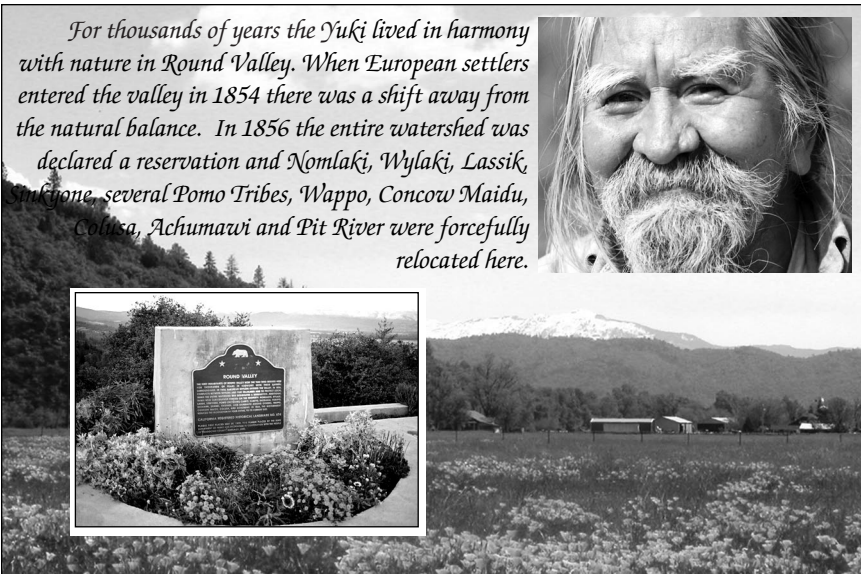


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For thousands of years the Yuki lived in harmony with nature in Round Valley. When European settlers entered the valley in 1854 there was a shift away from the natural balance. In 1856 the entire watershed was declared a reservation and Nomlaki, Wylaki, Lassik, Sukiyone, several Pomo Tribes, Wappo, Concow Maidu, Colusa, Achumawi and Pit River were forcefully relocated here.

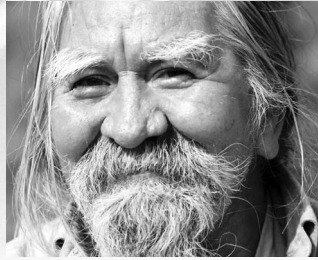


Photo by Denny Lopiano

Above: Spring in Round Valley with snow on the mountains and California poppies in bloom. Top Right: Tribal elder Coyote passes down ancestral stories. Lower Left: Round Valley marker explains the interaction of 1800's European settlers and Native Americans.

ROUND VALLEY

One of the more beautiful drives through a sparsely populated river valley is the drive from Longvale to Covelo and then beyond into the Yolla Bolly Middle Fork of the Eel River Wilderness. This route is not for the squeamish as the blacktop hugs the edge of steep gorges and crosses high above the Eel River over several modern bridges. The scenery is spectacular and during the summertime the waters of the Eel River are very inviting. Highway 162 parallels the Northwest Pacific railroad tracks as it winds its way through a rocky river valley of steep ridgelines, chasms and gorges teeming with deep swimming holes, shallow gravel bars, rapids and cold black railroad tunnels. At Dos Rios two modern cement bridges span the gorge - one continues on to Covelo on Highway 162 and the other turns back toward Laytonville by way of remote Dos Rios road. There are no services at Dos Rios. The trek back to Laytonville on Dos Rios road is quite an adventure. I recommend you travel during the day so as to take in the spectacular scenery and for safety reasons. (Call boxes are along Hwy 162, but not along Dos Rios Rd.) To drive this road for the first time by night can try the nerves of even the most experienced drivers. Do not trespass off the road unless accompanied by a local who knows the area - too many things can go wrong. People have been killed and eaten here by bears and mountain lions.

Past Dos Rios Highway 162 eventually leaves the railroad and river behind and climbs to meet the stars. After several miles of heavenly panoramas, Round Valley emerges after a sharp turn and a lush flat of agriculture the locals call "Nature's Hideaway" emerges below. The 25,000 acres of Round Valley is the largest piece of flat land in Mendocino County and borders the million acre wilderness of Mendocino National Forest. The middle fork of the Eel River and its tributaries produce fine winter salmon and summer steelhead runs. The river also provides some of the finest white-water rafting and wilderness swimming in California.

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SCENIC DRIVE / HWY 162:

Exit Highway 101 at the Longvale / Highway 162 exit (located 12 miles north of Willits or 10 miles south of Laytonville) and drive east along scenic Highway 162 into Dos Rios, Covelo, Black Butte, the Mendocino National Forest and Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness Recreation Area.



Photo by Denny Lopiano

Rainbow over Highway 162.

COVELO RESTAURANTS - LODGING

\$\$ **Black Butte Country Store**, 34985 Etsel Ridge Road, Covelo, CA. 95428, 983-9434; Email: blackbutte@saber.net \$ **Drake Inn Cafe**, 76290 Commercial Street, 983-8141, \$\$\$ **North Fork Cafe**, 76365 Covelo Rd., Covelo, 983-8014.

FRESH ORGANIC PRODUCE

\$ **Covelo Organics** Tom Palley 983-9195; \$ **Live Power Farm** 25451 East Lane Steve & Gloria Decator 983-6023 / 8196; \$ **Peaceful Glenn** John & Coleen Trinterud 983-6327.

HEALING ARTS

\$\$\$\$ **Tree of Life Healing Arts Center** Crystal Rae 983-6353; **Native American Herbalists** Debra Hutt and Mona Hutt 983-6529

ANNUAL EVENTS

Blackberry Festival, Mother's Day and Labor Day Rodeos. See: www.covelo.net or do a search.

INTERNET ACCESS

Round Valley Library
76405 Covelo Rd., Covelo
983-6736 M-F 10am - 5pm
Round Valley Resource Center (R.V.R.C.)
76300 Grange St., #3
Covelo, CA. 95428
983-9117 Open 10am-4pm
In June Marie Building

Several Indian tribes inhabit Round Valley including the Concow/Maidu, Littlelake Pomo, Nomlaki, Pit River, Pomo, Wailaki and Yuki. Herds of buffalo and cattle graze in and around Covelo. The town of Covelo sets 1,340 feet above sea level and consists of 3 markets, 2 snack bar drive-ins, 2 service stations, the Wagon Wheel motel and the North Fork Cafe (open weekends 76365 Covelo Rd., 983-8014). Owner Denny Lopiano serves fresh fish, steaks and vegetarian entrees on the weekends. A wide variety of services are available in and around Covelo. Events in Round Valley include the annual Blackberry Festival (mid August), the Labor Day Rodeo and on July 4th there is the "big camp" with the Native American tribes.

The Covelo District Ranger Station is located east of town on Hwy 162. Wilderness maps, free campfire permits and info on Mendocino National Forest, Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness, Snow Mountain Wilderness, and Six Rivers National Forest is available. Camping is free.

Located at the south entrance to Covelo are the 17 clean and cozy rooms of the Wagon Wheel Motel. Bargain rates are from \$55/2 at this pet friendly motel. Amenities include hot showers, color TV (4 channels), micro wave, refrigerator and outdoor BBQ's. Owners Ralph and Connie want to sell - so call them.
WAGON WHEEL MOTEL 75860 Covelo Rd., Covelo, 95428
Major Credit Cards www.roundvalley.org (707) 983-6717



200 Mendocino Coast Hwy 162 / Covelo

Thirteen miles east of Covelo on Highway 162 is the tiny settlement of Black Butte which sets on a small plateau overlooking the conjunction of the Black Butte River and Middle Fork of the Eel River. The only service before thousands of acres of wilderness is the Black Butte country store, laundromat, gas pump and RV campground (which is for sale and in transition as of summer 2005). Full RV hook-up was \$25/night and car or tent camping \$10 per night / 2. You can call or write Black Butte Country Store at (707) 983-9434, 34985 Etsel Ridge Road, Covelo, CA. 95428. Proprietress Terri Boyer usually opened the store from May 1 - October 31st and served home baked BBQ'd chicken, burgers, ribs and delicatessen food as well as "gas, beer & ammo to locals and co-ordinates group retreats for people who love vegetarian food, country scenery and night time stars. You can also camp at the Forest Services Eel River Campground across the street which offers picnic tables, fire pits, drinking water and outdoor toilets only. There is swimming and hiking along both rivers, but watch out for star thistle and rattle snakes. To get to one of several trail heads in the Yolla Bolly Wilderness you can drive 28 more miles northeast from Black Butte to Indian Dick where primitive campsites, outdoor toilets and a spring box for collecting drinking water awaits. Be sure to bring a water filter, fire starting kit, plenty of provisions and warm bedding for cool summer and fall evenings. Star watching here is like being in heaven.

COVELO COWBOYS and INDIANS LIVE and LOVE SIDE by SIDE

With the millennium there has been a new migration of people to Round Valley and Covelo. Almost all of the property has been bought up and as of 2005 hundreds were engaged in growing medical marijuana. With the climax of the next growth stage, Covelo will eventually evolve into a land-locked Point Reyes Station in Marin County with a mixed population of Native Americans, ranchers and creative entrepreneurs. The wound between the Native Americans and pioneer rancher families has softened and is healing by the bond created when more of each others children fall in love, partner and raise families not influenced by the turbulent past of their ancestors. Healing is vital and the mix can become the ingredients to create a sustainable community of co-operation and mutual gain absent the shortcomings of hunger, homelessness and unemployment. A win-win scenario in partnership with nature in the Native American tradition coupled with holistic entrepreneurs incorporating their gifts around personal sovereignty can become a honest and genuine model than the we are living in now. I pray that



"Conscious Tourism" will play a role with visitors and locals gainfully interacting, each bringing their gifts to the table, out of love and mutual respect for one another.

Masut beef cattle are raised by Bobby Fetzer and his sons Ben & Jake. Their ranch is also home to the largest living live oak tree. The cattle are managed by Ben and the vineyards by Jake. This pre-maturely born calf is being nurtured back to health with his mother in a private stall. Masut is the name of a Pomo Tribe and means dark rich mother. Bobby Fetzer was mentored by Masut Pomos Bob & Edgar Jackson. Edgar was the chief of the Masut tribe. Bobby's brother John Fetzer named his family winery after the Pomo tribe Ceago which means deep green valley. See www.masut.com

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NORTH FORK CAFE



The North Fork Cafe family - Tekla, Yanick, Mischa, Chelsea, Lennon and Denny Lopiano



The galactic hub of a community is often the culinary bridge that springs out of it. The North Fork Cafe fills the bill of faire in tiny, but feisty Covelo, where Native Americans, cowboys, farmers, growers and entrepreneurs enjoy the warm and unpretentious stage set by Denny & Tekla Lopiano. All enjoy the quality selection of fresh caught wild fish, organic vegetables and herbs, range fed beef, chicken, pasta and vegetarian entrees. Quite a story could be written about Tekla and Denny - she is a singer with a gorgeous voice and Denny is a veteran chef with roots that run deep at famous farm and cow country restaurants in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Emphasis is on fresh seasonal organic and wild foods. Denny is also a mycologist who makes mushroom soup out of wild king bolette, chanterelles and morels which he naturecrafts from the wilds around Covelo. For first timers I recommend the teriyaki chicken with fresh spinach salad. Save the remains of Grandma Tekla's North Beach Bohemian salad dressing to dip the slabs of homemade bread in. The spring prima vera pasta with snow peas, asparagus tips and morels is delicious. For dessert there is lemon cheese cake or chocolate mousse and in-season wild blackberry pie.



Wild mushroom soup made of naturecrafted King Bolette and grilled wild King salmon with organic vegetables are a few of the delicacies Chef Denny Lopiano prepares.

Photos by Denny Lopiano

During winters the dining room is dry heated with a large centrally located wood fired stove (don't sit too close). The pizzas at North Fork are huge and laden with fresh vegetables, Feta cheese, home smoked wild salmon, sun dried tomatoes and red onions. The Happy Howard special pizza is a little bit of everything, but not to much of anything - but order it and watch your hungry eyes bug out. A dozen California wines made from organically grown grapes are poured by the glass or served by the bottle. Denny and Tekla know how important it is to serve "salmon friendly wine". They "get it" that their, Coveloans and your resources are the very best when kept pure and raised in harmony with nature. This North Fork adventure is open from 5pm with gourmet pizza to go.

\$\$ NORTH FORK CAFE
California Country Cuisine & Pizza

76365 Covelo Rd., Covelo, CA. 95428
Open Wed.-Saturday (707) 983-8014

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Lynette bottle feeds "Buck", who is now almost fully grown.

WILDERNESS FAMILY COVELO

Lynette and Bruce were towing a load of firewood off Hammer Horn Mountain east of Covelo when they spotted a freshly killed doe on the road. They stopped and a new born fawn walked right up to them. "We had spotted a large bobcat 2 miles before the doe and knew the fawn would probably be its next meal," Lynette explained. "Raising wild animals was nothing new to Bruce," Lynette went on, "So I wrapped the tiny newborn fawn in a blanket, loaded him in our jeep Cherokee with our dogs and held him on my lap as we drove back down the mountain. Our dogs, Bebe King, Elvis Pestley and Ripper, our working cow dog, started licking off and babying this tiny fawn from the get-go. We named him "Buck". After three months of nursing him on goat collustrium four times a day we could feed him grain, pears, bananas, apples, grapes and his favorite "Captain Crunch." Buck and Ripper sleep together every night. We love watching Buck chase butterfly's in our sunflower garden. "Bruce has a tough time lining up his sights on any deer," states Lynette. "Eventually we will take Buck to our mountain cabin retreat where no hunting is allowed and he can sleep in the barn on the hay with our cows and horses. Buck loves our horses and dogs and we love Buck."



TREE of LIFE WELLNESS CENTER

Covelo is blessed to have a truly talented group of healers, who by the way understand the link between personal sovereignty, healing and justice. At the Tree of Life Holistic Wellness Center, Crystal Rae and a very supportive team of nutritionists, healers and therapists help you restore a balanced biochemistry and optimal health to your body. Our bodies have the enate ability to address the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs if given the proper nutrition. Certified herbalists, massage therapists use a variety of techniques including aromatherapy, plant spirit therapies and botanicals, flower essences, Thai massage and acupressure.

\$\$\$ TREE of LIFE HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTER (707) 983-6353

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEDIATION SERVICES

In the healing arts we say "the brighter the light - the darker the shadow" Perhaps no where in Mendocino County is this statement more valid than in Round Valley. With the painful genetic memory of native American massacres still on the minds of the indigenous population and decendents of settlers the time and place for an organization embracing restorative justice is perfect. Old timers will tell you that the cure always grows near the ailment. Such is the case with the work Dane Downing and a dedicated group of para-legals and counselors are doing in Mendocino County. Blessings and rapid healing to all involved.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEDIATION CENTER

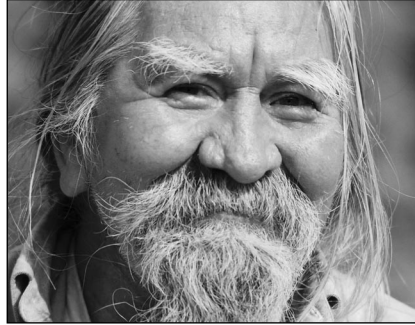
Counciling, Mediation, Justice www.rvrcenter@pacific.net (707) 983-9117

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COYOTE: Tribal Elder and Spiritual Guide

In a remote valley north of Covelo is the home of a small band of Native Americans known as the Kenneste. They were raised on the headwaters of the North Fork of the Eel River. This pristine valley is the home of Coyote, a tribal elder for the Wailaki tribe. He possesses the stories and knowledge handed down by tribal ancestors for 1,000's of years. His great grandmother

and mother named him after coyote for his ability to disappear and become the trickster, teaser and trouble-maker. We believe you earn a name and you are given a name at birth. "I am more like a wolf than a coyote", states Coyote. I have spent time with the wolf and know it well. There are 28 sub species of wolves and some are in the wild and some are in captivity. "Once I was at a reserve where there was an injured coyote that no one could



approach. I sat still for over two hours as the coyote circled me - coming closer and closer. Finally I threw a mint leaf as a gift. If the coyote rolls in it he accepts it and will offer a gift back. We silently communicated back and forth (telepathically). He rolled on the mint leaf. Finally he came to me and extended his paw. I pulled a big thorn out of his foot. In return he gave me a pair of pliers as a gift."

Coyote has a long history of being in battle. First as a youth struggling to survive, then as a Army paratrooper during the Korean war, then at the occupation of Alcatraz, then at Wounded Knee (Pine Ridge) with Leonard Peiliter and other famous warriors and now at Round Valley in his continuing battle for Native Sovereignty. Coyote is often a guest speaker at national and international gatherings. He has degrees in Museum Management, Community Development and the Fine Arts.

I asked Coyote what happened to us and he replied, "For tens of thousands of years there was a ongoing continuity to natural life and process. In the last 500 years it has met with interference." What happened? "The old story is that one time there was some children who disagreed with their parents and tried to institute some changes in their lives and ran away from home and they came here to the Americas - Central, South and North America. This story came to me in ceremony. There is no I or me in the vocabulary of our people; it is only we and us for the last 500 years. There are those that follow the ways of church and state and the other segment is the ones that still follows the order of natural life. Our conflict is with those that are in opposition to the natural order and Native American sovereignty. For the past 30 years I have been pursuing the economical and environmental health of my people and the land.

Coyote creates Native American jewelry and is a charismatic speaker. If you would like to support his efforts by purchasing his jewelry or host Coyote at your gathering you can contact him by writing:
Coyote, P.O. Box 846, Covelo, California 95428.

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HWY 101: LAYTONVILLE The "Highest Town" (Elevation 1,650 feet) On Redwood Highway

Cradled by the richly timbered Coast Range Mountains, Laytonville was settled in the beautiful 12 mile long, Long Valley. Mountain people abound with individuality and Laytonville is no exception. The community is unincorporated, and the beauty of Long Valley makes it a perfect setting for retirement. The growing family will find a progressive Laytonville Unified School District.

The spirit in which Laytonville was founded in 1874 by Frank B. Layton is still alive with many independent thinking business people.

Laytonville offers several restaurants, motels, grocery stores and shops to explore. There is also a BioDiesel fill-up point just south of town. Look for the sign. Many Laytonville business's serve organic foods.

As you enter town from the south you'll notice the RV campground, **Chief drive-in** and the first of 3 motels. Overnight accommodations can be booked at the **Cottage Motel** / 984-6480 or the **Townhouse Motel** / 984-8492. The **Laytonville Inn** was one of the most longevitous coffee shops and cafes on the Redwood Highway - it is now **Two Fat Guys Pizza**. A nice place to eat in town is the **Rose Garden Deli** located next door to **Strider Realestate** at 44901 Hwy 101 - 984-8412. This cafe is exceedingly popular among the locals. Sandy Smith serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hearty country cooking, old fashioned homemade desserts, generous deli sandwiches and a variety of hot and cold beverages are served.

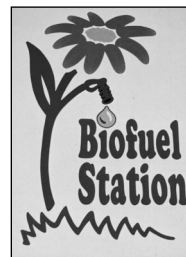
Near the heart of Laytonville is **Albert's**, (at 44851 Hwy 101 N., 984-6624) once a gas station and now an oasis to take a rest at. This casual rest stop comes complete with landscaped picnic area with waterfall and shade trees, restrooms and huge mural map painted on the exterior. Inside is a mini store (opened sporadically) with snack food, handmade local crafts, jewelry, wood carvings, and pottery. Picnic tables are always there.



TOP: Billboard on Hwy 101 north.

BOTTOM: Sacred prayers and petroglyphs near Laytonville.

The **Laytonville Farmer's Market** is hosted at the Good Food Store 2pm - 5pm on Sunday May - Oct.

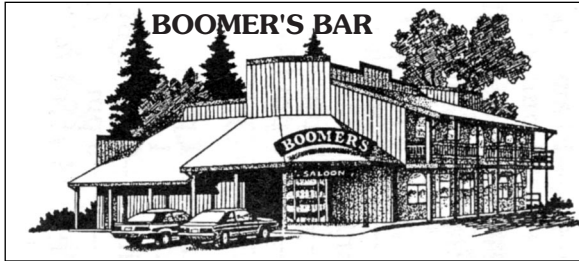


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Three point four miles west on the Branscomb Road is **Mendocino Magic Resort**. This picturesque valley setting boasts 2 lakes and 9 ponds teeming with over a dozen varieties of game fish. Its a wonderful environment to teach someone to fish or practice your fishing skills while catching dinner. Proprietress Stacy Holland states, "You would have to go to Canada or Alaska to catch the type of fish we have." In the large catch and release trophy lake you can reel in 3lb to 15lb Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, German Brown Trout, Steelhead, or Big and Small Mouth Bass using barbless hooks and flies. You can catch, purchase and eat Brook and Rainbow Trout, Big Mouth Bass, Sturgeon and Cat Fish. Mendocino Magic Resort is a private retreat facility that can be reserved by groups and families on a recreational basis. 3000 Branscomb Road, Laytonville, CA. 95454 (415) 435-5658 Reservations & Info.

North of town is the famous **Black Oak Ranch** and home of **"Wavy Gravy"** and **Camp Winna Rainbow** for kids. Several events are hosted each year including a large drum circle for peace and herb festival. www.campwinnarainbow.org

The large gold letters that spell out BOOMER'S at the north end of Laytonville mark the location of one of the most luxurious watering holes on the Redwood Highway.



Boomer's big screen and horse shoe bar connect Long Valley's buckaroos and loggers to the rest of the world. Proprietors Sheila and Bob Larson created a classy San Francisco style bar with the drinking area shaped like a horse shoe.

The original Boomer's was built by Boomer and Martha May Kelton in 1931 and was a working man's bar and rough house. Today's Boomer's is a 2 story 6,000 square foot building that is as civilized as a new pair of silk stockings. Red oak and Honduras mahogany bar tops, custom made doors and trim, walls lined with historic photographs and a charming hearth made of rocky mountain gold sheet rock creates a warmth that encourages relaxation. Cool and dark in the summer and warm and cheerful in the winter, Boomer's is always ready to please your taste buds with a custom blended drink, chilled glass of wine, piping hot coffee beverage, mineral water or soda. Boomer's special is lime sherbet and gin. Sporting events dominate the big screen (and I mean big screen) and breaking news stories alert locals to possible ripple effects to Laytonville. If there is a big snow, earthquake, power outage or revolution everyone will meet up at Boomers for drinks and instructions. Sunday night is movie night. Treasured souls are honored with a Boomer's wake - towels cover the cash registers and drinks are on the house as locals state epitaphs honoring the deceased. Shiela and Bob encourage responsible drinking, using designated drivers and point out local lodging. Future plans include a restaurant and special appetizers for travelers. Boomer's is open from business from 12 Noon to 2:00 am daily. Cash and travelers checks are accepted.

\$\$\$ BOOMER'S BAR
Modern Bar and Lounge

45020 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA. 95454
(707) 984-6534 Information

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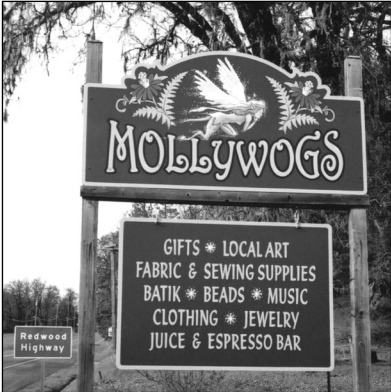


GOOD FOOD STORE

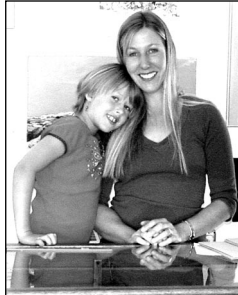
The Good Food Store serves just that - Good Natural Foods! Health minded travelers are always looking for a health food store that is conveniently located along their route. The location is perfect for easy-off Highway 101 and into the store's parking lot. The geomancy of the building is a class act of a 70's gas station going karmically full-tilt to become a organic health food store.

Proprietress Helen Alfonte is very concerned about the environment and does her best to insure patrons get the freshest and most nutritious "full of life" foods possible. The coolers and store isles overflow with seasonal organic produce (when possible from local farms and gardens), supplements, bulk herbs for winter or summer teas and medicinals, fresh squeezed juices, and fresh made health food snacks and sandwiches to keep you strong and alert whether driving, biking or hiking the north coast. Be sure to try the fresh baked organic cookies.

\$\$\$ THE GOOD FOOD STORE 44850 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA.
 Natural Foods Store Open Monday - Saturday (707) 984-6118



MOLLYWOGS



Lori and daughter Zoe

Driving this remote area of northern California can make you thirsty for a delicious organic coffee drink or fresh squeezed veggie or fruit juice smoothie. You can also check your email, surf

the net and experience socially conscious gift buying at Mollywogs just 1 mile north of Laytonville. This artistic oasis was created by Lori Ellis with the help of kindred spirits Joleen, Dianne, Roger, David and Ronny. They love to help visitors to Mollywogs find the perfect gift. High quality organic snacks, hot or iced mochas, fresh squeezed juices, wheat grass and herbal teas can be enjoyed in the gallery setting or on the outdoor deck amid the flower and herb garden. An abundance of windows let the sun radiate a soft glow on the vibrant Batik paintings, original wood carvings, Buddhas and locally crafted and imported jewelry. There are also imported crafts and fabrics from Bali, India, Africa, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru. Gifts created by the sweetness that flows from the hearts of rural artists can make a lasting impression. You will love Mollywogs.

\$\$\$ MOLLYWOGS Box 47, 45501 N. Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA
 Organic Coffee Drinks, Fresh Squeezed Juices, Gifts, Clothing & Jewelry
 Open daily 8am to 6pm (707) 984-7173 Events/Info

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BRANSCOMB ROAD: WESTPORT to LAYTONVILLE



BRANSCOMB GENERAL STORE

A real treat is to tumble out of the woods on a dirt road built like a washboard into the logging camp of Branscomb and devour a bowl of Toni Cameron's homemade chili or clam chowder at the historic Branscomb Store. No doubt a treasure to Mendocino County is Toni's recipes. Its no wonder the men at the mill look so well fed. As the jaws of the Letro Stacker pick up 20 tons of timber adjacent the stores front porch, your jaws are enjoying some of the best homemade soup you have ever had in your life. Its a paradox to be in such remote setting and be enjoying such good soup. "On soup day we clean out the ice box - make it thick and make it taste good - thats the only secret I have," states Toni.

The Branscomb Store is fully stocked with hot and cold beverages, groceries, basic camping needs and supplies for everyday life in Branscomb. If you need something else then Laytonville is 13 miles to the east. Toni makes everything from memory with daily variations of clam chowder, Mexican chili, split pea soup, lasagna, oriental salad, potato salad, pasta salad and char broiled chicken.

Big trucks kick up Branscomb dust as they thunder past. Cats that smell like skunks from last nights free-for-all in the recycling bins wander out from beneath the front porch beams and into the sunlight to air out. Steamy little vapor trails radiate off their fir. Beefy mill workers line the front porch at lunch time with smiles on their faces. Locals get real curious if you start snooping around and asking questions. They even remember your face a year later and that you parked your car behind the bushes across from the store. Everyone is entertained.

One of the best parts about getting there is the drive through the forests and mountains. Nearby is Admiral Standley State Park, which contains some of the county's largest and most accessible redwood trees. Be careful around blind corners, for big logging trucks full of tons of timber go full tilt boogie to the mill.

\$ BRANSCOMB GENERAL STORE Box 224, 14322 Branscomb Road,
 General Store, Groceries, Homemade Food Branscomb, CA. 95417
 Cash, Travelers Checks, ATM & Lotto (707) 984-6606 Open daily

HARWOOD PRODUCTS LUMBER COMPANY

The story of Harwood Products is a story of pride. Pride in their product and pride in their people. Harwood Lumber Company is a small family owned mill which enjoys a fine reputation both locally and throughout California as one which cares about the forest, their neighbors, employees and customers.

As the North Coast's leading family-owned wood products firm, Harwood Products has experienced steady growth in Redwood and Douglas Fir lumber production while serving as a model practitioner of environmentally sensitive silviculture. Reforestation was a company policy long before it became a state requirement.

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208 Mendocino Coast Branscomb Rd. / Branscomb



A responsibly logged forest enhances wildlife habitat, cleans fish runs for returning salmon and steelhead, reduces fire hazard and provides for recreation.

Now in its third generation the Harwood mill was started in 1953, and is located in tiny Branscomb, in the northwestern corner of Mendocino County. In this area the lowercase "h" Harwood logo symbolizes not only the area's largest employer, but a deep pride in the Harwood's philosophy of commitment to their staff, community and the environment.

The mill, a computerized manufacturing complex, produces 133 million board feet of Doug Fir and Redwood annually, with an occasional cutting of White Fir and Pine. Setting Harwood apart, is their ability and willingness to fill customized orders.

In addition to manufacturing, the company has an aggressive timber acquisition program, buying private, state and federal harvesting contracts. Tree planting is constantly carried out by Harwood foresters over lands they

have logged and special care has always been given to returning harvested lands to their pre-harvest condition. As a matter of fact the feeling one gets from seeing a site logged over by Harwood is that they are tending a Victory Garden much like you or I would garden at home, picking what we need for today's meals, but having the vision to put some away for the future. Minimizing environmental impact is always the forester's top priority.

Tours of the Harwood Lumber Mill usually last 2-3 hours. It is a fascinating process that doesn't just end with the trees being milled and stacked, but continues every day with the responsible managed forest flourishing after being thinned and manicured. The Harwood family is respected for the vision they incorporate into their sustained yield policy. Harwood is committed to putting the principals outlined in their **VISION STATEMENT** into their day to day business operations. Stop by the front office for a copy of **HARWOOD'S VISION** and Leadership Statement, which is a model for any CEO or future leader.

HARWOOD PRODUCTS LUMBER CO. Box 224, 14322 Branscomb Rd.,
Tours of the Mill and Forest by Appointment Branscomb, CA. 95417
Information: (707) 984-6181 / 1-800-441-4140 Fax: (707) 984-6631

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THE GREAT ESCAPE

Increasing numbers of individuals, couples and groups are putting together their survival and retirement destinations where they can live life in harmony with nature in self-sufficient communities respecting the earth for all the abundance and healing powers she possesses. Newfound health-oriented lifestyles are full of daily activities such as tending the garden, hiking or horseback riding in



between time spent on the computer or telecommuting with clients 100's of miles away.

Elbow Room! In the 1800's the uniquely American slogan was, "Elbow Room!" When you can see the smoke from your neighbor's chimney, its time to move on," cried Daniel Boone. Such motivation hasn't been heard in a long time. One real estate broker, Lorne Strider, began to think of Daniel had a truth there while he was stalled in a freeway gridlock, choking on someone's smoggy tailpipe. Enough! There has got to be more to life than this!

Heading north up the coast highway into ecotopia, he stopped when he came to the last wild river in America and discovered it was for sale. Possessing a libertarian philosophy and a membership in Nature's Conservancy (famed for buying endangered lands) it came as no surprise to him that private property preserved the best places of natural wonder. Since the parks that belong to everyone are over-run and decaying, he saw a way to bring a few people out of the city to enjoy and conserve forest, river and redwood lands that the owners were willing to sell to new conservators.

Almost everyone has dreamed of living on a farm, in the mountains, or by the sea, but the big question always comes up - how to continue to be productive and earn money? How to continue urban business relationships in a remote area? The technology of the 90's has given us the power to be free from skyscrapers, urban grime and crime, freeway traffic and the down side of all that comes with corporate and entrepreneurial success. Many of Lorne Strider's clients are telecommuters. Most of their business is conducted over the telephone, via the computer's modem and the fax machine. As a matter of fact some of Lorne's rural landowner clients spend less than 5% of their time face to face with their clients; while others invite them up to the "Ponderosa" to do a little business after a swim in the river or ride on one of the horses!

The industrial revolution caused intense migration to the cities and the world was transformed, but today, telecommuting is sending the industrial revolutionaries scattering, and again the world is transformed. Besides improving their own lives, telecommuters are helping to reduce clogged freeways, urban congestion and smog by commuting electronically. Since telecommuters use less resources (indeed some are off-the-grid and energy self sufficient) they are environmentally beneficial, and because work and home are the same, families work together, sharing values and goals.

\$\$\$ STRIDER REALESTATE Ranches and Retreats

For a brochure or video on Lorne Strider's Ranches and Estates write:
 P.O. Box 554, Laytonville, CA. 95454 or visit www.striderrealestate.com
 strider@men.org Fax: (707) 984-6633 or call (707) 984-6644

210 Mendocino Coast**Hwy 101 / Laytonville & Leggett****RIVER'S RUN LODGE**

The new owners of Big Bend Lodge have renamed their destination River's Run Lodge. They provide a retreat where guests relax comfortably away from their usual locale to a place woody, tranquil and secluded; but for a reasonable price. Guests bring only food, drink and clothing to the season.

Rooms from \$75 are located a mile from the highway in the Eel River gorge where guests can fish (salmon or steelhead), swim, hike, bike or just relax; children, pets and adults are taken by the wild, free beauty of this place where we roast marshmallows at the campfire, dine at a BBQ or warm up at a cottage fireplace. In winter there is rafting, kayaking and boat launching is available. Your hosts Kerri and Joan provide a safe and cozy setting in the midst of South Fork of the Eel River wilderness. www.riversrunlodge.com

\$\$ RIVER'S RUN LODGE Box 111, Leggett, CA. 95455. Hike, Swim, 3 Miles North of Cummings Fish or Relax. (707) 984-6321 Res. Advised

**STONEGATE VILLAS**

Conveniently set off Highway 101, yet quiet and secluded in a garden setting with love birds and fountains are the 9 units of Stonegate Villas. Owners Tina and Mike Halfhill, who herald from a sophisticated wine country lifestyle in the

Napa Valley, operate this clean and tasteful motel. The setting seems more like a spiritual sanctuary and indeed local Buddhists and Church clergy value the Stonegate Villas for retreats and workshops. Modest rates are from \$49/2 per night with 5 of the rooms with fully equipped kitchens and the guest house can accommodate 2 couples and 1 single for \$100 per night. Sorry no pets. Bring a good book as there are no distractions like phones or TV's in the rooms. There is a picnic area with wicker furniture, hammocks, BBQ's and shaded and sunny areas to relax or sunbathe in. On the Drive-Thru Tree road, which runs parallel to Hwy 101, are two historic stone bridges which stand as high off the creeks as the Golden Gate Bridge is off the ocean. Panoramic vistas of forestland and the Eel River are most inspiring.

\$\$ STONEGATE VILLAS 65260 Drive-Thru Tree Rd., Leggett, 95585 Motel Rooms stonegatevillas@saber.net (707) 925-6226 Res. Advised

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LEGGETT: Crossroads to the Redwood Empire and Pacific Ocean

Leggett boasts a post office, two general stores, a motel, gas station and the seasonally open **Janice's Redwood Diner**. The Redwood Diner serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hungry patrons can choose between chicken, vegetarian, fish or beef entrees with soup or salad. Nearby is the world famous **Chandelier Drive-Thru-Tree** and **Confusion Hill**. To the north and south are accommodations including rooms and suites at the 1st class **Stonegate Villas Motel** and **River's Run** fishing lodge. Two miles north is **Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area** and across the street from this park is the historic **Peg House** store and deli. Confusion Hill is just to the north where the new Redwood Highway by-pass and bridges are being constructed.

REDWOOD MERCANTILE

Clean and spacious the new Redwood Mercantile Market overflows with food, drink and the basic needs for travelers and locals alike. RV and camping supplies and 22 RV campsites with showers and bathrooms are available. There is a picnic area out front and fresh cut flowers are sold during holidays & special occasions. Fishermen and RVers will find a limited selection of hardware, fishing & camping gear.



Hosts Scott and Melissa Rosenthal are long time residents of Leggett and can answer many of your questions about the area. Stop by for a cup of fresh brewed organic coffee, visit the fresh produce bin for fruits, vegetables, salad greens and herbs or pick up a ice cold beverage from the cooler. In the deli/meat department there is fresh fish, homemade salads, country fried chicken, prime cuts of steak, chicken and homemade sausages. The isles are lined with canned goods, beer and wine. Rain or shine you can count on the friendly staff to help you. Credit Cards & cash back lotto.

\$ REDWOOD MERCANTILE 66150 Drive-Thru-Tree Rd. Leggett, CA.
General Store, RV, Camping Box 113, Leggett, CA. 95585 (707) 925-6033

LEGGETT MARKET A life line for those living seaward on Highway 1 bordering the Lost Coast and those living in the remote hillsides and river valleys around Leggett is the Leggett Market. Bicyclists and hikers should take note of the hunger satisfying sandwiches made in the store's delicatessen. After taking the windy trek over mountainous Highway 1 from Westport famished appetites and thirsts can be satisfied here. The store has been in continuous operation since the 1950's. The store is open daily for fresh brewed coffee and snacks from 6am to 8pm except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years (sorry no public bathrooms).

\$ LEGGETT MARKET Box 27, Downtown Leggett, CA. 95585
General Store and Grocery (707) 925-6279

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CHANDELIER TREE

Drive-Thru Tree Park

Located 185 miles north of San Francisco at Leggett, the crossroads of the wine country, redwood forests and coast is the Chandelier Tree Drive-Thru Tree Park. Here explorers can walk and picnic beneath the bows of 1,000 year old living monoliths surrounding America's most picturesque drive thru redwood tree. Thoughtfully developed and protected since the 1930's, the park has become a restful retreat in which to contemplate the meaning and wonder of life itself. Visitors are held in awe as they drive their cars through the tunnel cut at the base of the Chandelier Drive-Thru Tree.

Still growing, the Chandelier Drive-Thru Tree is over 315 feet high and 21 feet at its base. The unique chandelier limb structure begins 100 feet up the trunk and extends out in a natural sculpture of limbs 4 to 8 feet in diameter! Those familiar with redwood trees know they grow best in areas of heavy rainfall and have a shallow root base which is sensitive to heavy auto or foot traffic. Hence the grassy apron and picket fences at the base help to protect the roots of this world famous living wonder. The Chandelier Drive-Thru Tree grows in the lush shelter of the South Fork of the Eel River Valley, famous for viral runs of wild salmon and steelhead.

Visitors from around the world visit the 240 acre park from dawn to dusk daily. This is the stop in which to uncork that special vintage of wine, loaf of sourdough bread, smoked salmon and cheese to enjoy a culinary and visual feast amid nature's splendor. It is not uncommon to see guests in meditation with their backs supported by the trunk of a redwood tree.

A visit to the gift shop will reveal a variety of redwood inspired treasures to take home as a memory of your visit here.

We can thank your hosts, the Underwood family, for preserving and protecting this special corner of America.

\$\$\$ CHANDELIER TREE DRIVE-THRU TREE PARK

World Famous Drive-Thru Redwood, Park and Giftshop US 101 at State Hwy 1, Leggett, California Box 10, Leggett, CA. 95455 (707) 925-6363

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REDWOODS RIVER RESORT

The Harrison family invite you to vacation with them at their all-season 17 acre resort which lies 200 miles north of San Francisco, and roughly the same distance northwest of Sacramento. This carefully planned facility has 7 cabins (from \$75) with wood-burning stoves and kitchenettes hidden in the redwoods. There are also 8 comfortable apartments (from \$69) with kitchenettes and private decks in the cozy A-frame lodge. Camping facilities include 25 R.V. sites (\$30) and 10 tent sites (\$18), all among towering redwoods. In the clearing one can take a dip in the heated swimming pool (mid-May to mid-September) or sunbathe on those plentiful sunny days with temperatures in the redwood forest in the 80's. Guests also enjoy swimming and fishing in the Eel River's crystal clear waters. A quiet picnic along the beach or amid the serenity of the redwoods leaves one refreshed. There are also fine eateries and gourmet restaurants within easy driving distance. The diverse facilities and activities provide happy memories to individuals, couples and family groups alike. You can visit their website at www.redwoodrivereresort.com

\$\$ REDWOODS RIVER RESORT Convenience store, pool, river, redwoods Rooms, Cabins, RV Park Loc. 15 miles S. of Garberville & 6 miles N. of Leggett. Hwy 101, Piercy, Ca. 95467 (707) 925-6249 Res.

CAMPBELL BROTHERS CONFUSION HILL

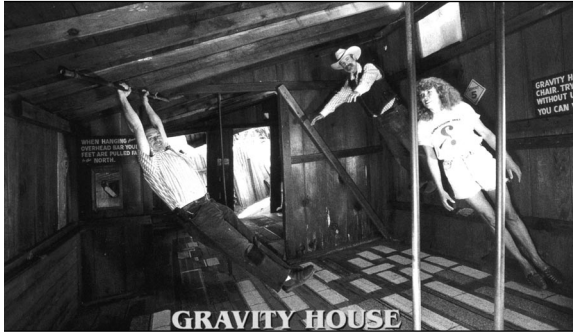


Photo Courtesy Carrus Grant / Confusion Hill

A gigantic redwood sculpture marks the entrance to Confusion Hill, a candidate to become a California Historic Landmark. For owners Doug and Carolyn, who purchased it in 1999, Confusion Hill has a real historical significance. The giftshop, "gravity house" and miniature railroad provide

entertainment for 1,000s of year-round visitors. This friendly family attraction has been the home of fun and mystery since 1949. Founded right after World War II in a time of healing from the pain of a global war, couples visiting the 1,000 year old redwoods embraced the love generated by partnerships inspired by the spiritual peace and tranquility of the ancient redwoods.

Confusion Hill has a gravitational anomaly and the world's tallest free-standing redwood chainsaw carving from a 1,000 year old trunk. In a world full of conscious and caring eyes, proprietors Doug and Carolyn point out that this tree trunk was already dead. It took one man 3 months to carve and transform the redwood monolith into an eye-catching 44 foot tall work of art.

Plan on spending at least 1 hour of your life here. Picnic, laugh, play and re-discover the innocence of childhood. Take the miniature train ride, explore the giftshop full of chipalopes and redwood gifts, bring a organic picnic or visit the snack-bar. Because the earth is shifting along Hwy 101, Confusion Hill will become an even more pleasant stop for the family. By 2006 the highway by-pass and two new bridges will span the Eel River. Stop by and enjoy some fun and mystery as you travel thru the magnificent coastal redwoods or visit the e-commerce website at www.confusionhill.com

\$\$CAMPBELL'S CONFUSION HILL 75001 N. Hwy 101, Piercy, CA. Giftshop, Train Ride & Mystery www.confusionhill.com (707) 925-6456

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*Tall trees
and the
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the Eel River*



*makes this
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STANDISH HICKEY STATE RECREATION AREA

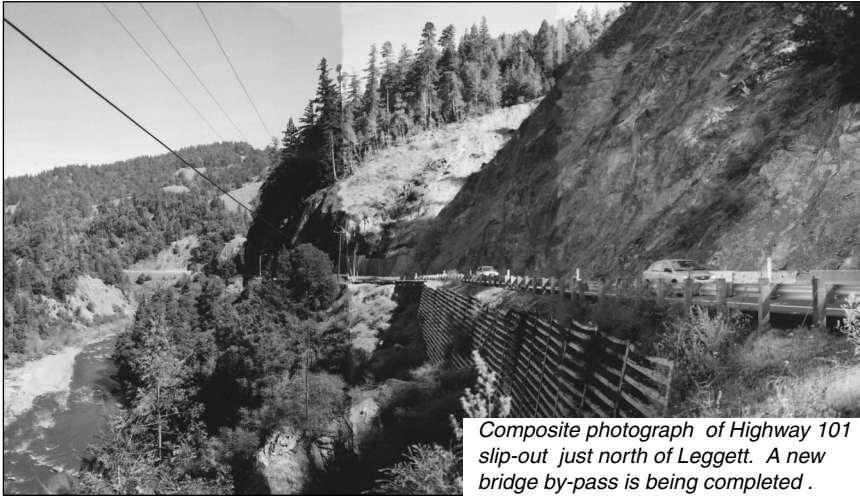
Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area is about 1 mile north of Leggett on Highway 101. The park offers camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing and swimming in the South Fork of the Eel River. The present acreage of Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area is 1,012 and boasts 162 family campsites, each with fireplace, food cupboard and table. Wheelchair accessible restrooms with hot showers are nearby. Three campgrounds comprise the park; Rock Creek / sites #1-#35, Hickey / sites #36-#99 and Redwood / sites #100-#162. Hickey and Rock Creek are situated just off Highway 101 on bluffs overlooking the river and are open year around. Trailers up to 24 feet and motorhomes up to 27 feet can be accommodated, sorry - no hook-ups. Campsites are set up for those on foot or by bicycle. Rates for 2004 are \$18 per site, additional motor vehicle \$10, senior citizen \$10, hiker/bicyclist \$5 and \$2/dog (day or overnight charge). The third campground; Redwood Campground, lies on the other side of the South Fork and is open to vehicles less than 18 feet due to the steep and narrow access road. Redwood Campground is only open during the summer since the temporary bridge across the river must be removed in the fall. Hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers should find the park and surrounding countryside stimulating and beautiful. Please be careful not to trespass on private property.

A nature information center gazebo features displays on the life cycle of the salmon, steelhead and rainbow trout, world-wide redwood family groves, evening sky star watching, birds of prey, nighttime animals and their tracks.

A variety of trees grow here including a rare mature grove of Douglas fir, a virgin redwood stand, tan oak, madrone, big leaf maple, California laurel and dogwood. Much of the land was clearcut and burned in a devastating fire in the 1940's and is just now regaining its former beauty. In 1956 the Standish family donated 512 acres to the Save the Redwoods League which was developed into Rock Creek and Redwood Campgrounds.

HIKING: The park offers a variety of hiking experiences including Grove Trail: 1.7 miles, easy - allow 1 1/2 hours; Lookout Trail: 3.0 miles, moderately strenuous - allow 2 hours; Big Tree Loop Trail: 2.1 miles, moderate - allow 2 hours; and Mill Creek Loop Trail: 2.1 miles, strenuous - allow 2 hours.

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Composite photograph of Highway 101 slip-out just north of Leggett. A new bridge by-pass is being completed .

SWIMMING: The 15 to 20 foot deep swimming holes carved in the rivers bed are the most popular places in the park on a hot summer day. You can reach one of them by a short trail that begins behind the campfire center in the Hickey Campground, or the trail from the day-use parking lot in the Redwood Campground. Be careful though, the rocks are slick and hard, diving is not permitted and there is no lifeguard.

It's fun to play Tarzan and Jane among the bushes and trees along the riverbank. The sweltering sun raises summertime temperatures to 90 plus degrees. Tanned and toned bodies take shape after a week or so of natural outdoor exercise. Baby trout and steelhead tease the toes of swimmers drifting slowly with the current in the emerald blue swimming holes with their smooth sandy bottoms. At night the full moon bathes the towering forest in a soft light making romance easy and natural by a cheerful crackling fire. Our natural heritage can be fully enjoyed at places like Standish-Hickey State Recreation Area as well as more isolated beaches up and down the Eel River.

\$ STANDISH-HICKEY STATE RECREATION AREA

California State Park Campground Box 208, Leggett, CA. 95585
 Reserve America at 1-800-444-PARK. (707) 925-6482 Information

STATE PARKS to the NORTH INCLUDE:

Richardson Grove / at Piercy	170 family campsites
Benbow Lake / Benbow (1 mile south of Garberville)	75 campsites
Humboldt Redwoods / Avenue of the Giants @ Weott	244 campsites
Grizzly Creek / Hwy 36, 17 miles east of Hwy 101	30 campsites

30 picnic sites and 6 environmental campsites. Southeast of Fortuna, nearest town is Scotia with restaurant, bar & inn.



Logger to artist: Old growth redwood carvings across from Standish-Hickey Park. The creation of folk art often symbolizes the end of an era.