



California coast south of Crescent City.

Photo by Judy Fleagle

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

AMERICA'S WILD RIVERS COAST runs from Northern California into Southern Oregon, an area known for natural beauty on a gigantic scale. The coastline from the Klamath area to the town of Smith River offers the grandeur of the redwoods, unspoiled and secluded beaches, and majestic rolling rivers. There is no mistake about it, California's Del Norte County is recreation oriented. The Smith and the Klamath rivers are known for their fishing. The redwood groves of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park along Hwy 199 and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park along Hwy 101 between Crescent City and the Klamath area offer unforgettable hiking and camping and amazing scenery while driving.

KLAMATH

Located in the center of the Redwood National and State Parks, the Klamath area has miles of pristine beaches and many lodging choices—camping in the redwoods, RV parks, bed and breakfasts, motels, and rustic resorts. This is the southern end of America's Wild Rivers Coast.

Coastal Drive/West Klamath Beach Road is a scenic loop that winds along the Klamath River to its mouth, then up to Flint Ridge for ocean views from High Bluff. A picnic area with wheelchair access offers a nice respite. Turn west just before crossing to the north side of the Klamath River, then

return by Alder Camp Road. Trailers and motorhomes are prohibited on certain sections of road.

At the **Tour Thru Tree**, most cars and pickups can drive through the huge, living redwood tree. From Hwy 101, take the Terwer Valley exit onto Hwy 169 and follow signs.

Trees of Mystery has been a prominent attraction to the area for more than 50 years. A giant Paul Bunyon and Babe the Blue Ox greet visitors at the entrance. Hike the forest trail, ride the gondola, and visit the museum.

CRESCENT CITY

Named after the crescent-shaped bay the town borders, Crescent City is the gateway to outdoor adventure. Several state and federal parks are located nearby, including the Smith River National Recreation Area. The visitor center for the Redwood National and State Parks headquarters is a good place to stop before heading into the redwoods. Charter fishing, scenic trips, and tackle are offered at the harbor on the south end of town.

Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, beginning 4 miles south of Crescent City, has several thousand acres of old-growth redwoods and 8 miles of wild coastline. The park borders Hwy 101 for 11 miles with turnouts to redwood groves and trails.

Battery Point Lighthouse, which can be reached on foot at low tide, has several historical displays.

Ocean World has a 500,000-gallon aquarium and many opportunities to see marine life, as well as sea lion performances.

Elk Valley Casino offers gaming experiences amid towering redwoods.

SMITH RIVER

This small town has been dubbed the Easter Lily Capital of the World. About 90 percent of the country's Easter Lilies are grown around this area.

Lucky 7 Casino entertains with slots, blackjack, and bingo.

Ship Ashore Museum, on Hwy 101, is a 1925 luxury yacht that houses American Indian displays, pioneer artifacts, and natural history exhibits.

Pelican State Beach, about 7 miles north of Smith River, is a small, secluded beach with grand vistas and uncrowded beach walking.

Crescent City Area



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