

The Friends Model Sustaining the Legacy of Our State Parks & Beaches



Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks

is an entrepreneurial nonprofit sustaining the legacy of our state parks and beaches. Through an innovative partnership with California State Parks, and by leveraging local community support, Friends funds educational programs, visitor services and capital projects. Founded in 1976, Friends supports local state parks and beaches in Santa Cruz County and coastal San Mateo County.

STATE PARKS & BEACHES

Año Nuevo | Bean Hollow
Big Basin Redwoods | Butano
Burleigh Murray Ranch
Cascade Ranch | Castle Rock
Castro Adobe | Coast Dairies
Dunes | Forest of Nisene Marks
Francis | Gazos Creek
Half Moon Bay
Henry Cowell Redwoods
Lighthouse Field | Manresa
Manresa Uplands | New Brighton
Natural Bridges | Palm
Pescadero | Pigeon Point
Pomponio | Portola Redwoods
Rancho Del Oso | Rio Del Mar
Roosevelt | San Gregorio
Santa Cruz Mission | Seabright
Seacliff | Sunset | Twin Lakes
Venice | Wilder Ranch

The Friends Model leverages collection of state fees with strong local support to significantly extend the reach of State Parks to provide excellent education and interpretation, visitor services, public safety and support. The model also funds essential capital improvements and maintenance, as well as environmental, cultural and historic stewardship. Developed by Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks in partnership with California State Parks, the Friends Model was introduced 29 years ago and is nimble, responsive and continuously improved – with new innovations being developed every year. 100% of net proceeds are invested in state parks and beaches.

