

reek Redwoods State Park—The Declaration of Independence Grove was established by Colonel C. Austin DeCamp in 1856. Miss Joy DeCamp in 1978.

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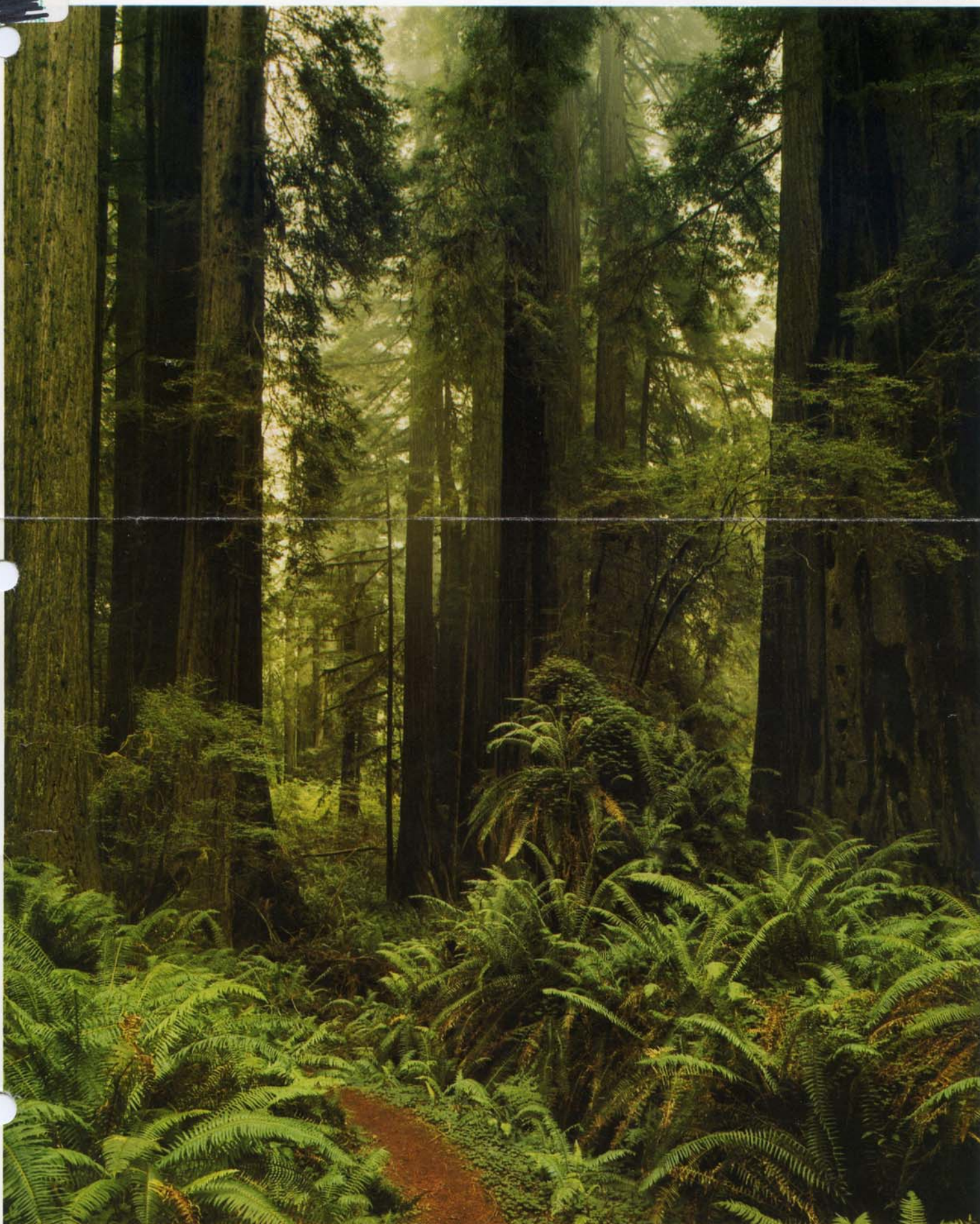
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Save-the-Redwoods League

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# 48,000 Acres Are Added To Redwood National

The Save-the-Redwoods League has long been dedicated to preserving the finest groves of ancient Coast Redwoods in public parks extending from the southern tip of Oregon to Monterey County in California. Since 1968 it has been recognized by conservationists and park experts that the boundaries of the Redwood National Park were totally inadequate to protect the existing park. In 1971, representatives of the League testified at a hearing on the Redwood National Park Master Plan that the park, as established by the federal government in 1968, did not provide adequate watershed protection for the Redwood National Park lands purchased or the adjoining State Redwood Parks.

For ten years conservationists have urged an expanded Redwood National Park boundary to protect adjoining watersheds and the remaining old-growth Redwoods not included in the Redwood National Park. During this period, over 12,000 acres of old-growth Redwoods have been logged over in the Redwood National Park area by clear-cutting on privately owned lands adjacent to the park.

Since the League's Fall report to you the U. S. Senate, the House of Representatives, and the President have approved the Carter Administration's 48,000-acre addition to Redwood Na-

tional Park at a cost which may be as high as 359 million dollars. Compensation to the logging companies and the loggers will be provided from the United States Treasury. Compensation for the lands added to the park will be determined in the Federal District Court after completion of appraisals.

As approved by Congress and the President the law also provides 33 million dollars to reforest areas damaged by logging which are now included in the park and gives the Department of the Interior standby authority to purchase an adjoining 30,000-acre buffer zone located outside the southern boundary of Redwood National Park subject to approval by Congress, should future timber operations therein endanger the park.

When President Carter signed the Redwood National Park Expansion Act into law on March 27, 1978 there remained 8,990 acres of old-growth Redwoods which were protected and added to the Park. The balance of 39,010 acres are lands which have been clear cut and logged over. These cutover lands require extensive rehabilitation as protective watershed for the fragmentary park.

The finest Redwoods in the area recommended for the Redwood National Park are protected in existing Prairie Creek, Del Norte Coast, and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Parks which



These majestic old-growth Redwoods of Skunk Cabbage Creek were saved by the League's one million dollar gift to the National Park Service in 1977. They are now part of Redwood National Park.

*Photograph by David Van de Mark*



Redwood Creek at Redwood National Park—the location of the world's tallest measured tree.

*Photograph by Swanlund*

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were acquired in previous years by the State and the Save-the-Redwoods League. Provision is made in the Redwood National Park Law for their eventual inclusion in the Redwood National Park. In this regard there are many factors which remain to be considered.

The Directors and the staff of the Save-the-Redwoods League thank you, its members, for your support which has made possible the accomplishments of protecting a great system of 28 California Redwood State Parks and the Redwood National Park. Much still remains to be done to complete each Redwood park and your continued contributions are indeed saving the Redwoods for their beauty and inspiration for our generation and future generations.

*"There are certain values in our national landscape that ought to be sustained against destruction or impairment. The Redwoods of California are an important part of our great American Heritage. Their preservation is essential to our 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.' This Nation of ours is not so poor that we need to destroy them, nor so rich that we can afford to lose them."*

Newton B. Drury



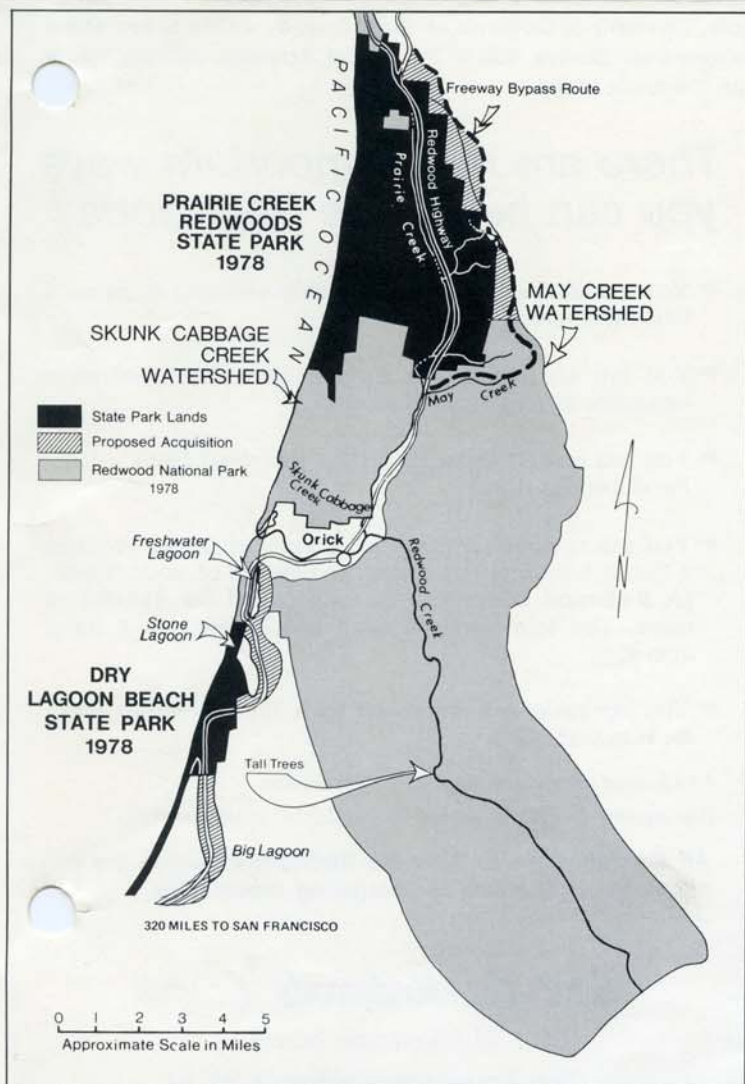
The Arjay and Frances Miller Honor Grove in the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park was established in 1977. Photograph by Howard King

## Redwood Memorial and Honor Groves

The League is pleased to announce that in the past two years many Redwood Memorial and Honor Groves have been dedicated. These groves honor distinguished families and individuals whose help to save the Redwoods has made possible much of the League's recent accomplishments.

Those groves established in 1976 were: Paul Strong Achilles Memorial Grove; Frank P. Belotti Memorial Grove; Bruce and Ruth Cameron Memorial Grove; Major Samuel Mackall Deichelmann, USAF, Memorial Grove; Captain Stephen Travis Deichelmann, USAF, Memorial Grove; Glenn McClelland Donnell Memorial Grove; Helen Chandler Garland Grove; John Jewett Garland Grove; William May Garland II Grove; C. M. Goethe Memorial Grove; Louise Ireland Granger Grove; May and Reuben Hale Memorial Grove; William G. and Fannie M. Irwin Memorial Grove; Johnson Family Memorial Grove; Alfred and Elizabeth Kay Grove; Harry W. and Lillora H. Lohman Grove; Charlotte E. Mauk Memorial Grove; Colonel Charles A. and Eleanor A. Nebel Grove; Edith and Whitcomb Nicolson Grove; Edwin and Helen Power Memorial Grove; Marcia and Gene Purpus Grove; O. Hugo Schuck Memorial Grove; Lance Stark Memorial Grove; John T. Whitehurst Memorial Grove.

Groves established in 1977 were: George G. and Ida M. Adomei Memorial Grove; Edward D. and Nella K. Armstrong Memorial Grove; Harold C. Bradley Memorial Grove; John Stanton Brooks Memorial Grove; Harold J. Cohen Grove; Lisa Ferguson Memorial Grove; Forever Grove; The Heaton-Pierce Grove; Homer L. and Hattie A. Hylton Memorial Grove; Gertrude and Philip Leslie Grove; Abigail M. and John S. Miller Memorial Grove; Arjay and Frances Miller Grove; Frank B. Notestein Memorial Grove; William and Emily Robertson Grove; Edna Ruble Florence Baker and Samuel Baker Memorial Grove; Skinner-Wright Grove; Clifton S. and Evelyn R. Slonaker Grove; Claudia Davis Stearns Memorial Grove; James Edward Swartz Memorial Grove; Katherine L. Tait Memorial Grove; Yvor and Janet Winters Redwood Grove; and the Edgar and Peggy Wayburn Grove.





Big Creek flows into the Pacific Ocean on the Big Sur Coast of California.

Photograph by Moulin Studios

## The Big Creek Nature Preserve

The Save-the-Redwoods League has made a major contribution of \$500,000 for the purchase and preservation of 3,858 acres in Monterey County known as the Big Creek Ranch, bordering the Pacific Ocean on State Highway #1, fifty miles south of Carmel. The University of California is administering this property exclusively as a natural reserve in perpetuity for ecologic integrity and for educational and scientific purposes. Funds to buy the great Redwood groves, four miles of scenic coast along the Pacific Ocean, and the scenic gran-

deur of the property, were raised by the Save-the-Redwoods League, the Nature Conservancy, and the University of California. Visitors will be able to view the Redwood groves along Big Creek and its tributaries on a Nature trail to be located in the Redwoods. Those wishing to visit the Redwoods of Big Creek should contact Dr. Kenneth S. Norris, University of California at Santa Cruz, by writing to him at the Environmental Studies Board, 317 Social Sciences Building, Santa Cruz, California 95064.

## California State Parks Celebrate 50 Years of Public Service

The Save-the-Redwoods League is proud of its major role in helping to form the great California State Park System.

In 1918 the League began purchasing outstanding Redwood groves for preservation in public parks and in 1927 obtained legislation establishing a State Park Commission. In 1928 the League promoted the first California State Park Bond issue and began the creation of the California State Park System. Many of the Redwood Groves preserved by the Save-the-Redwoods League became the nucleus of the California State Park System. In 1928 there were only seven parks and eleven monuments. Today there are 250 park areas of unusual scenic beauty and historical importance protected for the American people as part of California's great heritage.

The existing 28 Redwood State Parks were acquired over the last 60 years through the close cooperation of the League and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The State of California and the League have matched funds on a 50-50 basis for more than 50 years to preserve a system of Redwood Parks that at today's values is worth well over one and one half billion dollars.

Throughout this year many special programs will be held in the various State parks to commemorate their unique place as part of our heritage. On May 6 the California Department of Parks and Recreation held a commemorative ceremony at Big Basin Redwoods State Park signaling the 50th Anniversary of the creation of California's unique and beautiful State Park System. The California State Park System is truly a tribute to the vision of the pioneer conservationists who helped to protect these irreplaceable places of beauty and history for us to enjoy today.

## There are many important ways you can help Save Redwoods

- ▶ You can increase your membership category or make a Gift Membership.
- ▶ You can add a donation to help defray administrative expenses when paying your dues.
- ▶ You can make a donation to the Redwood Land Purchase Fund.
- ▶ You can establish a Redwood Memorial Grove or name a Grove honoring the person or persons of your choice. (A Redwood Grove can be established for \$10,000 or more. The total amount need not be paid in a lump sum.)\*
- ▶ You can make a Bequest, set up a Trust Fund, or make an Insurance Gift.\*

*\*Additional information furnished upon request.*

An annual financial report is available upon request

**All Contributions to Save-the-Redwoods League are allowable deductions in computing income tax.**

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