



Skyline to the Sea Trail Camp Information



The Skyline to the Sea trail begins at Castle Rock State Park and ends at Waddell Beach in Big Basin Redwoods State Park, a distance of approximately 30 miles. There are also alternate routes available within both parks, which may provide scenic detours worth the extra effort! Refer to the list of maps on the back of this page to help you plan your trip.

Trail camps are extremely popular. Reservations are required. Trail camps are designated as en route camping, which means that you must stay in a different camp each night. **CAMPING IS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED TRAIL CAMPS ONLY!** No wilderness camping is available in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Fires and dogs are prohibited. It is recommended that you carry water. Some of the trail camps have potable water; refer to the chart on the back of this page for specific trail facilities. Smoking is prohibited anywhere within Castle Rock State Park. Bicycles are permitted only on fire roads in Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

To make reservations, call (831) 338-8861 between 9-5 Monday-Friday. We recommend that you use the mileage chart on the back of this sheet with your map, to plan your trip before you call the reservation desk. Reservations may be made up two months in advance.

Within five days of making your reservation, mail your reservation fee (\$8 for the first night of the trip, for up to 6 people) to:

Attn: Trail Camps
Big Basin Redwoods State Park
21600 Big Basin Way
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

to hold your campsite. Any pre-paid fees are non-refundable. A confirmation, with backcountry permits attached, will be e-mailed to you once we receive your reservation fee. These permits must be printed and brought with you. Campsite fees are \$15 per site (which includes up to six people and one vehicle per night) - and extra vehicles are \$10 each.

When planning your trip, be sure to allow enough time to reach your assigned trail camp before sunset! If you are being dropped off, bring your confirmation with you, and check in at your start point to pay your camping fees. (At Castle Rock or Rancho Del Oso, you should be prepared with exact change for the self-registration station.)

If you will be leaving vehicles in the parking lots, be prepared with exact change for the self-registration stations at Castle Rock and Rancho Del Oso. Please fill out the information on the front of the envelope and include the name of the reservation, plus your reservation number. Leave the stub on your windshield, and deposit the camping fees into the self-registration tube. Each reservation includes parking for one vehicle. Additional vehicles must register and pay the extra vehicle fees as posted.

At Big Basin, check in at Park Headquarters, where you will be directed where to park.

All vehicles must display a backpacking permit!

Castle Rock Parking Lot is located 2.5 miles south of the junction of Highways 9 and 35. Campers must park inside the gate.

Rancho Del Oso is on Highway 1, 7.5 miles north of Davenport. Use the gate on the north side of the creek and follow the road.

Big Basin Headquarters is located on Highway 236, nine miles from Highway 9.

Please: Camp stoves only, no dogs, no fires and don't wash in the streams.

State Park Trail Camp Rules and Information

1. Trail camps are open May 1 – October 30 by reservation only. For reservations call (831) 338-8861.
2. Trail camps are primitive. **Bring your own water** since Butano, Lane, Alder, Twin Redwoods, and Sunset trail camps do not have water faucets. We do not recommend consuming backcountry water, but if you choose to do so, we recommend using a filter that removes particles, bacteria, cysts and parasites larger than 0.2 microns.
3. **Hikers must be off the trails by sunset.** Please arrive early enough to reach your assigned trail camp by sunset. If you arrive after sunset, there is the possibility that you will not be permitted to go.
4. **No ground fires of any kind are allowed**, except in the metal rings at Castle Rock Trail Camp during WET SEASON ONLY! Backpack stoves may be used for cooking in all trail camps, unless otherwise stated.
5. No smoking on any trail or in any trail camp.
6. Do not wash your dishes or clothing in the creeks. Do not bathe in the creeks.
7. Bring an animal-proof container to store food or enough rope to hang your food from a tree branch.
8. No bikes are allowed on the trails. Bikes are only allowed on fire roads.
9. No dogs are allowed in the trail camps or on the trails.
10. No horses are allowed in the trail camps.
11. Campers must carry their Backcountry Permit at all times.
12. Camp in designated areas only and only in your assigned trail camp.
13. 6 people maximum per campsite.
14. Campers under 18 years of age must provide written permission from, or be accompanied by, a guardian.
15. In an emergency call 911 from one of the pay phones near a ranger station or from a call box on Highway 1 or Highway 9 and a ranger will be dispatched. It is unlikely your mobile phone will have coverage in the backcountry.

Trail Camp Mileage Chart	Castle Rock lot via Saratoga Gap Trail	Castle Rock lot via Ridge Trail	Castle Rock Camp	Saratoga Gap	Waterman Gap	Lane via Hollow Tree Trail	Jay (Big Basin HQ)	Sunset Camp	Twin Redwoods	Waddell Beach
Castle Rock lot via Saratoga Gap Trail	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.9	9.5	19.3	21.2	26.5	32.3	34.6
Castle Rock lot via Ridge Trail	0.0	0.0	2.7	5.8	9.5	19	21.1	26.4	32.2	34.4
Castle Rock Camp	2.8	2.7	0.0	3.1	6.7	16.6	18.4	23.7	29.5	31.7
Saratoga Gap	5.9	5.8	3.1	0.0	6.4	16.2	16.2	21.5	27.3	29.5
Waterman Gap	9.5	9.5	6.7	6.4	0.0	8.3	9.8	15.1	20.9	23.1
Lane via Hollow Tree Trail	19.3	19.0	16.6	16.2	8.3	0.0	5.8	11.1	16.9	19.1
Jay (Big Basin HQ)	21.2	21.1	18.4	16.2	9.8	5.8	0.0	5.3	11.1	13.3
Sunset Camp	26.5	26.4	23.7	21.5	15.1	11.1	5.3	0.0	5.6	7.8
Twin Redwoods	32.3	32.2	29.5	27.3	20.9	16.9	11.1	5.6	0.0	2.2
Waddell Beach	34.5	34.4	31.7	29.5	23.1	19.1	13.3	7.8	2.2	0.0

Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail Camp Mileage Chart	Castle Rock Parking via Saratoga Gap Trail	Castle Rock Parking via Ridge Trail	Castle Rock Camp	Saratoga Gap	Waterman Gap Trail Camp	Lane Trail Camp via Hollow Tree Trail (from HQ)	Lane Trail Camp via Basin Trail (from HQ)	Lane Trail Camp via Skyline to the Sea (from CR)	Jay Trail Camp (Big Basin HQ)	Sunset Trail Camp	Twin Redwoods Trail Camp	Alder Trail Camp	Waddell Beach
Castle Rock Parking via Saratoga Gap Trail	0.0	0.0	2.8	5.9	9.3	19.3	14.1	19.7	21.2	26.5	32.3	32.4	34.5
Castle Rock Parking via Ridge Trail	0.0	0.0	2.7	5.8	9.3	19.0	17.2	19.6	21.1	26.4	32.2	32.3	34.4
Castle Rock Camp	2.8	2.7	0.0	3.1	6.7	16.6	14.8	16.9	18.4	23.7	29.5	29.6	31.7
Saratoga Gap	5.9	5.8	3.1	0.0	6.4	16.2	14.4	14.7	16.2	21.5	27.3	27.4	29.5
Waterman Gap Trail Camp	9.5	9.5	6.7	6.4	0.0	8.3	17.0	8.3	9.8	15.1	20.9	21.0	23.1
Lane Trail Camp via Hollow Tree Trail (from HQ)	19.3	19.0	16.6	16.2	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	11.1	16.9	17.0	19.1
Lane Trail Camp via Basin Trail (from HQ)	14.1	17.2	14.8	14.4	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	14.0	19.8	19.9	22.0
Lane Trail Camp via Skyline to the Sea (from CR)	19.7	19.6	16.9	14.7	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	10.3	13.9	14.2	16.3
Jay Trail Camp (Big Basin HQ)	21.2	21.1	18.4	16.2	9.8	5.8	8.7	5.7	0.0	5.3	11.1	11.2	13.3
Sunset Trail Camp	26.5	26.4	23.7	21.5	15.1	11.1	14.0	10.3	5.3	0.0	5.6	5.7	7.8
Twin Redwoods Trail Camp	32.3	32.2	29.5	27.3	20.9	16.9	19.8	13.9	11.1	5.6	0.0	0.1	2.2
Alder Trail Camp	32.4	32.3	29.6	27.4	21.0	17.0	19.9	14.2	11.2	5.7	0.1	0.0	2.1
Waddell Beach	34.5	34.4	31.7	29.5	23.1	19.1	22.0	16.3	13.3	7.8	2.2	2.1	0.0