



Bicycling in the Parks



A Unique Experience

Whether passing through an ancient redwood forest or along the stunning coastal strand, bicycling in Redwood National and State Parks can be an awe-inspiring experience. Bicycles are permitted on all public roadways open to vehicle traffic, as well as on designated backcountry routes (see below)—please help limit impacts to other trails by respecting areas where bicycles are not permitted.

Cycling Safety

Helmets

To prevent serious injury, please consider wearing a helmet. Helmets are *required* for bicyclists under 18 years of age.

Rules of the Road

Obey traffic regulations and park signs; alert pedestrians when passing. Make yourself visible to traffic in adverse weather and/or dark conditions.

Trail Courtesy

Bike slowly, maintain control, yield to hikers, and call-out as you approach. When sharing routes with horses, dismount and walk your bike past to avoid spooking them.

Camping with Bikes

See map on reverse side for campground and designated backcountry campsite locations.

Designated Backcountry Campsites

Backcountry camping with bicycles is permitted at two designated sites, only: Little Bald Hills and Nickel Creek (free; backcountry permit required). At the Nickel Creek Camp trail junction, you must dismount and walk your bike.

Developed Campgrounds

Hiker/biker sites are available at the Jedediah Smith, Mill Creek, and Elk Prairie campgrounds. Camping fees apply.

Designated Backcountry Bicycle Routes

Route / Trailhead(s)	Length (one-way)	Difficulty	Environment
Little Bald Hills ~6 miles east of Elk Valley Road (Crescent City, Calif.) on Howland Hill Road	5 miles on parklands; continues an additional 5 miles on USFS Paradise Trail	Difficult: Steep elevation gain from trailhead	Mixed conifers, open prairies.
Coastal Trail—Last Chance Section/ End of Enderts Beach Road, or milepost 15.6 on U.S. 101	5 miles <i>Note: Damnation Creek Trail closed to bicycles.</i>	Difficult: From Enderts Beach Road trailhead, very steep elevation gain south of Nickel Creek.	Coastal scrub, ancient coast redwoods, coastal views.
Ossagon Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway milepost 132.9	~1½ miles; combine with Coastal Trail, Davison Road, Strelow Creek, Davison Trail, and Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway for a 19-mile loop.	Difficult: Steep elevation gain from ocean side.	Ancient coast redwoods, Sitka spruce forest, ocean views.
Costal Trail—Gold Bluffs Beach Section via Ossagon Trail or Davison Road	3 miles	Easy	Coastal scrub, ocean views, Roosevelt elk (<i>Caution: watch for elk on trail!</i>).
Davison Davison Road at Elk Meadow Day Use Area, or south end of Elk Prairie Campground	3 miles; combine with Strelow Creek and Davison Road (steep) for a 7½-mile loop; Davison to Lost Man Creek trailhead: 2½ miles.	Easy	Second-growth (Prairie Creek section) and ancient (Elk Meadow Day Use Area) coast redwoods, Roosevelt elk (<i>Caution: watch for elk on trail!</i>).
Strelow Creek 4½ miles from U.S. 101 on Davison Road	3 miles; combine with Davison Trail and Davison Road (steep) for a 7½-mile loop	Easy	Second-growth coast redwoods.
Lost Man Creek 3 miles north of Orick, Calif. on U.S. 101, or 6½ miles west of U.S. 101 on Bald Hills Road	11 miles; combine with Bald Hills Road (<i>narrow & shoulderless; watch for trucks</i>) and U.S. 101 for a 20½-mile loop; connects to Davison Trail (see above).	Moderate: Some steep grades.	Ancient and second-growth coast redwoods.

