State Park (see poster above)

Save the Redwoods League Centennial Events

Centennial Celebration Week is October 7-14, 2018. Check out the special events all week long, including the Stand for the Redwoods Festival in San Francisco on 10/14:

<https://www.savetheredwoods.org/100-years/centennial-events/celebration-week/>

Sempervirens Fund

Get a Castle Rock 50th Anniversary Sticker! <https://www.castlerock50.com/>

Peninsula Open Spaces Trust

POST sponsors local hikes, talks, and events: <https://openspacetrust.org/get-involved/>

REI Classes

REI holds climbing and outdoor classes in both Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods State Park. For current classes, visit REI.com.

Membership



Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy nature's colors in the Parks. Not sure where to hike? Become a member of Portola Castle Rock Foundation today and we will provide you with free detailed hiking maps of both Portola Redwoods and Castle Rock State parks. Other Membership benefits include a 20% discount at Portola Redwoods Visitor Center Store, free docent led hikes and special events and invitation to our annual membership appreciation event. Click here to learn more: <http://www.portolaandcastlerockfound.org/become-a-member/>

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