

7 Elk River Trail

3-mile trail (first mile is paved), perfect for kids and bikes, delves into the Headwaters Forest past faint traces of the logging ghost town of Falk. Just south of Eureka, exit Hwy. 101 at Elk River Rd. and follow signs (6 miles). **Rating: Easy**



8 Russ Park in Ferndale

The Victorian Village boasts of a splendid 105-acre park containing several miles of scenic trails, including walks through mature Sitka spruce forest and outstanding views of the Eel River Valley. Bluff St., 3 blocks east of Main.

Rating: Moderate

9 Cheatham Grove

A perfect redwood stroll of less than a mile, through a flat alluvial forest along the Van Duzen River. If these woods look familiar, it's because parts of Star Wars were filmed here. Take Hwy. 36 east of Hwy. 101 for 17 miles.

Rating: Easy



11 Rockefeller Forest

Truly one of the world's greatest woodland hikes, Rockefeller Forest contains 10 of the world's 16 tallest trees. Amazing old growth along bubbling Bull Creek. Exit Hwy. 101 west on the Mattole Rd., watch for trailhead sign about 4 miles in.

Rating: Easy



12 Lost Coast Trail

California's Lost Coast, untouched by development, offers a unique experience of coastal wilderness. Out-and-back day hikes can be taken from the north (Mattole River) or the south (Shelter Cove/Black Sands Beach). Watch for waves! **Rating: Moderate**



10 Founders Grove Loop

This flat nature trail loop of less than one mile is packed with awesome redwood scenery, including the Founder's Tree, goose pens, nursery trees and the epic, fallen Dyerville Giant. Turn off Ave. of the Giants at Dyerville Loop Rd. **Rating: Easy**

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1 James Irvine Trail

10-mile round trip through old growth redwoods begins at Prairie Creek Visitors Center, and can include memorable side trips to Fern Canyon and Gold Bluffs Beach. With numerous connecting trails, this can easily become an all-day hike.

Rating: Moderate



2 Rhododendron Trail

An "out-and-back" trail of nearly 12 miles, taking you from creekside maples to redwood uplands with some impressive trees and spring wildflowers. Access from Prairie Creek Visitors Center via Cathedral Trail.

Rating: Moderate



3 Trillium Falls Trail

This loop trail of about 3 miles climbs a hill with switchbacks, then winds through a magical redwood forest to a steel bridge over Trillium Falls, before returning to your starting point at the Elk Meadow Day Use Area, off Hwy. 101 at Davison Road.

Rating: Easy



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4 Lady Bird Johnson Grove

A magnificent one-mile loop trail through a ridge-top redwood forest, studded with ferns and rhododendrons. Turn off Hwy. 101 north of Orick on Bald Hill Rd. and drive 2 miles to trailhead parking lot. Cross the footbridge and enjoy.

Rating: Easy



5 Rim Trail, Patrick's Point

This scenic, 3-plus mile trail hugs the forested cliffs of Patrick's Point, offering grand ocean vistas as well as numerous spur trails to rocky promontories (most notably Wedding Rock). Start at Agate Beach Trailhead parking area. Day-use fee.

Rating: Easy



6 Trinidad State Beach & Trinidad Head

Miles of beautiful trails weave through this coastal park, from Elk Head Trail (off Stagecoach Rd.), giving access to College Cove, to the stunning vistas enjoyed hiking Trinidad Head... plus beachcombing, tidepooling and wildlife viewing.

Rating: Moderate

