

# Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Activities



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# **Every Friday-Tuesday** (Closed Wednesday/Thursday)

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Ewoldsen Memorial Nature Center



Come fly like a California Condor and see what animals thrive at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park in various habitats. Trail and park information available. Located on the Warden's Path.



# Friday, December 15th



**2:00 p.m.** Nature Walk- "Redwoods and Waterfalls" Join us on a moderate hike through varying habitats of Big Sur. Begin in the ancient redwoods, visit Pfeiffer Falls as we explore this resilient forest. Discuss recent fires in Big Sur and see how this habitat is springing back. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. This two-mile, one and a half-hour hike climbs approximately 500 feet in elevation. Meet at the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge Restaurant.

# Saturday, December 16th

11:00 a.m. Nature Walk: "The river runs through it" Have you ever wondered what the Big Sur River looks like after a big storm? Discover how climate change affects our watersheds in California. See some of the oldest trees in the park, look for threatened steelhead trout and enjoy an afternoon in the park on this one-hour easy hike. Meet Sara on the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge Restaurant.

7:00 p.m.- Campfire Program: "Star Stories"

Join us for a night of looking to the stars and learning the myths and legends behind some of our most recognizable constellations!

Wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight (with a red mode if you have one) for this one-hour program. Bring s'mores fixings if you'd like to roast marshmallows after the program, roasting sticks available. Meet at the Campfire Center.

# Sunday, December 17th

**11:00 a.m.** <u>"Nature Journaling"</u> Join Naomi for some in depth park exploration and create your own Nature Journal. This will be an approximately one-hour program and fun for children (must be able to observe and write independently) and adults meet at the campfire center.



**2:00 p.m.** Nature Walk "Discovering Pfeiffer Falls" Meet Park Interpreter Naomi for a moderate hike up to the base of Pfeiffer Falls. Explore the redwood forest and the challenges plants and animals in Big Sur face for survival. This is a two-mile round trip hike that gains approximately 500 feet in elevation. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge.

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# Saturday, December 23rd

10:00 a.m. Children's Nature Walk "Birds, Bugs, and Banana Slugs"
Look at life in the forest from a bug's point of view and discover how some of the smallest forest creatures have the biggest impact. This easy walk and fun activities will last about an hour. All ages welcome. Meet Naomi at the Campfire Center.

**1:00 p.m.** Nature Walk "Discovering Pfeiffer Falls" Meet Park Interpreter Naomi for a moderate hike up to the base of Pfeiffer Falls. Explore the redwood forest and the challenges plants and animals in Big Sur face for survival. This is a two-mile round trip hike that gains approximately 500 feet in elevation. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge.



#### Sunday, December 24th

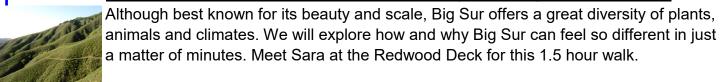
#### 10:00 a.m. Children's Nature Walk: REDWOODS

(All ages welcome) Come enjoy the redwoods of Big Sur and discover what makes them so unique. This is an easy one-hour walk with fun forest activities. Meet Naomi at the Campfire Center.

**2:00 p.m.** "Nature Walk: Redwood Resilience" Discover the beauty and strength of the redwood forest and see how they persevere through fire, flood and drought. This is a moderate one-hour, one-mile round trip walk to some of the oldest and tallest trees in the park. Meet park interpreter Naomi on the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge restaurant.

# Thursday, December 28th

11:00 a.m. Nature Walk - "Gear Shifts: Rapid Changes in Big Sur's Terrain"



# Friday, December 29th

**2:00 p.m.** Nature Walk: "The river runs through it" Have you ever wondered what the Big Sur River looks like after a big storm? Discover how climate change affects our watersheds in California. See some of the oldest trees in the park, look for threatened steelhead trout and enjoy an afternoon in the park on this one-hour easy hike. Meet Sara on the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge Restaurant.





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#### Saturday, December 30th

2:00 p.m. Children's Nature Walk: "Flower Power- The plants of Big Sur" Join Sara for an hour of fun games, and a little walking. This will be a .6 mile walk round trip. Discover the many plants of Big Sur and how they grow. All ages welcome. Meet at the Campfire Center.



7:00 p.m. "Creatures of the Night" Nature Walk Join us for a peek into the night life of Big Sur. Discover how animals use their senses in the dark during this one-hour easy walk. Wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight (with a red mode if you have one). This is an accessible one-mile loop on the River Path and Warden's Path. Strollers allowed. Meet Sara at the Campfire Center.

# Sunday, December 31st

11:00 a.m. Nature Walk "Discovering Pfeiffer Falls" Meet Park Interpreter Naomi for a moderate hike up to the base of Pfeiffer Falls. Explore the redwood forest and the challenges plants and animals in Big Sur face for survival. This is a two-mile round trip hike that gains approximately 500 feet in elevation. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Redwood Deck near the Big Sur Lodge.

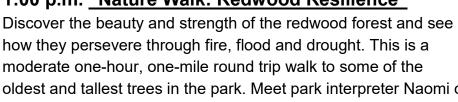
# Monday, January 1st - 2024- First Day Hikes



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Scan the QR code to download the department's mobile app. Use the app to check-in to your hike on January 1 to earn badges, and make sure to take a photo when checking-in to share your experience with others.



