



Bicycling: Routes & Rules of the Road



A Unique Experience

Whether riding through an ancient redwood forest or along windswept beaches, bicycling in Redwood National and State Parks is awe-inspiring. Bicycles are permitted on all public roadways open to vehicle traffic, as well as on designated backcountry routes. The Elk Meadow Day Use area is a good hike/bike hub.

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. Near horses, dismount and walk your bike past them. Please respect that most park trails are not open to bikes.

Wildlife

Elk and bears are common here. For your safety never approach or harass wildlife.

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 only one designated site: Little Bald Hills (free backcountry permit required).

Developed Campgrounds

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

Electric Bikes

Rules Differ Across National Park and State Park Boundaries

E-bikes are allowed on bike trails that are completely within the boundary of Redwood National Park. However, California laws are different from federal laws. As a result, e-bikes are not allowed on Ossagon Trail, Little Bald Hills Trail, Coastal Trail: Last Chance Section, Coastal Trail: Gold Bluffs Beach Section.

Recommended 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, Streeelow 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.
Coastal Trail: Gold Bluffs Beach Section via Ossagon Trail or Davison Road.	3 miles	Easy.	Coastal scrub, ocean views Caution: watch for elk on trail.
Davison Davison Road at Elk Meadow Day Use Area, or south end of Elk Prairie Campground.	3 miles; combine with Streeelow Creek and Davison Road (steep) for a 7½-mile loop; Davison to Lost Man Creek trailhead: 2½ miles.	Easy.	Mostly second-growth forests and some old-growth redwoods. Caution: watch for elk on trail.
Streeelow 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.

