

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park



VISITORS GUIDE

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What Can Be Found Inside

We extend a warm invitation to all nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers. McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, nestled in the heart of natural splendor, awaits your exploration. Here's what you need to know for an unforgettable visit

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE PARK: BURNEY FALLS

Our park owes much of its vitality to Burney Falls and its meandering creek. These life-giving waters sustain an abundance of flora and fauna. From majestic trees to elusive wildlife, the park teems with diversity. Follow our Facebook and Instagram accounts for glimpses into our rich ecosystems.

However, while we undertake significant restoration work on parts of the Falls Loop Trail, closing it this season, fear not! Our iconic waterfall remains accessible from the Overlook. Conveniently located near the main parking lots, the Overlook provides a breathtaking view of this one-of-a-kind wonder of the world.

Please obey the signs designed to keep visitors out of unsafe and sensitive areas. You can also explore the upper creek above the falls by going on the Upper Creek Trail. Doing the loop you'll also put some time in on the Pacific Crest Trail that stretches from Mexico up to Canada. Only 2,649 miles to go!

WE ARE A BIODIVERSE HAVEN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Nestled between the rugged dry Southwest and the lush wet Pacific Northwest, McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park is on the eastern edge of a swath of notable biodiversity. From the coast to near the Nevada border, this region rivals tropical rainforests in the variety of animals and plants that thrive here.

The secret lies in its varied elevations and diverse soil compositions, influenced by the surrounding mountain ranges. Traveling just a few miles can reveal

entirely different rainfall patterns, weather conditions, and niches to be filled by the adaptable.

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER?

1. Local History and Historic Photos: Dive into the past as we share captivating stories and vintage images of the park.

Discover the people who shaped its legacy and the events that unfolded here.

2. Natural History Unveiled: Explore the ecosystems that thrive within our boundaries. Learn about the delicate balance of life—where every plant, insect, and critter play a vital role.

3. Meet the McArthur-Burney Falls Interpretive Association: Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to enhance your experience. Get to know this passionate group and their commitment to preserving our natural heritage.

4. Embark on the Discovery Quest: Earn this year's coveted patch by answering thought-provoking questions. Strengthen your connection to McArthur-Burney Falls as you delve deeper into its resources.

A CALL TO NATURE

As our guests, you bring a unique blend of skills,



questions, and interests. Yet, there's a common thread we likely all share—we can value the opportunity to leave behind some stresses of modern life and embrace the desire to witness the awe and wonder of the outdoors. Here, guided by the symphony of sounds, the play of light, and the earthy scents, you can always discover more of what lies within.

Welcome to McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park—a sanctuary where nature whispers its secrets, and the waterfall roars its approval.

Welcome to the Park

First and foremost, welcome to some of the most iconic and scenic parks in California! McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park has been referred by President Theodor Roosevelt as “the 8th wonder of the world.”

This year you will notice large construction projects happening at this location, as we are rehabilitating the trail system for future visits to the base of the falls. This is a much-needed repair to the trail system, and sincerely appreciate your patience as this vital work is completed.



We hope in addition to seeing the falls from our overlooks you will spend time boating or relaxing on the shores of Lake Britton, visiting our visitor center, or enjoying an ice cream cone at the camp store.

Whether you want to enjoy eating s'mores at the campfire with friends and family or hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, flyfishing for rainbow trout in the ja-she springs, camping and hiking to the Dome at Castle Crags to the enjoy the spectacular views of Mount Shasta and the Sacramento River, or touring Old Shasta's Historic Courthouse just outside the City of Redding the Cascade Sector has plenty to offer. Not to mention the storied Joss House Temple (Cloud Forest Temple), which is celebrating its 150th year this year, it is my sincerest belief that you will find your niche. The Cascade Sector has a rich history of culture, geography, biology, art, recreation, and leisure.

Please reach out to one of our staff members and let us know how we can serve you.

Sincerely,

Captain Travis Gee
State Park Superintendent II/Law Enforcement

Welcome to McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park from the Friends of the Falls

As President of the McArthur Burney Falls Interpretative Association, I am pleased to welcome visitors to the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. In 1964, my family bought a home and property near the park. I had the tremendous opportunity of growing up here. My family enjoyed exploring the natural beauty and all of the outdoor activities the Intermountain area has to offer.



I served in the United States Navy after high school and had the privilege of traveling to many places around the world. My travels helped me appreciate how unique and untouched much of our mountain area has remained. It is my desire to help retain the natural beauty we get to enjoy every day.

The theme for this year for the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park is Restoring Balance. The goal is to bring restoration to many areas that have been heavily worn or damaged. This includes the lower falls trail, signage, picnic tables and benches. Of course, continuing education and protecting the natural rhythms of the park will remain a high priority. Together our efforts to restore balance are a gift we can give today that will continue to benefit our children and grandchildren into the future.

Sincerely,
Jim Sacson

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INTRODUCTION

In the heart of California's pristine state parks, a timeless dance plays out—a self-correcting engagement of life between interdependence, the occasional catastrophe and finding equilibrium to thrive in. Long before human footsteps echoed through these landscapes, nature moved to its own ever-changing rhythm. Let us journey back to a time when this balance reigned supreme.

THE PRISTINE EQUILIBRIUM

Picture a world untouched by human intervention. When ancient pine trees stood ponderously tall and large, their roots intertwined with the soil and its denizens. Then, predators roamed freely, ensuring herbivore populations remain healthy and in check. Waterfalls, including Burney Falls cascaded, their crystal-clear waters a source of vitality for the land. This was nature's equilibrium—a well-adapted symphony of relationships where every note was harmoniously tuned by all the others.

THE ARRIVAL OF HUMANITY

Then, humans arrive, affecting their surroundings like none before. Footprints multiply, laughter echoes, and fires flicker. We bring our desires, our needs, and our curiosity like no other animal before us. While we explored, we often unwittingly disrupted the established balance. Trails form, habitats shift, and wildlife adapts—or struggles. The robust yet delicate balance nature has woven can be made to tremble and dim before the shadows only humans seem able to cast on the land. In contrast, many California Native Americans were often so intimately and inventively involved in keeping an Eden-like balance in the

lands they cared for, settlers new to these areas were astounded

by the bounty and beauty they saw. They were amazed without realizing or understanding the fine-tuned care developed over thousands and thousands of years playing out before them. With the settler's arrival, however, the land once again had to regroup and readapt to new shadows -conditions, exploitations, and constraints brought about by the newcomers.

A GLIMPSE OF RESTORATION

But nature is resilient. In the absence of our modern bustling paving presence, it can nearly always restore itself. The woods still can stretch higher and reclaim lost ground. Predators can regain their appropriate foothold, regulating herbivore populations anew that would disturb the balance if left unchecked. Waterfalls, once considered threatened, can continue their soothing life-giving flow. The dance endures, albeit with some slightly different tempos and steps.

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

As stewards of these lands, we can learn from this ancient tale: Our footsteps add up. Our focus guides our actions. We hold the

power to disrupt and the power to restore. Let us tread gently, mindful of the vulnerable threads that weave ecosystems together. When we protect resources, we honor dances that predate us and balances existing since time immemorial. These symphonies and movements still echo through the rustling leaves and babbling Burney Creek. We at Parks must always balance the call for access with the need to preserve. The work done on the park this year will ensure the falls and the way down to and around them, remain a wonder of an experience.

A CHALLENGE TO PRESERVE

So, as you stand looking at our majestic waterfall, imagine its ancient song. Feel the pulse of the earth beneath your feet. The same feet that can trample can protect. Let us preserve what remains, for in restoring balance, we honor not just the present but also add our voice to the echoes of time.

Together, we can harmonize the dance of nature and man, honoring both the past and our future where every footprint matters and vital

resources can remain intact and awe-inspiring in perpetuity.



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The Answer Merganser: Secret Identity Revealed!

A surprise waited for the returning Answer Merganser this year: a student from an East Coast elementary school had written the park in search of answers to a couple of questions. They covered much about the park, so the Answer Merganser thought it would be fun to include them as part of the newsletter this year. Here they are:

HELLO THERE YOUNG EXPLORER!

Greetings from McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. Thank you so much for your interest in and questions regarding this amazing park. I am the Answer Merganser and I work here, learning everything I can about it. I have found it a very cool place with an amazing waterfall and interesting history. Let me tell you about it by answering your questions.

HOW BIG IS THE WATERFALL?

The two main falls going over the edge are 129 feet tall. That's like stacking more than ten grown-up giraffes on top of each other! But wait there's more! If you look at pictures, you'll see other smaller waterfalls on either side of the main two. They are not as tall, but they are very wide, like a giant water curtain. Now, here's the magical part. Burney Falls does not really slow down much, even when other waterfalls in the state slow to a trickle during the driest of months. It's like a never-ending water party here. The Secret? Underground springs send water through the rock like a hidden river. This means that even in the hot summer months and the creek bed is dry a mile upstream, thousands of springs keep the falls flowing with at least 100 million gallons of water every day. That's enough to fill 200 swimming pools! So, whether it's sunny or rainy, Burney Falls is always ready to put on a show. It might not be the tallest in the state but it's the splashiest waterfall around!

IS THE FALLS A PIT RIVER?

HOW DOES BURNEY FALLS FLOW INTO LAKE BRITTON?

The Pit River got its name from the covered pits dug by the First Peoples along its banks. These pits were clever traps for catching deer and other large game. But here's the twist: these pits also caught explorers, their horses, mules, and other pack animals who wandered into the area without knowing about the hidden danger. Oops! The indigenous local people are sometimes called the Pit River Tribe



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because they relied on the Pit River and its smaller streams for water and food. The Pit River Nation is made up of several different independent bands. Many of these First Peoples continue to take care of the land and still consider Burney Falls and its bright blue pool a sacred place. Water will always be super important here. Because it gets so hot and dry for months at a time, rivers and streams are lifelines to wetter seasons.

Now let's talk about Lake Britton. It's not a natural lake-it's a reservoir, a man-made body of water. People dammed up the Pit River to create Lake Britton. Why did they do this? To generate hydroelectric power. That's a fancy way of saying they use water to make electricity. Clever, right? But wait there's more! Burney Creek has been flowing into the Pit River for ages. Even before huge amounts of lava flowed over the creek more than a million years ago creating Burney Falls, the creek was doing its thing. Imagine Burney Creek as a stream happily joining the Pit River. However, back in the 1920s two local brothers

named Frank and Scott McArthur heard something troubling. The original dam for Lake Britton was going to be built much higher than it is now. If that had happened the backed-up water would have traveled up Burney Creek, right to the base of Burney Falls, perhaps ruining them forever! But Frank and Scott had a brilliant, generous idea. They bought up the land around the falls, and around 1920 gifted it to California in memory of their parents for just \$1. Yep, you read that right – one dollar! This act of kindness made McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park one of the first state parks in the world. It's like a treasure chest of nature, waiting for curious explorers like you. Over 250,000 people visit every year, including some families returning again and again for generations.

I hope this answers your questions and inspires you to come and visit this wonder of the world.

Sincerely,
Marlon Sloan (The Answer Merganser)

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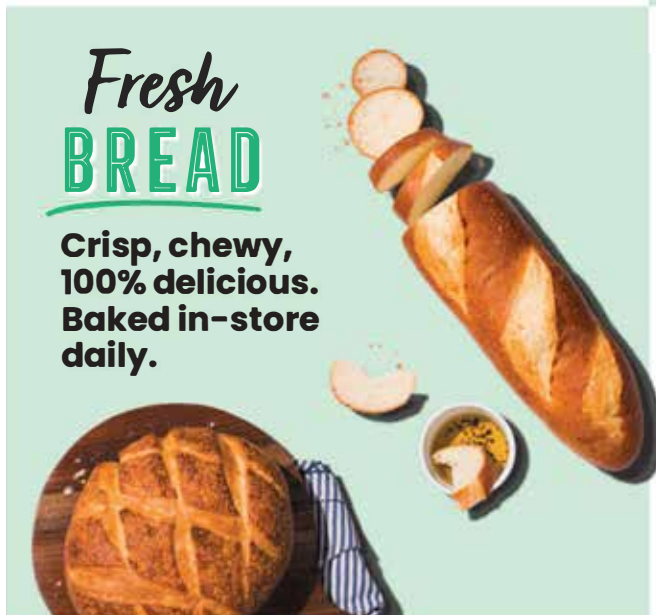
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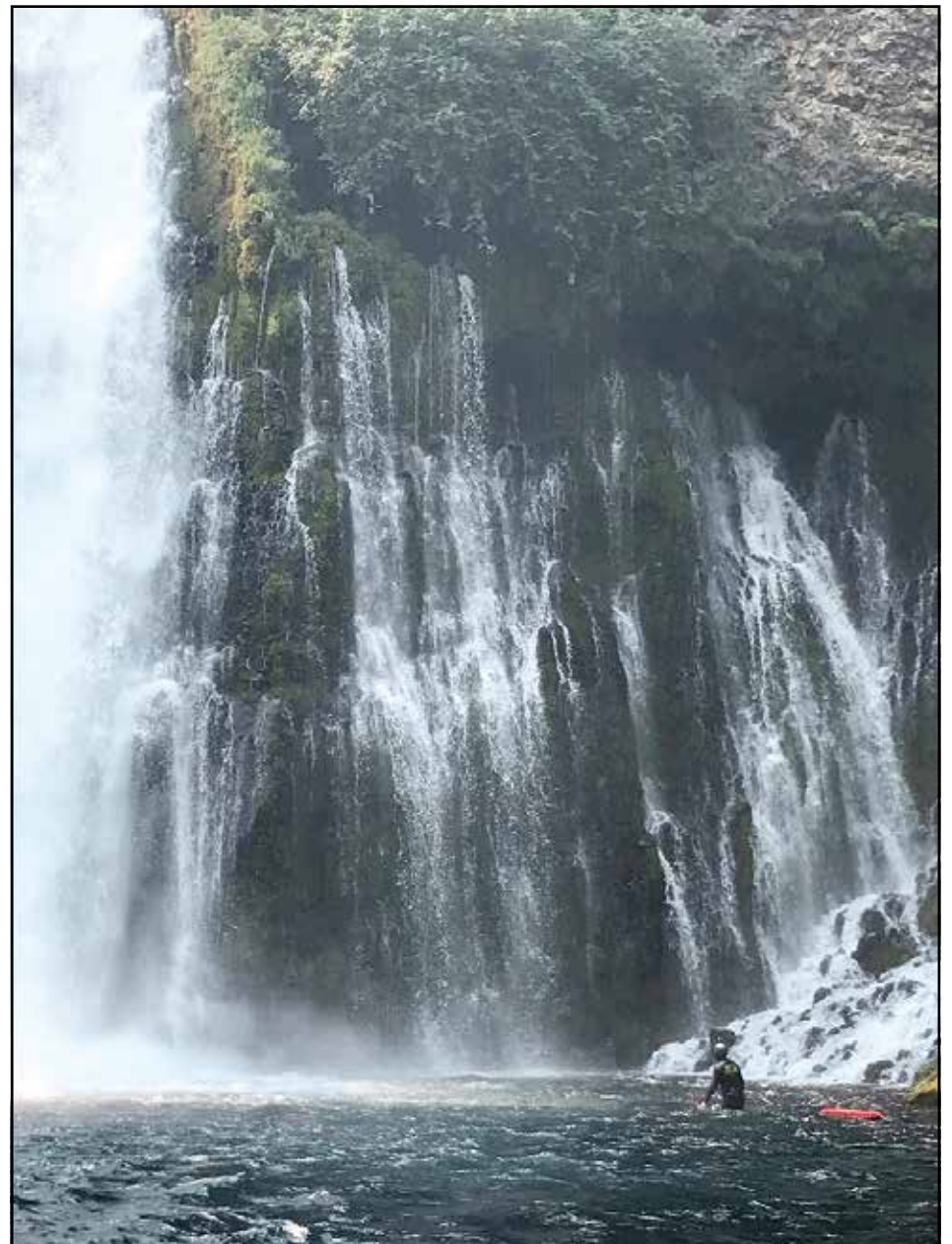
Through a partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), you can place a picnic table inscribed for your family in the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. The Commemorative Picnic Table Program provides amenities for state parks and their users, generates revenue for the Friends of the Falls Association, and is a way for donors to commemorate someone special.

For a tax-deductible gift of \$2,800.00, donors can place a picnic table in McArthur-Burney Falls State Park. The table is an 8' Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table, made of 3" select Con-Heart Redwood. The Sonoma County Probation Camp (SCPC) produces the tables for state parks. Manufacturing takes 8-12 weeks. Table inscriptions are placed on the crossbars located at the ends of the table. Each crossbar has room for a 32-character inscription routed with 2-inch letters.

To apply for a Memorial Table, complete an application form, which you can get at the Visitor Center or download from the website: burneyfallspark.org. Send the application to McArthur Burney Falls Interpretive Association

PO Box 777, Burney, CA 96013 or email to Webmaster@burneyfallspark.org.

After your application is approved by DPR you may submit payment with a Check or Credit Card.



A Park Lifeguard practices a cold water rescue. Do not swim in the falls pool.



Heather from William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park generously shares her picture taken at Burney Falls in 1988 (above) and one with her daughter taken in 2017. Everyone can and should enjoy the falls again and again for decades and generations to come.

Friends of the Falls Donations - 2023

- Bill & Susie Ashby- Commemorating 44 years camping at McArthur- Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- Bryan, Leslie & Brayden Ashby - Commemorating 44 years visiting McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- Ernie and Patti Jo Bowman
- Robert Boyce – In support of Castle Crags State Park Pop-up Visitor Center
- The Calkin Family- Ryan, Stacy, Tanner & Jesse – In Honor of Sandy Stefanoni.
- The Coughlin Family – In Memory of Robert Vajretti for 43 years our family has vacationed at McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- The Damato Family- In Memory of Ralph & Cherly Damato FIFTY YEARS OF FUN AT BURNEY!
- Stacy Gaskill
- Sue Lang
- Mark Miller- Commemorating the 45 years our family has vacationed at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- James Muscarella
- Thomas & Mary Pilla - In Loving Memory of John Roderick McArthur, nephew of Frank McArthur
- The Stefanoni Family in memory of Sandy Stefanoni and commemorating the 38 years the family has vacationed at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- The Strickler Family – A Memorial Table in memory of vacations with three generations of Stricklers at McArthur-Burney Falls State Park
- Thomas J and Jill Marston Van Aken Family Trust - Commemorating 60 years visiting McArthur- Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- The Vitalie Family-Mike, Vicki, Jeff, Jennifer, Trevor, & Ethan In Memory of Scott Lunger and commemorating the 25 years our family has vacationed at Burney Falls.
- Jaelyn White
- Ken Wilbur – In Honor of the Burney Falls Park Staff & Volunteers– Thank You Again!
- All the anonymous donors who support our park through donations at the Visitor Center and the Park Entrance Station---Thank You

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- Peggy Bishop – Bishop Custom Products
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- Taube Family Foundation – a discretionary grant in support of the McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- The Delong-Sweet Foundation- This foundation supported the renovation of the Visitor Center and provided funding to replace and repair interpretive signs in the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.
- Kelly's Wishes Foundation - In Honor of Kelly Case Moulton: This foundation supports the Interpretive Services and provided funding to replace and repair interpretive signs in the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.

DO YOU LOVE THIS PARK? SO DO WE!

WHO ARE WE?

The McArthur Burney Falls Interpretive Association works around the clock to make sure visitors to McArthur Burney Falls State Park can enjoy it in so many different ways. We are a group of volunteers that work with local businesses, artists and community organizations to raise funds and create exciting activities for you, when you visit.

WHAT ACTIVITIES DO WE SUPPORT AT THE PARK?

Did you enjoy the campfire and evening programs? Did you or your child complete the Discovery Quest Challenge or Junior Ranger class and receive a patch? Did you take a nature walk to see the Osprey nests? You are reading the Visitor Guide right now. Did you find it helpful and interesting? Did you attend Heritage Day in October where you made candles or bead necklaces; sawed a log, made a rope, drank fresh apple cider press and listened to old time fiddle music? Have you learned the geology and wildlife of the park by reading the interpretive signs along the paths? So many are faded, but we are replacing them! These are the activities that we raise funds to support.

HOW DO WE RAISE FUNDS?

In many ways, you help us every time you:

Visit the Visitor Center Gift Shop to buy mementos, local arts, hats and T-shirts.

Purchase Firewood: We work with CalFire to split and bundle wood from this park to make sure that visitors have firewood for their campfires.

Order Memorial Tables & Benches: Families can purchase tables and benches

with messages honoring their families or loved ones. (For application: burneyfallspark.org)

Recycling! Every time you place an aluminum can or plastic bottle in the recycling bins, the Mountain Jewels Ranch help us sort it and sell it to a local recycling company.

Make Family Donations: We have donations from families who have vacationed at McArthur Burney Falls for generations! They are listed in this Visitor Guide honoring their loved ones and recording the number of years their families have come here. That is SO AMAZING!! And we love to

honor them. (Get a donation envelope at the visitor center or donate at burneyfallspark.org.)

Other ways you can help support this park:

JOIN OUR BOARD! JOIN US ON VOLUNTEER DAYS! MAKE A DONA- TION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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OPPORTUNITY

This is your opportunity to have a positive impact on your favorite parks. We are currently recruiting board members committed to enhancing the quality of visits to McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial Park, Castle Crags State Park and Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park.

ABOUT US

Just like you, members of the Board of Directors of the McArthur-Burney Falls Interpretive Association (MBFIA) are excited to work together as a team to provide ideas, assistance and funding for activities which enhance the quality of experiences for visitors of the McArthur-Burney Falls, Castle Crags and Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Parks. Our all-

volunteer association was founded in 1984 to promote greater appreciation of the cultural and natural history of the region

VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Directors are selected from a broad range of backgrounds and disciplines to provide varied skills necessary for the board's mission and activities. Skill in any of the following areas would greatly contribute to our continued successes.

- Leadership ability to help board members operate as a team and to ensure a successful cooperative relationship with State Parks
- Familiarity with the local State Parks and willingness to learn more
- Knowledge of and interest in the

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- Fiscal and accounting background and ability
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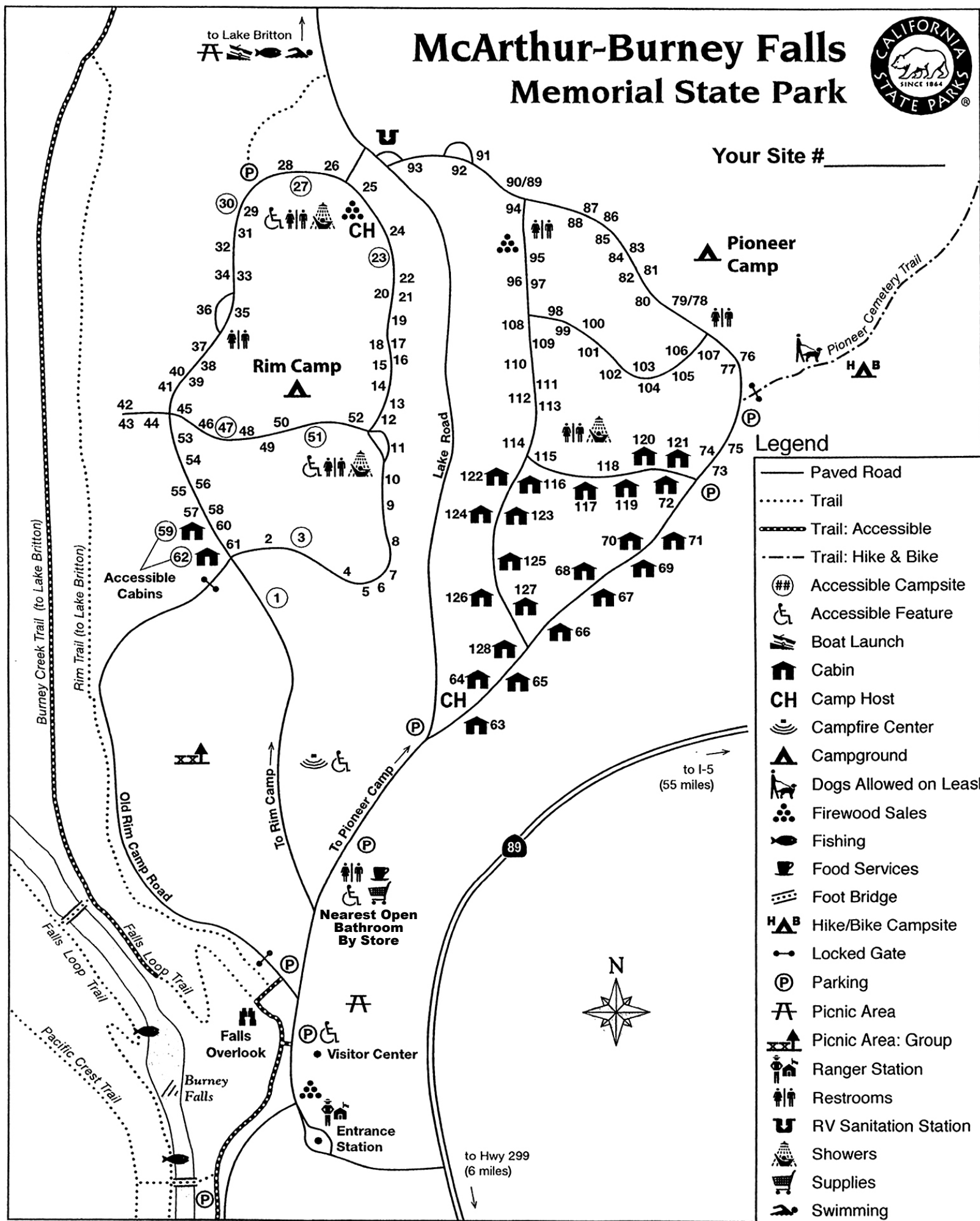


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DISCOVERY QUEST!

This activity is designed as a treasure hunt and information gathering game for guests to the park. The end reward is knowledge and this beautiful custom-made embroidered patch. The Quest is for individuals of all ages or as a family activity – we want you to have fun, find adventure and discover the many sides of McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. To find the answer to these questions, we invite you to explore the park, attend our interpretive programs, check out the displays and bulletin boards, read the Visitors Guide and visit the overlook of the park. Only one completed quest is necessary for the entire family so you can work on it together. We present a new Discovery Quest challenge each year and you can collect a new, limited edition patch each year as well. Bring your completed pages to the Visitor Center or the entrance kiosk to receive your patch. We ask that an adult accompany children under age 12.

Earn a patch!

Part 1 : Burney Falls Timeline (Questions 1-11) – Fill in the event that happened on the listed dates

1. **7,000 years ago or more**
(Sign outside of Visitor Center)

4. **1920's**
(sign outside of VC)

2. **Mid-1800s**
(Sign outside of VC)

5. **1926**
(Trees Tell Tales display by entrance kiosk)

3. **1882**
(sign outside of VC)

6. **1934-1937**
(Sign near overlook)

7. 1935
(sign outside Civilian Conservation Corps cabin)

8. 1954
(sign outside of VC)

9. 1957
(Bottom of cement sign down at the marina)

10. 1984
(sign by overlook)

11. 2014
(sign outside of VC)

12. What animal is on the sign at the end of the accessible section of the Upper Creek Trail?

13. Name three insects you can find at the park (sign by the pumphouse on the Upper Creek Trail)

14. Name of a person Buried in the Pioneer Cemetery (get a name from a headstone at the cemetery)

Bonus Request: *Write about your experiences at the park in our Guest-to-Guest Logbook located in the Visitor Center. Extra points for poems, drawings and other creative expressions of your good times and tidings. Thank you!*



Keeping It Cosmic: Celestial Wonders in Northern California's Night Sky

Greetings, stargazers!

As the sun sets over the rugged landscapes of Northern California, the night sky unveils its cosmic treasures. Whether you're an amateur astronomer or simply enjoy gazing at the stars, here's a guide to the celestial wonders you can observe in this enchanting region.

Full Moons and New Moons

Northern California treats us to a series of mesmerizing full moons throughout the year. Mark your calendars for these luminous lunar events:

1. May 23: The Flower Moon bathes the night in floral radiance.
2. June 21: The Strawberry Moon shines, evoking warm summer evenings.
3. July 21: The Buck Moon appears, named after the growing antlers of deer.
4. August 19: The Sturgeon Moon graces the heavens, honoring the abundant fish.
5. September 17: The Harvest Moon illuminates the fields during the autumn equinox.
6. October 17: The Hunter's Moon guides nocturnal hunters.
7. November 15: The Beaver Moon reflects on tranquil waters.

8. December 15: The Cold Moon embraces the frosty nights.

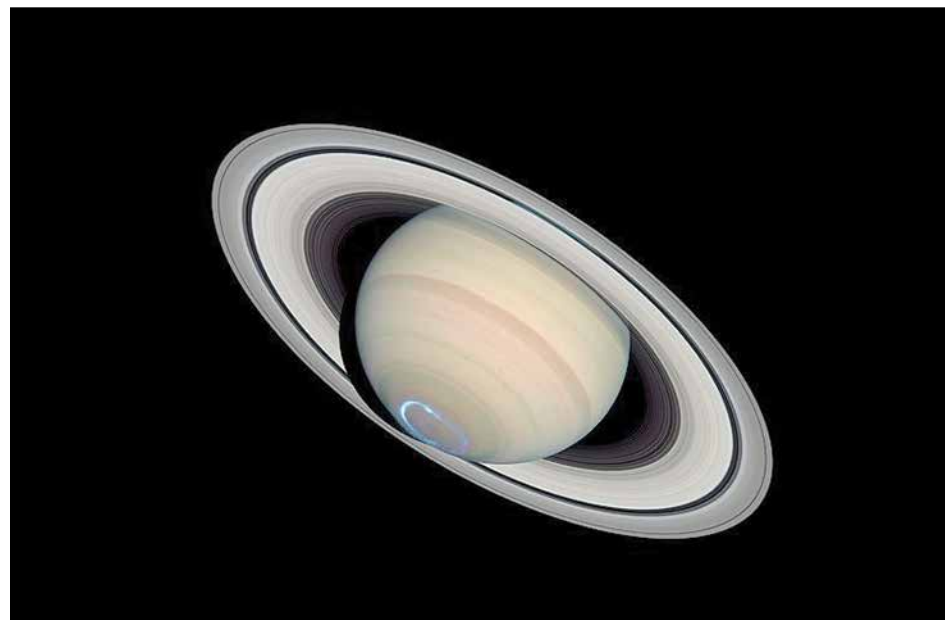
And don't forget the new moons, when the sky is darkest and perfect for stargazing. These nights allow us to witness the Milky Way and distant galaxies with clarity. The dates for these darkest of nights lie perfectly in-between the full moons.

Meteor Showers

Prepare your wishes! Meteor showers are celestial fireworks that light up the night. The Perseids will be falling on August 12-13 where you might be able to see multiple meteors and the occasional fireball this year.

Our neighboring planets often grace the Northern California sky. Grab your telescope or simply look up:

1. Mercury: Challenging to spot, but visible until early evening.
2. Venus: Rises in the morning light, slightly difficult to see.
3. Mars: Appears a little earlier than Venus, average visibility.
4. Jupiter: Shines until a bit before midnight, fairly good visibility.
5. Saturn: Rises in the morning, slightly difficult to see.
6. Uranus: Visible until evening time, but challenging.
7. Neptune: Extremely elusive,



Saturn by NASA Public Domain

rising in the early morning.

Equinoxes and Solstices

Let's not forget the cosmic events that mark the changing seasons:

- Summer Solstice (June 20–21): The longest day of the year, when the sun reaches its highest point.
- Fall Equinox (September 22–23): Another balance of day and night, ushering in autumn.

Stargazing Spots

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial

State Park offers unique and light pollution free stargazing campers can enjoy on any clear night.

Some places we suggest for viewing the grandeur of the cosmos are the Campfire Center and parking lots by the Visitor Center and Fisherman's Bridge. Remember it can take up to 30 minutes for eyes to gain their best night vision so take your time looking and more will be revealed the longer you gaze.



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Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation schedule for Burney, Castle Crag Campfire Evening programs

Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation serves Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties as one of the primary wildlife rehabilitation centers for Northern California.

We are located in Anderson, California, in beautiful Anderson River Park. We are an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife in Northern California.

Through all of our activities we educate and encourage our community to value the connection between people and the natural environment. Each year we get between 700-1,000 animals into our care. Our organization is only

able to do this because of amazing volunteers who donate their time and care to help these animals in need.

We offer our services at no charge to the public and rely solely on donations to save the wildlife that come through our doors.

Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation will be at the Saturday Evening Campfire programs at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park on these dates: June 1st, June 22nd, July 6th, July 27th and August 24th

They will also be at Castle Crag State Park for their Saturday evening campfire programs on these dates: June 8th, June 29th, July 20th, August 3rd, August 17th

Hope to see you there.

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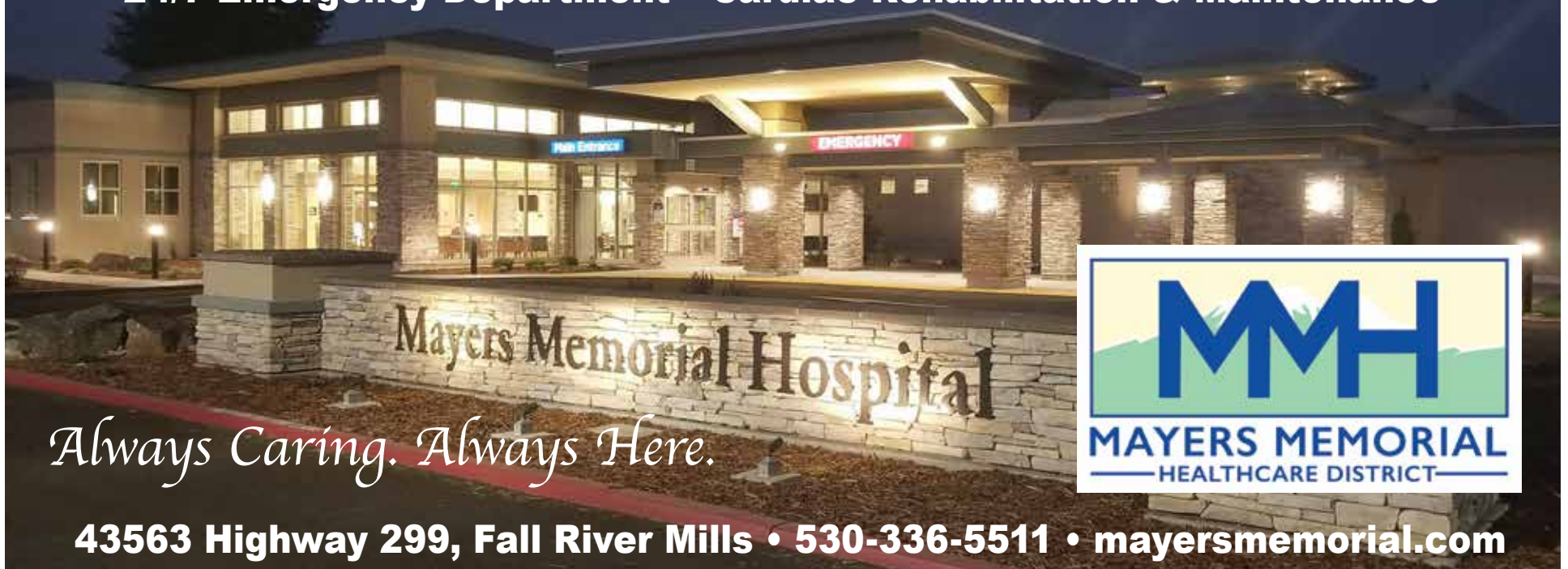
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Places to Visit in the Area



Volcanic Scenic Highway: For road warriors, the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway passes by Burney Falls State Park and offers majestic views of the eastern Shasta volcanic country from Lassen National Park, up past Mt Shasta and into Oregon. Pick up a brochure or book at the Visitor Center and plan some daytime road trips.

Medicine Lake Highlands: Approximately 53 miles from the park, Medicine Lake Highland is an ancient shield volcano with Medicine Lake at the top. Glass Mountain, found here, is a significant outcropping of obsidian rock used by Native Americans for arrowheads and other tools. You can drive right to the base of the mountain.

Lava Beds National Monument: Numerous underground caves and an information visitor center are available. A full day or more can be spent exploring the caves or Captain Jack's stronghold.

Subway Cave: A river of lava over 20,000 years ago left tube-like caves and Subway Cave is the largest accessible tube in the flow. A self-guided trail in the Lassen National Forest is located near the town of Old

Station, ¼ mile north of the junction of Highway 44 and 89 across from Cave Campground. Contact the Old Station Information Center between April and December. Hours vary.



Ahjumawi State Park and Big Lake: The ancestral lands of the Achomawi, whose name translates to “where the waters come together,” is only accessible by boat, canoe, or kayak. The park is situated on the Fall River. Visitors can launch boats into Big Lake at a Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) public boat launch known as Rat Farm in McArthur.

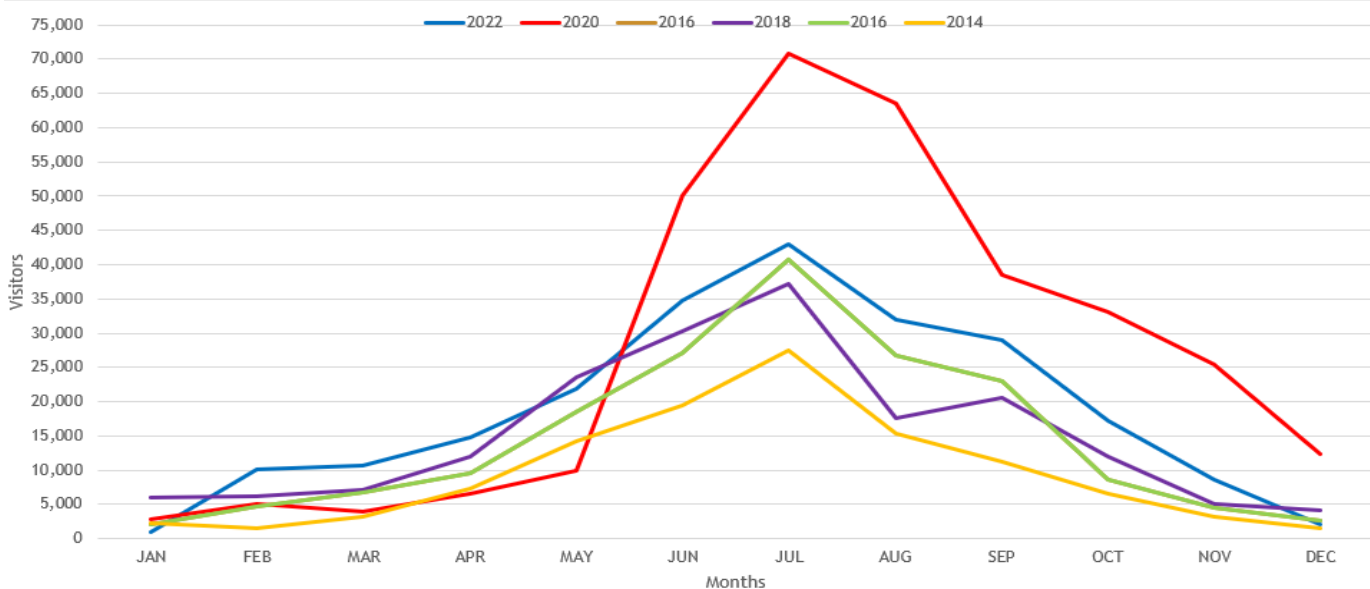


Fort Crook Museum and Historical Society: This park is located in Fall River Mills just west of the central town, and is on Highway 299, 15 minutes east of crossing Highway 89. The museum and round barn offer a look at the European settler's life in the late 1800s.

Baum Lake: Baum Lake is perfect for a peaceful afternoon kayaking or canoeing. Open only to non-motorized vessels it is a sanctuary for exotic bird life and an archaeologically significant site for Native Americans. The lake is one of the region's most popular fly fishing locations.

McCloud Waterfalls: The McCloud River Trail passes three beautiful waterfalls as it winds through a canyon of basalt lava rock. This smooth, well-maintained trail offers summer swimming, fall foliage, and an early spring thaw, making it fun and accessible almost year-round. Follow Highway 89 north. Turn south on Road 40N44. (Look for a Fowlers Camp/McCloud Falls sign.)

Burney Falls Day Use Visitation



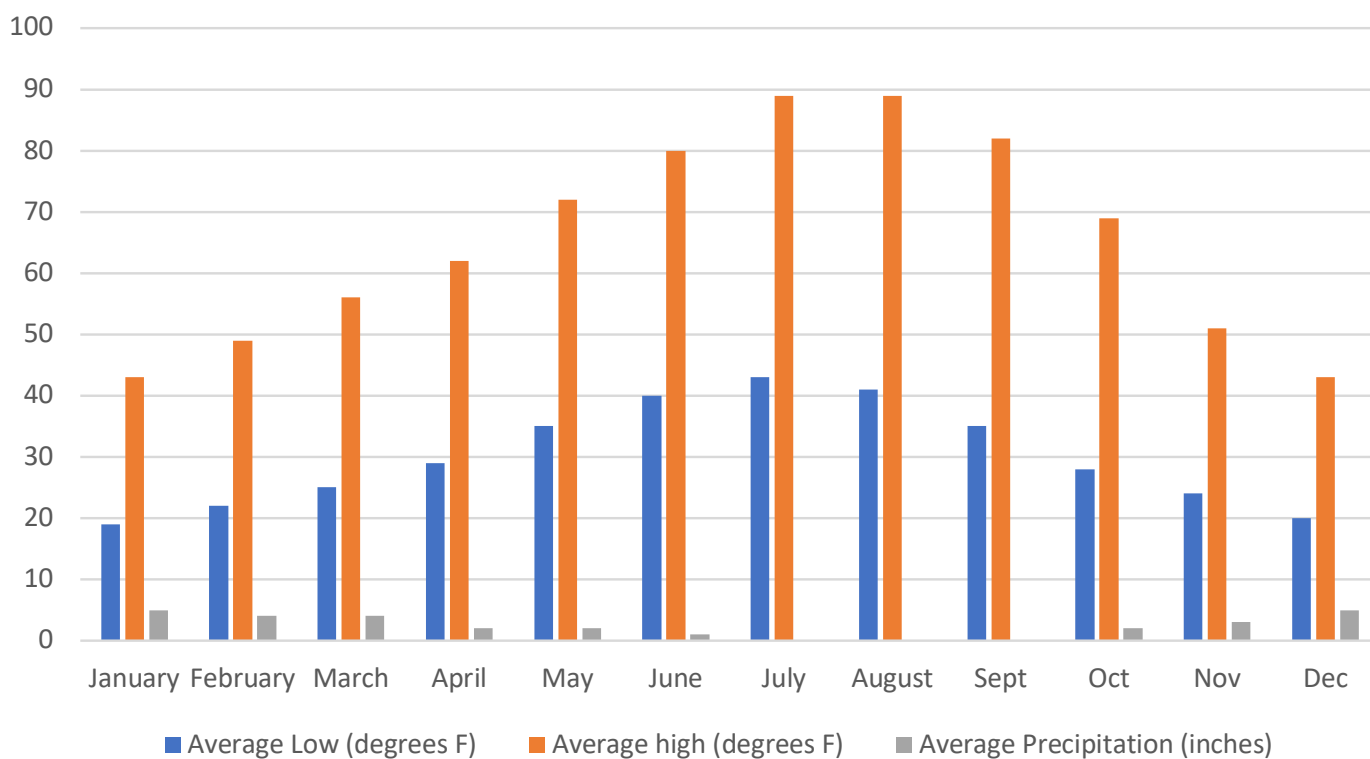
If you've visited the park over the last several summers you have probably noticed the increase in visitation. Long lines and wait times, nowhere to park, and the trails being crowded are just a few of the issues affecting this beautiful park.

The graph above illustrates our jump in Day Use visitation from 2014 to 2022. Keep in mind this graph doesn't include campers or those that park outside the park and walk in. In 2014 we had around 114,000 Day Use visitors come to Burney Falls. In 2022 that number almost doubled to 224,000. The busiest year this park has had in its history was in 2020 when we reached 322,000 Day Use visitors.

The increase in social media popularity and the pandemic in 2020 played a huge role in the increase in visitation.

These drastic increases in visitation have thus taken their toll on the park infrastructure (and its employees) resulting in the trail closure for rehabilitation.

Average Temps and Precipitation at McArthur Burney Falls



What else can be found inside the State Park

TIMING MATTERS

Summer weekends at McArthur-Burney Falls Park are bustling with activity. To ensure the best experience, we recommend visiting outside peak hours. Otherwise, you might find yourself parking a bit farther from the Overlook or being asked to return later when the park reaches capacity.

CAMPING AND CABINS

With over 125 camping sites, including reservable cabins, we offer a variety of options for your stay. Wake up to the sounds of nature and immerse yourself in the serene surroundings. Don't forget to explore our two large picnic areas and enjoy a leisurely meal amidst the beauty of the outdoors.

LAKESIDE ADVENTURES

Head down to the lake for a refreshing swim or rent a boat from our launch ramp. Whether you're paddling across the water or simply basking in the sun on the beach, the reservoir called Lake Britton offers a tranquil escape. There are restrooms and a fish cleaning station down at the marina.

CAMPFIRE DELIGHTS

Our camp store stocks essential supplies and tasty snacks. Plus, they generously donate the ingredients for S'mores for our campfire programs. Join us most Saturday evenings at the Campfire Center for a cozy and delightful experience. Public Restrooms are located near the camp store.

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

Immerse yourself in the park's rich history and natural wonders through our interpretive activities. From guided walks and talks to Art in the Park sessions, Jr. Rangers, and singalongs, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye out for weekly interpretive notices posted near the restrooms to stay informed.

Mountain Jewels – The team that supports McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park

And what Jewels they are! The men from the Mountain Jewels Ranch travel each month to spend the morning sorting, recycling, and bagging firewood to raise funds that support activities for campers and visitors to McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.

What would campers do without the firewood bundles that keep them warm and provide flames for those famous S'mores we all loved as kids? You may see them in their van picnicking or hiking the trails...Give them a big Thank You!!



WE RECYCLE!

All California State Parks are required to recycle their trash where appropriate, and you can help.

The proceeds from recycling help support interpretive activities at the park and contribute to our friends at Mountain Jewels Ranch, who assist us with the sorting of recyclables. The appropriate materials for going in the recycling cans and bins are:

- All aluminum cans.
- Plastic containers that say CA-CRV on them or a triangle with a number. Plastics that do not have these cannot be recycled at this time.
- Glass: clear, green, and brown can all be recycled.

We are truly fortunate that the ranch helps us with recycling throughout the season. They are a licensed, non-profit, residential care facility for developmentally disabled adults, located on a large ranch outside the town of McArthur.

Recycling is easy when you know the rules!

RECYCLE THESE!

PLASTIC ALUMINUM GLASS

PAPER

Everything else is TRASH!

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park



“Is it too warm to take my dog along today”

Warm weather can be a killer for a dog left inside a car. When it’s 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car – even with the windows cracked – can soar to 120 degrees!

Leaving a dog for “just a minute” may be too long! Dogs rely on panting and aren’t able to sweat. They can’t cool themselves like people and their body temperature can rise quickly. Dogs left in the heat can suffer severe illness, organ damage, or even death in a matter of minutes.

If you see a dog in a hot car: Try and locate the dog’s guardians and then notify a Park Ranger. If the dog is overcome by heat, wet the dog’s feet, coat it with water, and seek veterinary care immediately.

Why can’t I bring my dog on the Falls Loop Trail?

Your dog is a predator

- Its scent will linger and scare off wildlife
- Even the best trained dog will chase after a squirrel

Be considerate of your fellow visitor

- Not everyone enjoys dogs or feels comfortable around them
- Some people are intimidated by dogs—even friendly ones

Park Regulation, common courtesy, and good judgement all require that you take special care when bringing your pet to this natural area. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

Service Animals

Service Animals are trained to assist individuals with disabilities as they go about their normal lives. Service Animals are allowed and welcome on all trails and any areas open to the public.

A service Animal is one as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). An emotional support animal does not meet this definition and must follow all applicable rules.

Your Dog at the Park



General Dog/Pet Rules

- Must be on a leash and under control
- Are *NOT* permitted in buildings, on the beach, or on trails (except for Pioneer Cemetery Trail)
- Must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night
- *CANNOT* be left unattended at any time

Violations may result in \$400 citation

