



Waterfall Hikes

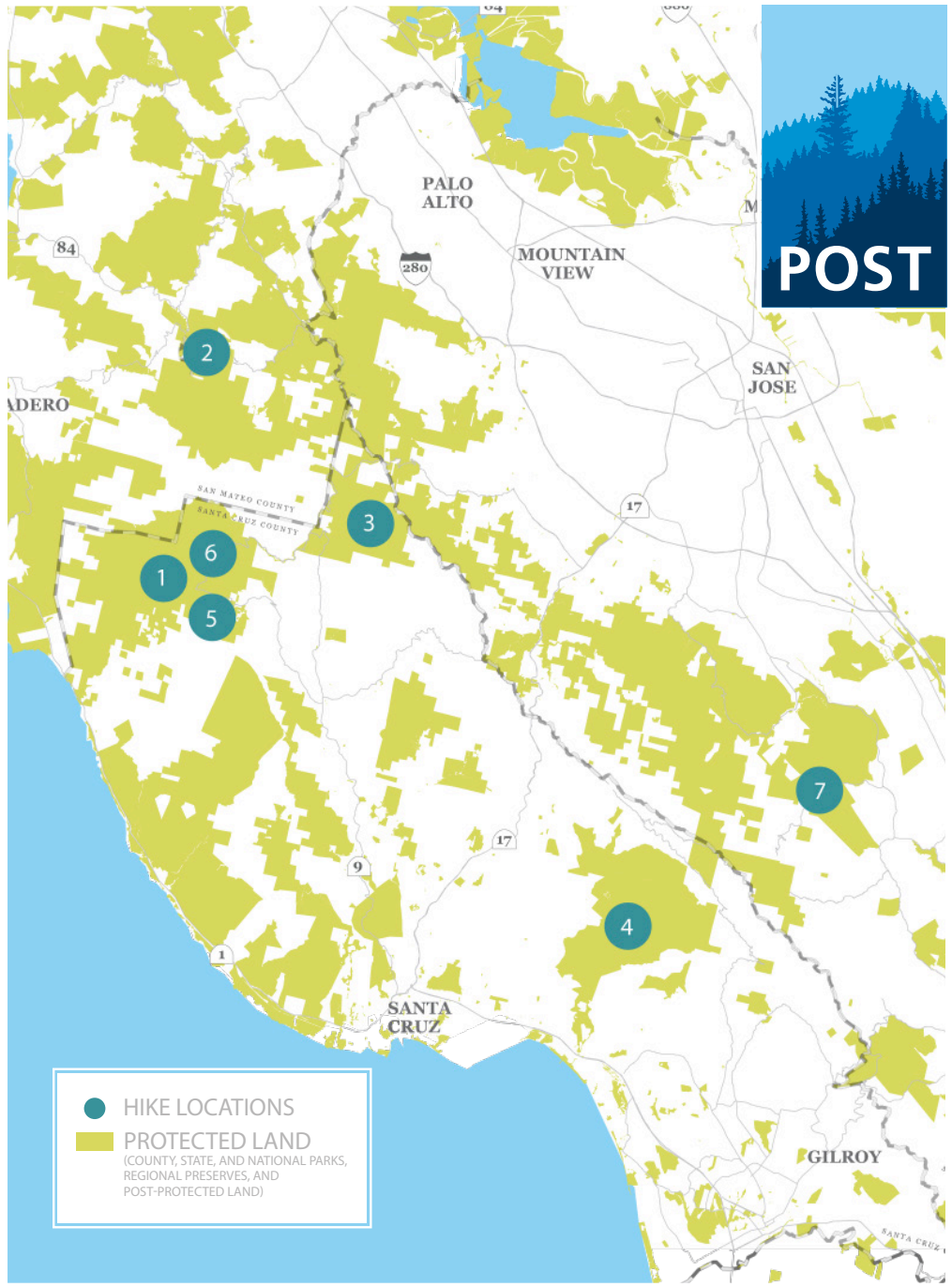
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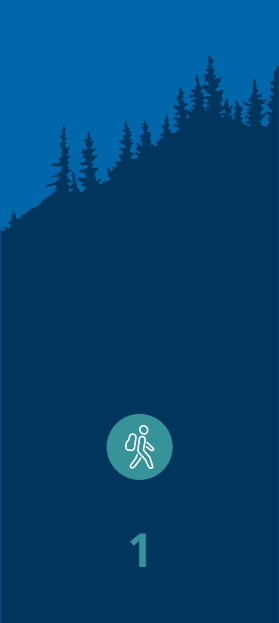
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Berry Creek Falls

Big Basin Redwoods State Park



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MILEAGE 9.5 MILE LOOP
ELEVATION 3,200 FT
SEASON ALL YEAR
ROUTE FROM THE PARK HEADQUARTERS, FOLLOW THE SUNSET TRAIL
 TO THE BERRY CREEK FALLS TRAIL AND SKYLINE TO SEA TRAIL

Big Basin is home to some of the biggest trees and waterfalls in the Santa Cruz Mountains. In the late spring, listen carefully for endangered marbled murrelets nesting near this waterfall.

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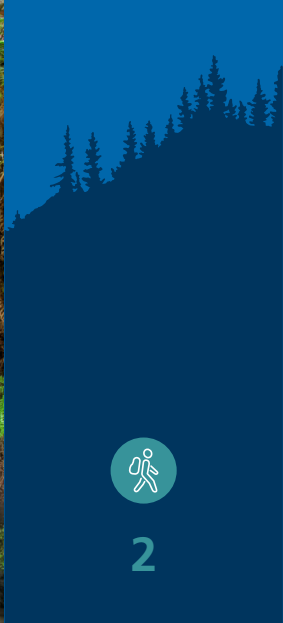
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Tiptoe Falls

Pescadero Creek County Park



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MILEAGE 1.2 MILES ROUND TRIP
ELEVATION 500 FT
SEASON WINTER, SPRING
ROUTE FROM THE PARK HEADQUARTERS, FOLLOW PORTOLA STATE PARK ROAD TO TIPTOE FALLS TRAIL. RETRACE YOUR STEPS

This short and relatively easy trail to Tiptoe Falls makes this hike enjoyable for the whole family. You'll find this waterfall on Fall Creek - a short, steep tributary of Pescadero Creek.

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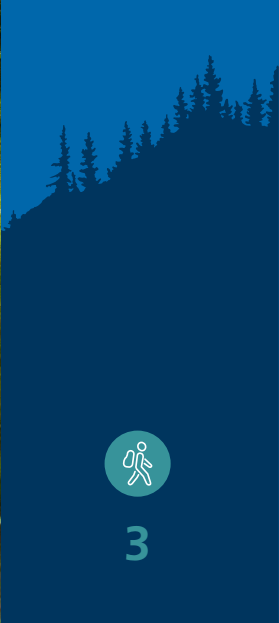
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Kings Creek Falls

Castle Rock State Park



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MILEAGE 3 MILE LOOP
ELEVATION 1,110 FT
SEASON WINTER, SPRING
ROUTE FROM SKYLINE BLVD, FOLLOW THE SARATOGA GAP TRAIL TO
 THE INTERCONNECTOR TRAIL AND RIDGE TRAIL

The tranquility found at Kings Creek Falls is just one of the many treasures found at Castle Rock State Park. Take time to explore and enjoy the sandstone formations, vibrant forest and sweeping vistas.

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Maple Falls

Forest of Nisene Marks State Park



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MILEAGE 10 MILES ROUND TRIP
ELEVATION 2,800 FT
SEASON WINTER, SPRING
ROUTE FROM THE PARK ENTRANCE, FOLLOW THE APTOS RANCHO TRAIL TO THE APTOS CREEK FIRE ROAD, LOMA PRIETA GRADE TRAIL AND BRIDGE CREEK TRAIL. RETRACE YOUR STEPS

Enjoy this park's dense redwood forest and deep canyons. In the summer months, the gate on the Aptos Creek Fire Road is open and parking is available at the Porter Family Picnic Area – shortening the distance to the falls by 2 miles.

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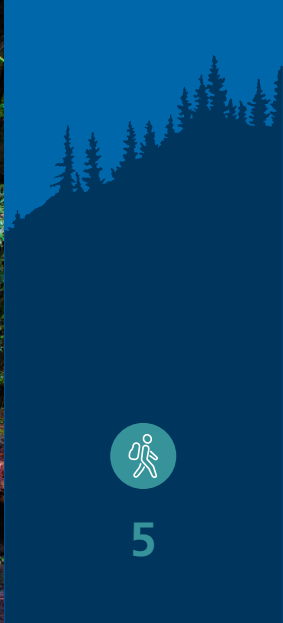
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Sempervirens Falls

Big Basin State Park

MILEAGE	3.5 MILES ROUND TRIP
ELEVATION	800 FT
SEASON	WINTER, SPRING
ROUTE	FROM THE PARK HEADQUARTERS, FOLLOW THE SEQUOIA TRAIL ALONG THE SKY MEADOW ROAD. RETRACE YOUR STEPS

If you're looking for a short, more or less level hike to a waterfall, this is the one for you. You'll also enjoy views of impressive old-growth redwoods and the sounds of nearby Sempervirens Creek.

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Silver Falls

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

MILEAGE 10 MILES ROUND TRIP
ELEVATION 3,100 FT
SEASON WINTER, SPRING
ROUTE FROM THE PARK HEADQUARTERS, FOLLOW THE SUNSET TRAIL TO THE BERRY CREEK FALLS TRAIL. RETRACE YOUR STEPS

Silver Falls is just upstream from Berry Creek Falls. However, the stream that feeds Silver Falls is much smaller, so be sure to visit in the winter or spring after a good rainstorm.

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Uvas Canyon Falls

Uvas Canyon County Park



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MILEAGE 3.2 MILE LOOP
 ELEVATION 1,200 FT
 SEASON ALL YEAR
 ROUTE FROM THE DAY USE AREA, HEAD TO THE WATERFALL LOOP TRAIL, ALEC CANYON TRAIL AND CONTOUR TRAIL

**Park closed until April 1, 2018. This loop hike leads you to Black Rock Falls, Basin Falls and Upper Falls. Swanson Creek flows through the dry season most years, but visiting in the spring when the creek's at high flow is the best time to experience each of these falls.*

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