State Redwood Parks--Democracy At Work For All

FORESTS AND STREAMS OFFER RELAXATION AND RECREATION

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Everyone in Northern California knows—or has heard of—our 400,000-acre Redwood-Eel River Forest, and no one is more aware of its values than those of its devoted workers. The Eel River Forest Park is managed by the State of California, and is administered by the Division of Parks and Beaches. The Division's headquarters are located at Dunsmuir, a small town on the northern California coast, near the junction of U.S. Highways 101 and 96. The park stretches from the mouth of the Klamath River to the Oregon border, covering an area of about 1,200 square miles.

The park encompasses a diverse range of ecosystems, from coastal dunes and salt marshes to alpine meadows and high-elevation forests. It is home to a variety of wildlife, including black bears, elk, deer, and numerous bird species. The Eel River, which flows through the park, is a popular destination for anglers, and its waters support a variety of fish species, including steelhead and salmon.

In addition to its natural beauty, the Eel River Forest Park offers a wealth of recreational opportunities for visitors. Hiking trails crisscross the park, providing access to scenic vistas, waterfalls, and historic sites. The park also features camping and picnic areas, as well as facilities for horseback riding, mountain biking, and canoeing.

The park's proximity to the Redwood Coast region makes it a popular destination for those seeking a getaway from the hustle and bustle of city life. With its stunning natural beauty and abundant recreational opportunities, the Eel River Forest Park is a true treasure of the California coast.