

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

Our state parks are a source of pride and inspiration for Californians and visitors from around the world. The California Department of Parks and Recreation manages these natural and cultural resources to support climate resilience, protect habitats and promote their important ecological functions, and to create space for people from all walks of life to spend quality time in nature.

California is home to the nation's oldest and largest state park system, with 280 destinations across diverse landscapes. State parks offer many meaningful ways for Californians to connect with nature, reap the benefits it offers for the heart, mind, and body, and become stewards of our shared lands.

Today, we celebrate the opening of California's first new state park in a decade – Dos Rios, in the San Joaquin Valley. Located just eight miles from Modesto, the park offers new outdoor recreation opportunities for Central Valley communities, provides habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife, and advances the state's innovative efforts to combat the climate crisis using nature-based solutions.

Access to state parks, the coast and public lands throughout the state is fundamental to healthy and vibrant communities. State parks and outdoor programs provide spaces for Californians to strengthen their understanding of and relationship with nature while creating invaluable opportunities for families and communities to connect with each other.

From redwood forests to sun-drenched deserts, the iconic coast and unforgettable natural wonders throughout the state, I invite all Californians to explore the many fun and fulfilling experiences these treasured places have to offer in every corner of California.

NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 12-16, 2024, as "California State Parks Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of June 2024.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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