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## Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park Campground Reopening Delayed Until April 1, 2026

*SANTA CRUZ* — California State Parks today announced that the seasonal campground at [Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park](#) (SP), which had been scheduled to reopen Aug. 1 following renovations, has been delayed until the 2026 camping season. Significant supply chain disruptions pushed back the completion of essential infrastructure upgrades, including accessibility features.

“We will continue to work diligently with contractors to complete these essential upgrades and appreciate the patience and understanding of all our visitors as we improve the park’s facilities” said Santa Cruz District Superintendent II Scott Sipes. “We truly value the opportunity to provide quality camping opportunities for visitors to make memories and enjoy our beautiful parks and are disheartened to share these continued impacts to camping at Henry Cowell this season. We hope visitors will return next season and enjoy the upgraded, accessible facilities that will make this campground welcoming to all.”

The campground is seasonal, operating from April 1 through October 31 annually. Due to the current project timeline, the campground is now scheduled to reopen April 1, 2026, for the start of the camping season.

The project was initially scheduled during the non-operational period, with an anticipated completion date prior to the April 1, 2025, opening to minimize impacts to recreational opportunities. State Parks previously canceled reservations from April 1-July 31 due to unforeseen delays caused in large part by supply chain challenges. This additional delay reflects continued issues with procuring critical supplies.

### Impact on Reservations

Due to the delay, camping reservations between Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 have been canceled. Affected guests will receive a full refund automatically and have been notified about the cancellation and refund process.

Visitors interested in camping at Henry Cowell Redwoods SP are encouraged to monitor updates on the park's website at [parks.ca.gov/HenryCowell](https://parks.ca.gov/HenryCowell). Should the campground reopen earlier than anticipated, guests will be notified by email with an opportunity to book new reservations.

For assistance with cancellations or refunds, visitors are encouraged to contact the ReserveCalifornia Customer Contact Center at 1-800-444-7275. Additionally, guests can explore alternative camping options and plan future trips at [ReserveCalifornia.com](https://ReserveCalifornia.com).

### **Upgrades to Enhance Accessibility and Safety**

As part of the ongoing improvements, Henry Cowell Redwoods SP is implementing significant upgrades to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and improve the visitor experience. These upgrades include:

#### **Restroom and Shower Buildings:**

- ADA-compliant fixtures, spacing and door widths.
- Safety grab bars and supports.
- Height and clearance adjustments for sinks and counters, with insulated pipes for protection.
- Upgraded ADA-compliant toilets.
- Updated signage and lever-style door handles.
- Non-glare lighting and slip-resistant flooring.

#### **Campfire Center:**

- ADA-compliant pathways for improved accessibility.
- Installation of accessible seating.
- Upgraded drinking fountain.

California State Parks remains committed to ensuring a positive experience for all visitors once the upgrades are completed and the campground reopens.



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