



Portola and Castle Rock Foundation

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

Every donation we receive counts. Your donations enable us to do more for Castle Rock and Portola Redwoods State Parks. Our 2023 projects include funding new interpretive panels at both parks, bathroom & shower upgrades at Portola Redwoods as well as supporting a Castle Rock trail sign replacement project and a new storage shed at Portola Redwoods. These projects align with our mission and also enhance the visitor experience at both parks. In addition, we will also be funding State Parks programs for volunteers and backpackers (and underserved youth). All of this funding is made possible because we receive generous donations from people like you, that care about our local State Parks.

Make your 2022 tax deductible donation now! Long-time donors have agreed to donate \$3 for every \$1 donated (up to \$1,000) to Portola and Castle Rock Foundation. Please help us earn these matching funds by donating during the month of December.

We are developing a revitalization project for the Portola Redwoods Visitor Center. This project will at a minimum include replacing the leaky roof and upgrading the drafty windows. We look forward to sharing more information as we scope out the project and the dollar amount we need to raise to match funds that State Parks is securing for the project.

Please help us do more by donating this month to Portola and Castle Rock Foundation. Send us a check, visit our website (<https://portolaandcastlerockfound.org/donations/>) or the [PayPal Giving Fund](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/110027) (<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/110027>)

2022 Highlights

Portola Trail Crew

The trail crew at Portola Redwoods continued work this year on the Coyote Ridge Trail. We are improving both the lower and upper sections, so it's taken quite a lot of work. The trail had become very narrow in some places, so we are widening as well as clearing debris that has fallen in the trail.



Volunteers spent time every month making progress – it’s amazing how much the steady monthly work days have contributed to visitor enjoyment and the overall condition of Portola’s trails. Learn more about the Portola Trail Crew or sign up to volunteer next month (<https://portolaandcastlerockfound.org/portola-trail-crew/>).

Portola Redwoods Bathroom Rebuild

We began the year writing a big check after a very large Douglas Fir came down in the Park. Alas, a structure stood between the tree and the ground. The tree won. Thanks to generous donors, PCRF was able to modify our 2022 budget to cover \$15,000 of the estimated \$21,225 to remove the tree and rebuild the bathroom known as the Point Circle Comfort Station. Our partnership and cooperation with Parks allowed for the completion of the comfort station in time for the shortened camping season.



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Portola Redwoods Front Porch Renovation

PCRF's renovation project of the Portola Redwoods Visitor Center front porch is now complete. The changes are designed to beautify the porch, which serves as the park entrance, and improve its atmosphere and usefulness for visitors, staff and volunteers.

Initial improvements included a new bicycle rack and four new message boards, plus five benches and four planter boxes milled and constructed from Portola's own fallen redwood trees. The planters now have native plants and flowers. The historic drinking water fountain has been refurbished and a new bottle filler water fountain has been added. PCRF received tremendous support and contributions for this project from State Parks, Out of the Woods Mill and Kiln, California State Parks Foundation, stone mason Ronnie Garcia and Hatch Plumbing.



Our Mission

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