

Alternative 4 Seamless  
Muir Woods NM  
Visitor Experience

Matrix Bullets:

Focus on connecting trail and transit systems between open space, parks, and communities.

Provide visitor opportunities and support through share information, regulations, facilities, and visitor services.

Consider decisions on desired and appropriate visitor opportunities in a regional context.

Provide stewardship activities that support resource management in a regional context.

Expanded Description of Visitor Experience for Muir Woods NM:

Visitor experience begins outside the Redwood Creek watershed at transportation hubs. Develop transportation hubs that connect possibly at north end of GG Bridge (Vista Point), Fort Baker, Sausalito, Manzanita, and or Dias Ridge (east side of Panoramic Hwy on GGNRA land).

Visitor services and support are provided at the hubs – restrooms, visitor/welcome center or warming hut, food service, sundry purchase opportunities, orientation, interpretive panels, printed resources/maps, films, planning aids, etc.

Concept is for visitors to prepare for their visit to MUWO before getting to the park – preparation includes both logistics of visit (how long to stay, what loop routes to take) and a preliminary cognitive/emotional connection to the prime resource (Coast Redwood ecosystem).

Requires trail connections from SF, neighboring land managing agencies, and gateway communities

Hubs are connected to existing and expanded public transportation on land and water. Ample parking at transportation hubs for limited stress to begin experience.

Orientation facility – various sizes to provide cultural/natural resource information and interpretive connections; maps/brochures/films; restrooms/food services/ possible staff/volunteers.

Shuttle bus trip has audio orientation (Antennae Theater approach) and or interactive experience with staff/volunteer to further prepare visitors.

At MUMO shuttle stop/depot – in view of entry arch that serves as portal to the Woods; outside depot has restrooms, benches, picnic area, covered waiting areas, locator maps/panels, possible vending service (food).

Visitor should have self-guided information from hubs and shuttle, but may have opportunity for scheduled tour options.

In-Woods: after entering archway portal to the woods, visitor should be prepared to leave the world of shuttles, asphalt, and exhaust to experience a primeval redwood forest (a sense of leaving the world behind and entering a cathedral-like atmosphere of quiet awe).

Trails will be one-way and use bridges (and top of grove) to define different loop opportunities. Trails off the main creek corridor would offer expanded wild options.

Loop trails will have self-guided interpretive stations to augment/support any printed materials – visitors may also encounter roving interpretive staff/volunteers as well as other park staff (maintenance, scientists, trail crews).

Trails in main corridor will be safe, ADA compliant, highly maintained. No bikes or horses or dogs.

Exit shuttle back to the hubs will continue the experience with audio program or opportunity for interactive dialogue.

Important that integrated shuttle system serves other agencies and connects with communities of Stinson Beach and Muir Beach.