



Portola and Castle Rock Foundation

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

We are making steady progress on our 2025 projects. This newsletter includes updates on Portola Trail Crew efforts, meaningful ADA trail work at Portola Redwoods and continued improvements to the Portola Redwoods Visitor Center. But first and foremost, you're invited to a party!

Join us at Portola Redwoods State Park for a special 80th Anniversary Celebration!



Discover the fascinating history beginning of the park, with the Quiroste, Olpen and Oljon tribes who managed the land from time immemorial, to Danish immigrant Christian Iverson, who built a cabin along Pescadero Creek in the 1860s. From its time as a lumber property to its transformation into a state park in 1945, Portola Redwoods has grown and thrived thanks to the efforts of incredible organizations like Save the Redwoods League and the Portola and Castle Rock Foundation.

Let's Celebrate Together!

📅 June 14th 2025 11am to 4pm 📍 Portola Redwoods State Park

What's Happening?

- 🌲 Guided Hikes: Explore the beauty of the redwoods.
- 🎵 Live Music: Enjoy performances in the heart of nature.
- 🍴 Food Trucks: Savor delicious eats.
- 🎟️ Raffle: Grand prize: California State Parks Backpacking Adventures Trip for 2.
- 🎨 Art Activities: Get creative in a serene setting.
- 🌿 Moments in Nature: Take it all in.

The QR code is a link to our website. As the date nears, more details about the event will be posted to the page.



First quarter 2025 Highlights

Portola Trail Crew / Campground Cleanup



An amazing group of volunteers worked with Parks staff to prepare the Portola Redwoods campgrounds for the 2025 season. More than a dozen volunteers cleared debris and cleaned the area throughout the campgrounds in preparation for the opening of the campgrounds on April 1. There is always room for more volunteers on the monthly Trail Crew team.

Trail Crew volunteers spend time every month making progress - it's amazing how much the steady monthly workdays 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.
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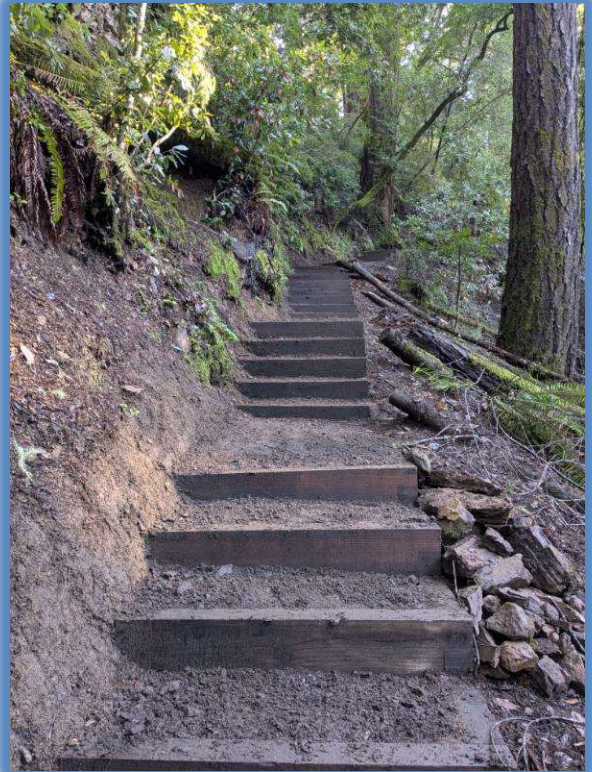
Coyote Ridge Trail Pedestrian Bridge Update

A long-awaited bridge over Peters Creek near the entrance to the Portola Redwoods opened in 2024. Visitors can once again hike a loop from the Escape Roads in the campground across the bridge, returning through the forest via the Coyote Ridge Trail. We celebrated the bridge opening last June.

Parks continued work in the area and the bridge is now ADA accessible. This is just one of the ADA projects underway at Portola Redwoods.



Portola Trail Crew / Tip Toe Falls Stair Project, Portola Redwoods



The project to replace the wooden stairs that form the path to Tip Toe Falls began last fall. In March, The Portola Trail Crew, Parks Staff and members of the the CCC (California Conservation Corp) finished the project. The trail runs from the Amphitheatre near the Ramada, to Pescadero Creek (for most of the year you can cross the creek and access Iverson trail to Tip Toe Falls). The stairs had deteriorated, become hard to use, making access to the creek difficult. This is an exceptionally long, steep section that had over 40 stairs. As part of the replacement project 60 stairs were built to provide a more comfortable hike up and down this section.

Our crew really enjoyed working with the wonderful State Parks team including learning new skills from them. Building steps is harder than it looks! It's very precise work because if boards are not well placed, level, and solidly connected they won't last. It can take hours to complete just one step.

Big Creek Lumber graciously donated the lumber for this project to Portola and Castle Rock Foundation.

Visitor Center Update, Portola Redwoods



Work to improve the Visitor Center continues. Gold Chimney completed the fireplace repair at Portola Redwoods, providing support to the massive headstone and lintel. The angle iron is impeccably welded with no visible joints, and the structure is fairly hidden once the screen is placed over the fireplace in its usual resting place.

Work on the gable windows is underway. For the past year, Parks

has worked with Wood Windows and Door Corporation to design and fabricate the individual wood pieces needed to fix portions of the gable windows.

Donate

Please donate today to help us do more tomorrow.

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Send us a check, click on our website (PortolaAndCastleRockFound.org/donations/) or donate via the PayPal Giving Fund (paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/110027).

Volunteer Opportunities

Thinking about joining a nonprofit Board where you can make a contribution of time and skill? PCRf is looking for you. We're interested in all skills and welcome everyone's help.

Thinking about volunteering? PCRf is actively looking for volunteers to help us operate the gift shop within Portola Redwoods Visitor Center. A few hours a week would help us generate store sales which we then use to fund Park projects.

Send us an email about becoming a board member or volunteering at info@portolaandcastlerockfound.org.