

Backcountry Camping Permit

Austin Creek SRA Backcountry Camping

This Backcountry Camping Permit must be kept with one of the campers in the party at all times.

The under signed and their party are authorized to camp at the following backcountry site (circle one):

Tom King Mannings Flat #1 Mannings Flat #2

Beginning Date: _____ to End Date: _____

Number in Party: _____

Fire Ban in effect: YES NO

By signing this permit you agree to all the camping regulations contained in this brochure, as well as the following terms:

- Camp only in designated campsite.
- **Check-out time is Noon on End date above.** You must vacate your camping site by this time.
- Stay off private property.
- Stay on designated trails.
- There is a maximum of 16 people allowed per site.
- No dogs (except certified service dogs), no motor vehicles, no hunting, no fishing equipment and no firearms are allowed in the backcountry.
- No fires are allowed outside designated campfire rings. **If fire ban is in effect, no fires of any kind are allowed (not even in fire rings).**

Signature of responsible party: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

This special permit is issued by Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods at the Armstrong Redwoods entrance station or the Stewards/Volunteer office (9-3 weekdays). Call or email for more information. (707) 869-9177 or stewards@mcn.org. **This permit is MANDATORY and must be kept with you at all times.**



Austin Creek State Recreation Area (SRA) is 5700 acres and is adjacent to Armstrong Redwoods SNR and accessed through the same entrance. Its open woodlands, rolling hills and meadows offer a strong contrast to the dense, primeval redwood forest below. Here you will discover deep tree-lined ravines cooled by year round streams; grassy hillsides burnished golden by the heat of summer sun and turned emerald by plentiful winter rains; oak capped knolls that seem to float like islands on lakes of lowland fog; and rocky mountaintops that offer glimpses of the Pacific Ocean. A paradise for the hikers and equestrians, Austin Creek rewards the explorer with twenty miles of trails and panoramic wilderness views, back-country camping, and Bullfrog Pond Campground (accessible by vehicle). The park's rugged topography, with elevations ranging from 150-1500' in elevation, offers a sense of isolation from the accustomed sights and sounds of civilization.

This wilderness area is home to a rich diversity of native animals and plants. The springtime wildflower displays, grasslands, chaparral, conifer, oak woodland and riparian habitats of Austin Creek SRA are home to a wild range of native animals and bird life. Several aquatic species live in Bullfrog pond and in the many streams in the park. Permits are required for back country camping and must be purchased prior to camping.

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Fees:

- The base camping fee is **\$25.00 per night**. Seniors (62+), disabled and veterans pay \$20.00 per night. This includes up to 16 people in one site and one vehicle. Additional vehicles will each be charged **\$8.00 per night**.

Regulations:

- There are **NO RESERVATIONS** for backcountry camping. Campsites are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Camping registration usually takes place at the entrance kiosk of Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve. You may also register at the Volunteer Office (see Armstrong Redwoods brochure for location) Call or email Stewards for more information (707) 869-9177 or stewards@mcn.org.
- There are 3 backcountry campsites:
 - Tom King
 - Manning's Flat 1
 - Manning's Flat 2
- The park is open 8AM to 1 hour after official sunset all year. **Please register and be in your campsite before the park closes.**
- Juveniles (under 18) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Dogs are **NOT** allowed at backcountry camping sites, or on any trail. If you want to camp with your dog, please enjoy Bullfrog Pond Campground.
- Quiet hours: 10PM to 6AM. Please respect quiet hours.
- Carry out all trash, including all food waste.
- Please Do Not Feed any wild animals.
- Horses are allowed at backcountry camping sites.
- Bicycles are allowed on the fire roads but not on any trail.
- Fishing is not allowed in any stream.** Fishing is permitted in Bullfrog Pond (Bullfrog Pond campground) with a valid Fishing License. Swimming in the pond is not recommended.
- A fire ban may be in effect from time to time depending on weather conditions. **No Campfires** of any kind are allowed during a fire ban (not even in a campfire ring).
- Downed wood can be collected for firewood, but no cutting of any tree is allowed.
- All campsites have a picnic table and a fire ring.
- You need to filter all water before using it for drinking or cooking.
- Keep your horse tethered 100 ft from any water source. Keep them on trails or in the campsite.

Campground Map

