



**Giant salamander:** This moist-skinned amphibian resembles a lizard and is generally found near the stream. Its wet, shiny appearance is due to its body covering which allows moisture to pass freely through the skin.

**California mole:** The presence of this burrowing animal can be noted by the small mounds of loose dirt encountered along the trails. Only 5 to 6 inches long, moles spend most of their lives underground hunting for worms and insects.

**Black-tailed deer:** These graceful animals are usually seen only when there is insufficient water or food on the higher hillsides. It is the lack of food in the monument rather than the presence of people that keeps the deer away.

**Winter wren:** A resident bird difficult to distinguish because of its small size and peculiar habit of constantly moving about the ground. One must look carefully to see it.

**W**hen Redwood Creek is swollen by winter rains, silver salmon and steelhead trout fight their way up rapids to spawning beds in the monument. Here the fish hollow pockets in the gravel and deposit their eggs.

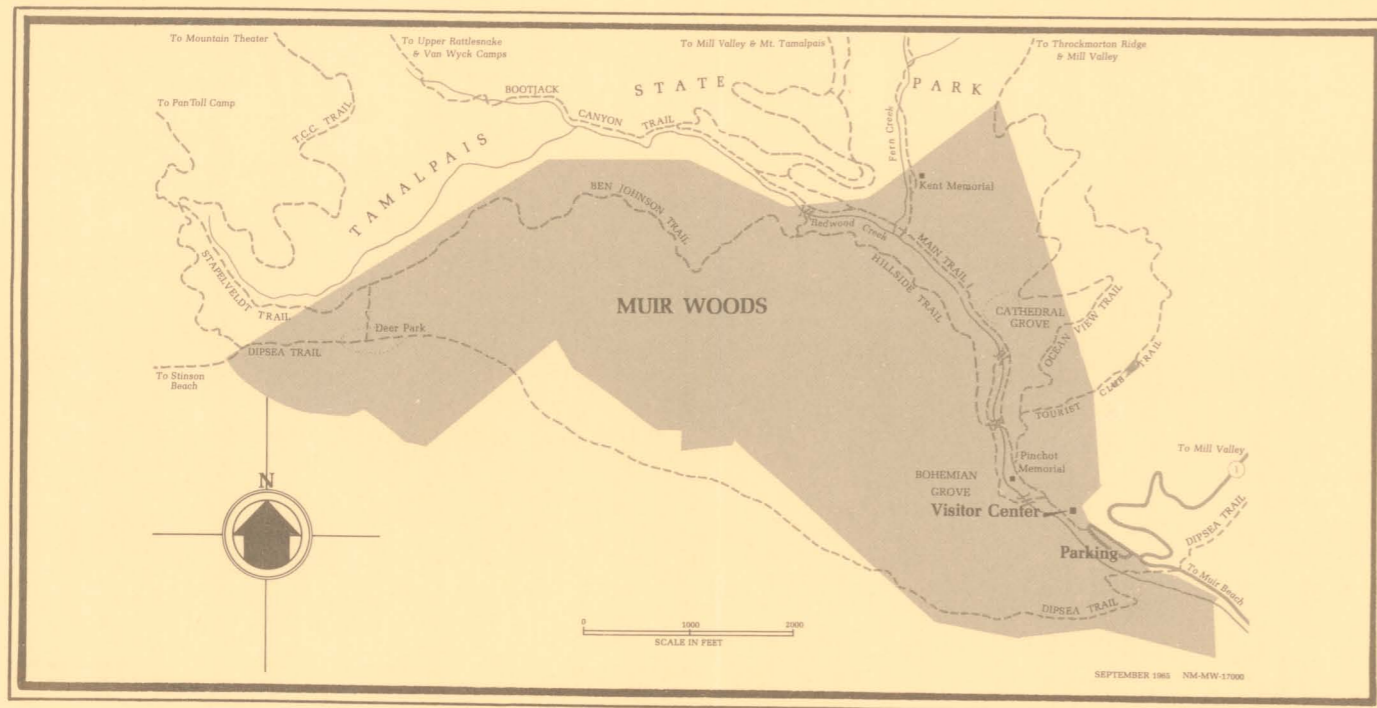
Water level in the stream will fluctuate during the spawning migrations. Its depth is dependent upon the amount of drainage from the hillsides after a storm. When water is low, the backs of the largest fish protrude above the surface as they splash through the riffles. During summer and autumn you can see young fingerlings moving about in the pools.

Silver salmon have an average life cycle of three years: one year in the stream and two years in the ocean. During the third year they return to the streams where they were raised to spawn and die.

Redwood Creek is closed to fishing within the monument because it is a vital spawning stream.



**T**his is the only stand of coast redwoods preserved in the National Park System. Congressman William Kent of Marin County, realizing the beauty and uniqueness of the trees and the value of their preservation, made this area a gift to the Federal Government to be preserved for all to enjoy. Mr. Kent asked that it be named in honor of John Muir (1838-1914), the noted writer, naturalist, and conservationist.



**LOCATION:**

Muir Woods National Monument is 17 miles north of San Francisco, and can be reached by highways U. S. 101 and Calif. 1. Sightseeing buses and rental cars are available to bring visitors to the monument from the city.

**MAY WE HELP YOU?**

Please contact the park rangers; they are here to answer your questions. You may visit the monument from sunrise to sunset. Plan on wearing comfortable walking shoes—not all trails are paved.

**PICNICKING AND CAMPING:**

There are no picnic or camp sites within the monument. However, facilities for both are provided in nearby Mount Tamalpais State Park at Boothjack Camp, Pantoll, and Camp Alice Eastwood (groups only) and also at Rock Spring, which is administered by the Marin Municipal Water District. Stinson Beach State Park provides picnic facilities only. Please build no fires in the monument.

**TO PROTECT YOUR PARK:**

Certain regulations provide for your continued enjoyment of Muir Woods. We ask that you: Keep your pets on a leash or under physical control at all times. Do not play your radio so loudly that it disturbs others around you. Park all bicycles in the parking area; do not ride on the trails.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Muir Woods National Monument, established on January 9, 1908, and comprising about 500 acres, is administered by the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. The National Park System, of which this area is a unit is dedicated to conserving the scenic, scientific, and historic heritage of the United States for the benefit and enjoyment of its people. A superintendent, whose address is Mill Valley, Calif. 94943, is in immediate charge of the monument.

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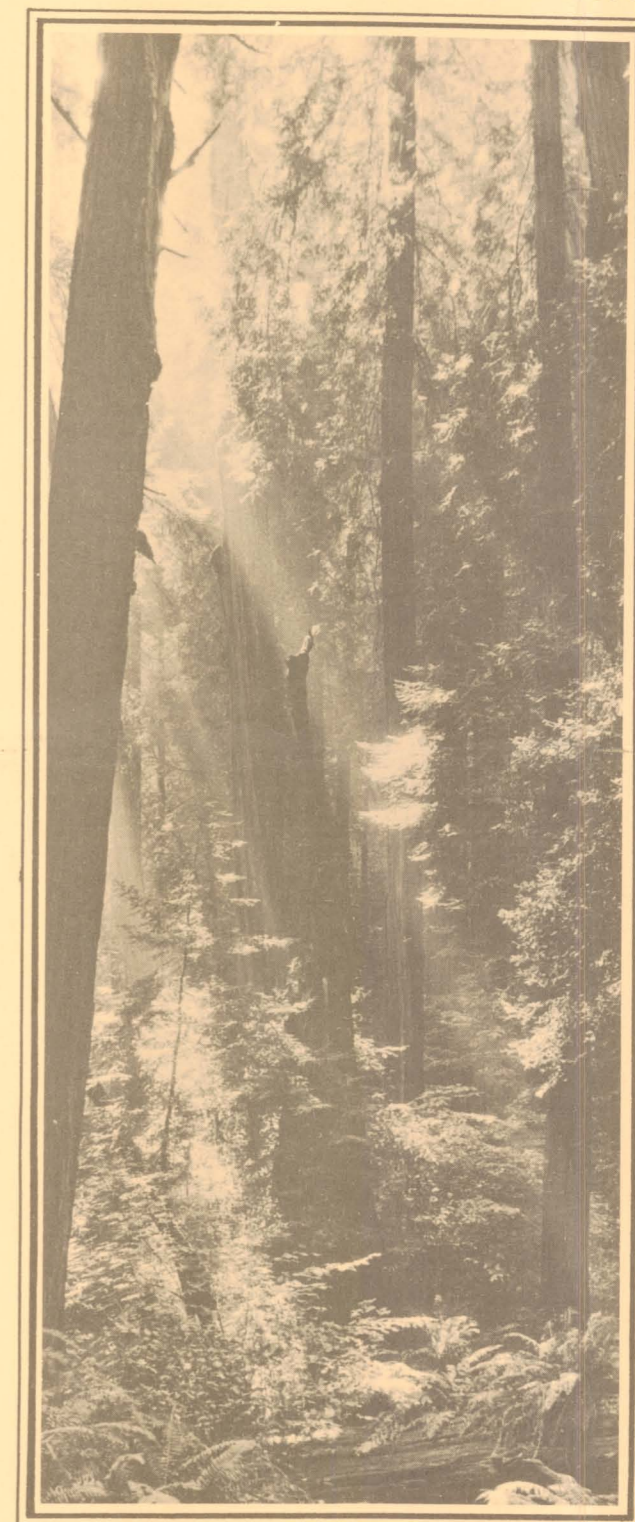


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