

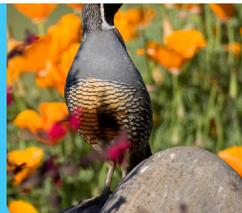
# california

## parks for kids



### Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- California's state bird is the Valley Quail and the flower is the California Poppy.
- State motto, "Eureka!" (It means 'I have found it!').
- More turkeys are raised in California than in any other state in the United States.
- The redwood is the official state tree. Some of the giant redwoods in Sequoia National Park are more than 2,000 years old. They also contain the largest living tree. Its trunk is 102 feet in circumference.



### 1. Mojave National Preserve

Camp overnight, go backpacking, hike the Hole-In-the-Wall Nature Trail, learn how to ride horses, look for some of the local wildflowers, or participate in a ranger program.

### 2. Sequoia National Park

See the Giant Forest or the largest living thing on earth, the General Sherman Tree, explore Crystal Cave or hike to Little Baldy.

### 3. Yosemite National Park

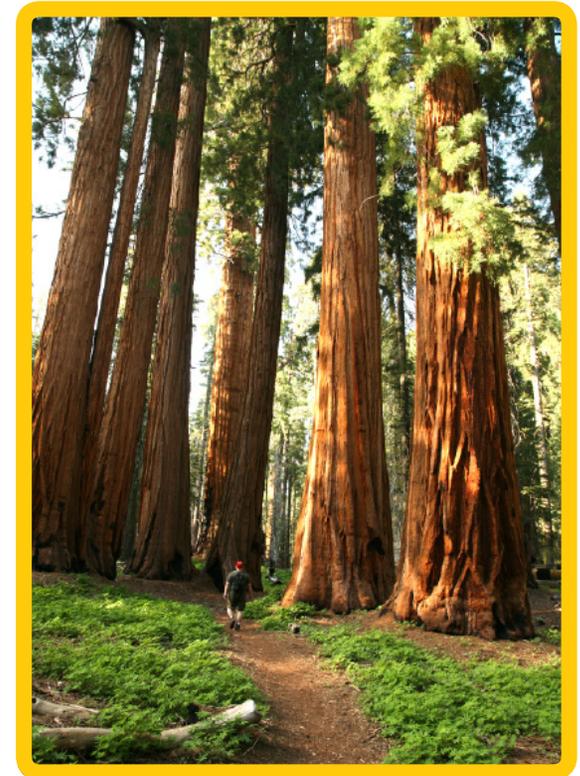
Hike the Valley Floor Loop for famous sights, hike to Tunnel View Overlook, picnic and build sandcastles at Sentinel Beach or learn about Native American culture at Ahwahnee.

### 4. Año Nuevo State Park

From December to March watch the Northern Elephant Seals as they battle it out to find their mates, sunbathe and picnic along the beach, hike the Cove Beach Trail to a more secluded beach or hike Atkinson Bluff Trail to see a ton of beautiful flowers.

### 5. Channel Islands National Park

Whale watch December through March or look for seals at San Miguel Beach. Climb to the top of Anacapa Island for a spectacular view of the ocean and explore sea caves on Santa Cruz Island.



### 6. Joshua Tree National Park

Camp overnight, backpack, rock climb, bird watch, go horseback riding, hike to the Keys View, visit the Cholla Cactus Garden, see the Oasis of Mara or look for pictographs at Diamond Site.

### 7. Humboldt Redwoods Park

Hike the trail at Founders Grove to the 1,600 year old founders tree, backpack into the woods, learn how to horseback ride, camp overnight, go swimming or take a canopy tour.

### 8. Mount Tamalpais

Hike the Plank Trail to the fire tower for a panoramic view of the bay area, descend the Stinson Beach via the Matt Davis Trail, look for wildflowers or go horseback riding