



PROP. 21 – THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS INITIATIVE

State Parks Are A Vital Legacy To Be Protected

From the vast stretches of sandy beaches along California’s magnificent coastline to the towering redwoods and much-needed recreational areas in the state’s bustling centers, California’s 278 state parks, which include state beaches and state historic parks, are priceless public assets and a vital legacy for our children and grandchildren. California boasts the most expansive state park system in the nation, which attracts 80 million visits every year.

KEY FACTS



THE PROBLEM

Our State Parks are Chronically Underfunded and Falling Apart

California’s state parks have suffered draconian funding cuts and have been forced to live on a budget rollercoaster. The repair backlog tops \$1 billion and it’s growing.

- Roofs and sewage systems leak
- Restrooms not cleaned regularly
- Bridges collapsed & trails washed out
- Fewer lifeguards on duty
- Buildings badly deteriorated
- Crime in parks more than doubled

Once considered to be the best in the country, California’s state parks now rank among America’s most endangered sites because of chronic underfunding.

Parks Closed & More Budget Cuts on the Horizon

State parks were on the verge of completely shutting down twice in the past two years. Only a last-minute budget reprieve kept most parks open, but they are being starved of funding. Nearly 150 state parks were shut down part-time or suffered deep service reductions because of budget cuts, and more park closure proposals and budget cuts are expected this year.



THE SOLUTION

Trust Fund Will Keep Parks Open and Protect Wildlife

Prop. 21 - The California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act, a statewide ballot measure slated for the Nov. 2 election, will create the stable and adequate funding needed to keep state parks open and conserve critical wildlife.



CALIFORNIANS GET FREE, YEAR-ROUND PARKS ADMISSION

Prop. 21 will give California vehicles **free, year-round day-use admission to the state parks** in exchange for a new \$18 vehicle license fee, which will be specifically dedicated to state parks and wildlife conservation.



"Our magnificent state parks are in peril, struggling under slashed budgets and deteriorating conditions. Prop. 21 will restore stable funding for parks and ensure families can enjoy them for generations to come."

— Elizabeth Goldstein, President, CA State Parks Foundation



Investing In State Parks Strengthens Economy and Californians' Health

Our parks...

- Attract millions of tourists
- Create vital jobs
- Boost local and statewide economies
- Clean the air and water
- Encourage exercise and healthier lifestyles
- Protect critical California resources and history



Early Supporters Include

- Audubon California
- CA/NV Conference of Operating Engineers
- California Action for Healthy Kids
- California State Conference of the NAACP
- California State Lifeguard Association
- California State Park Rangers Association
- California State Parks Foundation
- California Teachers Association
- California Travel Industry Association
- Latino Health Access
- Save the Redwood League
- The Nature Conservancy
- The National Trust for Historic Preservation

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join our coalition of supporters and learn how to get involved by visiting our website, www.YesForStateParks.com or calling **818.760.2121**.

