



# 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*

## Winter 2018 Newsletter

### [Brandon Caskey is the new Lead Interpreter/ Volunteer Coordinator for Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods State Parks](#)

Brandon comes from the San Diego Coast District and has most recently worked as the SCUBA Dive Coordinator at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. He has been working closely with Erik Hylkema to learn the ins and outs of these two beautiful parks. Part of his position here includes leading backpacking trips for the CA State Parks Backpacking Adventures Program as well as working with the Sempervirens Fund to create the new facilities at Castle Rock. As for the future of the Docent Program here at Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods, he envisions an increase in programming like Jr. Rangers, Guided Hikes, and Title 1 School Groups, as well as an increase in the number of volunteers in our program. [Read more about Brandon our website.](#)



### [Save the Redwoods League Celebrates 100 Years, PCRFB is a Proud Centennial Partner](#)

Save the Redwoods League, one of America's first and most respected conservation organizations, is celebrating a century of protecting, restoring and connecting people to the iconic redwoods of California. To celebrate 100 years of redwoods conservation, the League is launching multiple initiatives that extend current programs and break new ground toward fulfilling the three elements of the organization's mission: to

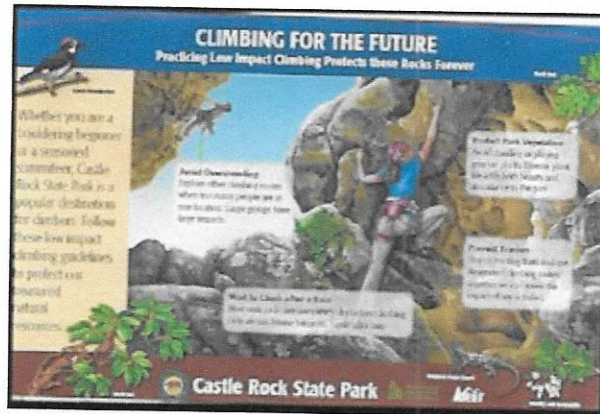
**STAND** FOR  
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STAND FOR THE FUTURE

*Save The Redwoods*  
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Protect, Restore and Connect. [Click here to learn more about the yearlong celebration in which PCRf is a proud partner.](#)

## Climbing Panels for Castle Rock

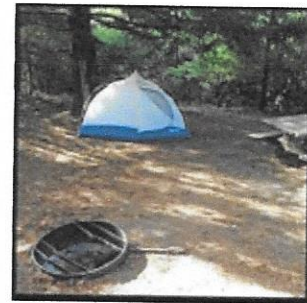


With a generous grant from REI, the PCRf has sponsored the creation of new climbing panels to be installed in Castle Rock State Park. Though Castle Rock is the premier climbing destination in the Santa Cruz Mountains there has been little overt recognition of the sport within the park - other than the PCRf sponsored Castle Rock Climbing Brochure\* and climbing maps. The new panels will highlight the current "low impact climbing" ethic and give guidance to new climbers. The panels are in production and will be installed in the coming months.

\*Available at the Castle Rock Entrance Kiosk and the Portola Redwoods Visitors Center Store.

### [Earth Day 2018! Castle Rock Volunteer Event](#)

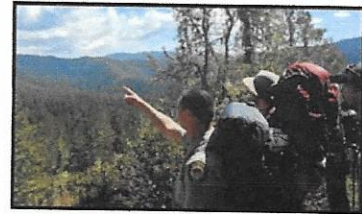
Helps us refurbish the Castle Rock Trail Camp on April 21st. Leave a legacy that will last decades! [Learn more and register today.](#)



## Volunteer Training -2018

### [Docent Training](#)

Parks staff will be training Docents for both Parks. Docents will learn the natural and cultural history of the Parks. The Portola Redwoods State Park Docents can also opt to become hosts at the Visitor Center and oversee sales in the PCRf Store. This store sells educational material for the benefit of the visitors. The spring 2018 Docent training will be held Saturdays on April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5 at locations in both parks. [Click for more information.](#)



## **Wilderness Training**

The Santa Cruz District of California State Parks is offering a Wilderness Patrol Volunteer Training in spring 2018. Wilderness Patrol Volunteers hike and/or mountain bike into scenic backcountry and contribute to the health and function of several California State Parks in area. Training begins Saturday, February 10, 2018. [For more information click here.](#)

# Parks and Partners Activities

## **State Parks**

Registration for California State Parks Backpacking Adventure opens

**February 1, 2018 at 8am.**

Phone: (831) 335-1743

Email: [Backpacking@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Backpacking@parks.ca.gov)

For more information, [click here.](#)

## **Save the Redwoods League**

Save the Redwoods invites you to spend your Second Saturdays outdoors with us in 2018 with free admission to many Redwood Parks. [For more information click here.](#)

## **Peninsula Open Spaces Trust**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

As Part of the Wallace Stegner Lecture series, share an evening with humorist and scientist Bill Bryson.

[Learn more here.](#)

## **Sempervirens Fund**

Volunteer planting days at the new Castle Rock Entrance â€” Sun 4/22 and Sat 4/28.

The volunteer work crew will be planting young black oaks (*Quercus kelloggii*) on the hillside in an effort to return the Douglass Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)-dominated forest to an actively managed oak woodland habitat. Depending on numbers of volunteers and construction schedule, we will hopefully also plant a variety of native trees and shrubs.

Learn more at: <https://sempervirens.org/castlerockentrance/>

## REI

REI holds climbing and out door classes in both Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods State Park. For current classes, [click here](#).

## Membership

Our Foundation provides the boots-on-the-ground volunteers that welcome visitors to the parks, operate the Portola Redwoods Visitor Center Store, and walk the trails informing Park Rangers of situations needing attention. Will you support our community's cherished parks by accepting this invitation to become a Member of the Portola and Castle Rock Foundation? To learn more and join, visit our website at [www.PortolaAndCastleRockFound.org](http://www.PortolaAndCastleRockFound.org).

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