

Elam Backcountry Camp



Hikers and equestrians can camp at Elam backcountry camp, with nearby access to Redwood Creek. Equestrian access via Orick Horse Trailhead *only*.

Camp Amenities



Camp for hiker & equestrian use



Seasonal water, trough, and corral



Food lockers, fire rings, & picnic tables



Shared pit toilet

Camper Checklist: What You Need to Know



Access

- *When parking at trailhead, secure items of value and keep them out of sight; better yet, leave them at home! Lock vehicle doors, roll up windows, and engage anti-theft devices.*
- ~6 miles to camp from Orick Horse Trailhead; trailhead parking fee required: \$10 overnight; \$5 day use.
- Hikers/backpackers **only**: ~3 miles to camp from Redwood Creek Trailhead. *Note: Frequent vehicle break-ins at trailhead parking area.*
- Hikers/backpackers **only**: ~6½ miles to camp from Tall Trees Trailhead.
- Pets (with the exception of service animals) and bicycles are not permitted on trails or in camp.
- **Redwood Creek may be impossible to cross during the rainy season and/or during high flow stages; two bridges over Redwood Creek are only in place seasonally, usually June–September.**



Designated Sites

- Three (3) campsites available; maximum of eight (8) people per site.
- Camp **only** in designated sites.



Traveling with Horses & Pack Animals

- Pack animals—horses, mules, ponies, burros, goats, and llamas—must be fed pelletized or certified weed free feed.
- Animals may not graze park vegetation and must be hobbled or tied to a hitching post when unattended.
- Maximum of twelve (12) pack animals allowed for overnight use.
- Corral, trough, and (seasonal) non-potable water available in camp.



Disposal of Garbage and Human Waste

- Pit toilets for human waste only—do **not** dispose of garbage in toilets.
- Pack out all trash/garbage when leaving camp.



Food and Garbage Storage

- Store food, garbage, cooking gear, and all odorous items in food storage lockers.
- When cooking and/or eating, do not let wildlife access food and/or garbage.



Never Feed Wildlife (that includes birds, too!)

- It's illegal, and dangerous to you, other humans, and the fed animal.
- Keep a clean camp, store food and other smelly items responsibly, and properly dispose of all garbage—even crumbs!



Water

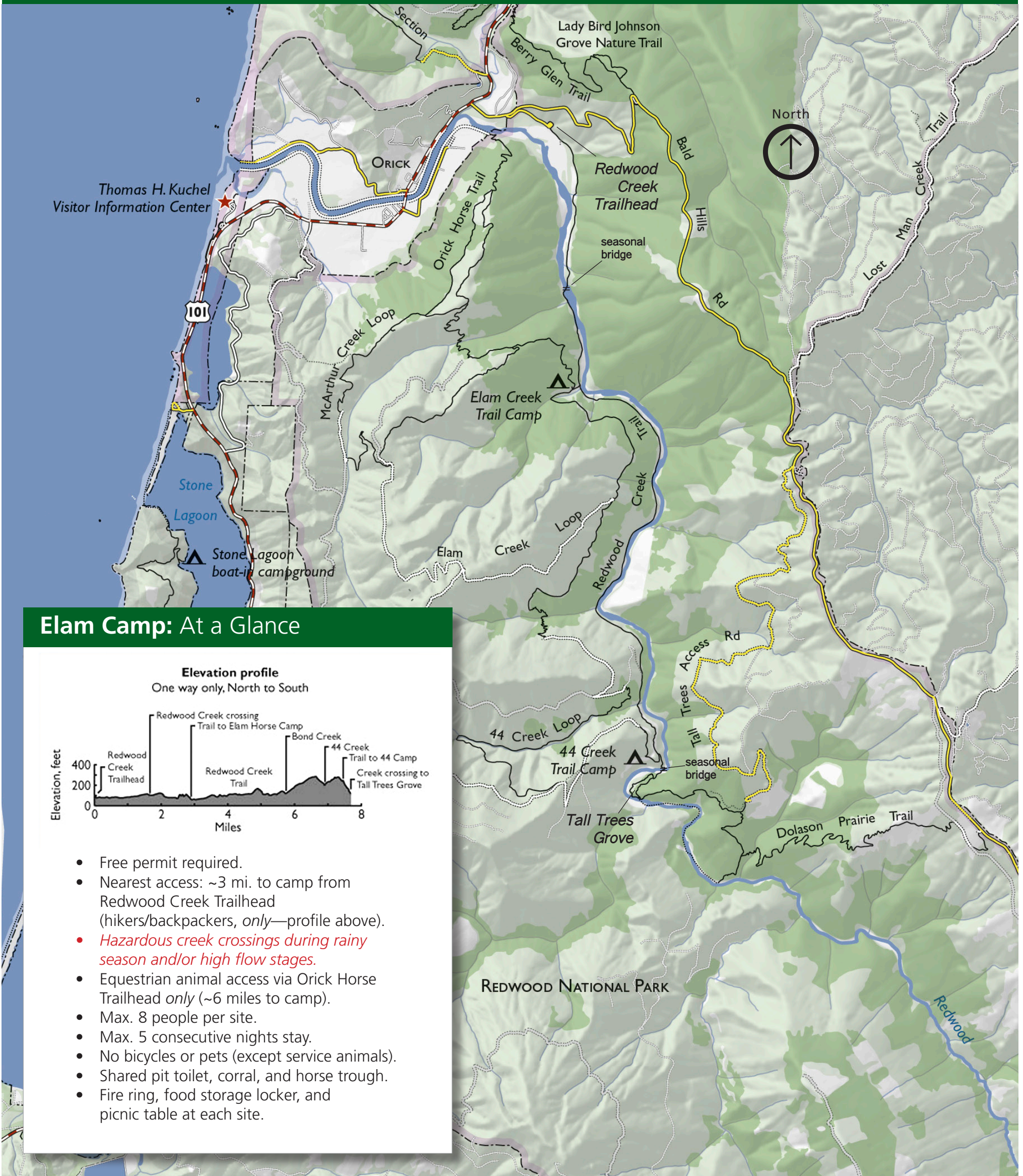
- No treated water source available—pack in drinking water or filter/purify water from Redwood Creek tributaries.



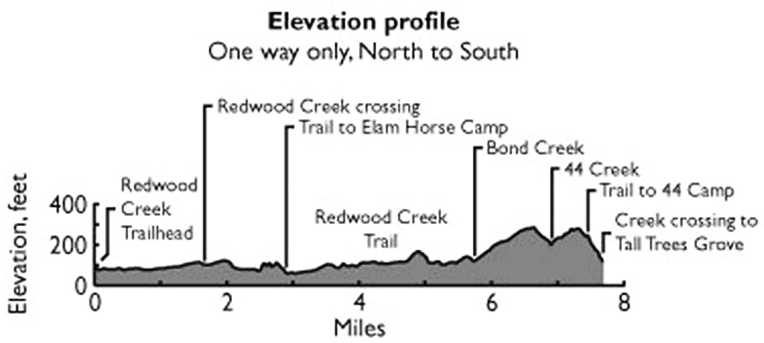
Fires and Firewood

- Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings, only.
- Up to 50 pounds of dead and downed wood (including driftwood) per day per campsite may be collected within ¼-mile of camp for campfire use only.
- Do not leave fires unattended or smoldering.

Elam Camp Map



Elam Camp: At a Glance



- Free permit required.
- Nearest access: ~3 mi. to camp from Redwood Creek Trailhead (hikers/backpackers, *only*—profile above).
- **Hazardous creek crossings during rainy season and/or high flow stages.**
- Equestrian animal access via Orick Horse Trailhead *only* (~6 miles to camp).
- Max. 8 people per site.
- Max. 5 consecutive nights stay.
- No bicycles or pets (except service animals).
- Shared pit toilet, corral, and horse trough.
- Fire ring, food storage locker, and picnic table at each site.

Camp Activities



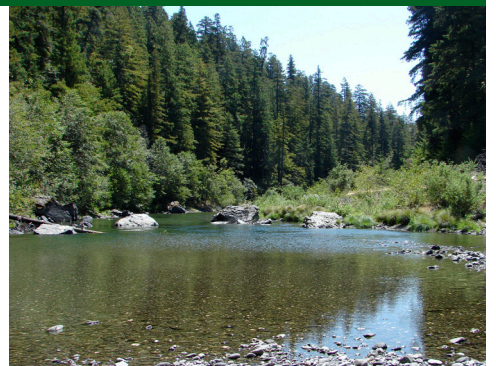
Over 20 miles of horse-friendly trails



Hike through old-growth forests



Fish Redwood Creek (by CDFG regs)



Redwood Creek swimming holes