

Adopt-a-Trail Adopt-a-Campsite



Have you ever wondered what you can do to help Calaveras Big Trees State Park continue to be such a fabulous park, one that people visit year after year? Have you ever felt you'd like to help the park remain the exceptional camping and hiking destination it is? Well, here's your chance!

California State Parks manages more than 270 park units throughout California. These parks encompass nearly 1.3 million acres of land, 18,000 campsites, and 3,000 miles of trails. The recreational activities and unique outdoor experiences these parklands offer draw approximately 85 million visitors to California's state parks each year—200,000 to Calaveras Big Trees State Park alone.

With such high use, trails and campsites can quickly deteriorate if they don't receive proper care. That's where you come in. Concerned individuals, families, organizations and businesses can help us meet the challenge of maintaining trails and campsites.

Camping and hiking in our state parks is a fun and inexpensive way to get your family or organization to spend quality time in the outdoors. These activities contribute to the physical and mental health of park visitors and often become treasured traditions that people look forward to year after year. But the opportunity to take part in camping and hiking activities isn't something to be taken for granted. There are costs associated with keeping our camping and hiking facilities clean and safe.

The maintenance of campsites includes repairing and installing tables, fire rings, food lockers, restrooms and water faucets, as well as caring for parking pads and



installing parking barriers. Other responsibilities include rehabilitation of native vegetation, pruning and raking around the campsites, and installing and maintaining signs. Trail maintenance entails annual brushing and clearing, bringing trails up to state park standards, and installing and repairing bridges, turnpikes, rock walls and



ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE

With your donation of \$1,000—roughly the cost of maintaining a campsite for one year—you will be helping California State Parks provide quality camping experiences at Calaveras Big Trees State Park—one campsite at a time. In return for your donation, you will receive a certificate of appreciation (suitable for framing), a complimentary one-year membership in the Calaveras Big Trees Association (includes a subscription to the *Big Trees Bulletin*, discounts on publications in the Visitor Center, and opportunities to attend educational programs and social get-togethers). In addition, your name (or your organization's or business's name) will be placed on a donor recognition sign within the park for one year.* Please be aware that

participation in this program does not in any way reserve a particular campsite for your use or offer you preferential treatment in making reservations for sites.



drainage features. To make trails as useful to visitors as possible, we provide directional and interpretive signs and displays, develop trail guides and maps, reroute trails when necessary, and protect natural and cultural resources along trail routes. In addition, California State Parks has an ongoing commitment to make campgrounds and trails accessible to visitors with disabilities.

If you would like to help support these important activities, there is something you can do. Your donation to either the Adopt-a-Campsite or Adopt-a-Trail program will fund these important tasks and equipment. These programs are a joint venture between California State Parks and the Calaveras Big Trees Association.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

If you love hiking state park trails, you can now help keep them clean and well-maintained with your donation of \$500—the cost of maintaining one mile of hiking trail for one year. Contributions to this program will be used for trail maintenance in Calaveras Big Trees State Park and to purchase much needed trail supplies for the park. For your donation you will receive a handsome certificate of appreciation (suitable for framing) and a complimentary one-year membership in the Calaveras Big Trees Association. In addition, your name will be placed on a donor recognition sign within the park for one year.*

Participation in these programs does not involve actual maintenance work on your part. However, whether you choose to donate or not, you are always welcome to volunteer your time at the park, assisting with a variety of activities. There's always something to be done, and you're likely to have fun and meet great people in the process.

To adopt a campsite or trail segment, just use the tear-off form attached. If you have questions, contact the Calaveras Big Trees Association at (209) 795-3840.

* Names on the donor recognition sign are renewable each year.



The Calaveras Big Trees Association

(CBTA) was created in 1974 to assist and support interpretive and environmental education programs at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. CBTA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) association of individuals dedicated to preserving and promoting educational programs for Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Members of the CBTA are periodically sent information about seminars, nature talks, films, docent workshops and informative walks.



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Yes! I want to adopt a:

- Campsite at Calaveras Big Trees State Park in return for my \$1,000 tax-deductible donation.
- Trail segment at Calaveras Big Trees State Park in return for my \$500 tax-deductible donation.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on the donor recognition sign and certificate:

Mail this form along with your check, made payable to "Calaveras Big Trees Association," to the following address.

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