



**HI, I'M SLICK THE BANANA SLUG!
WELCOME TO GRIZZLY CREEK
REDWOODS STATE PARK!**

GRIZZLY CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK TRAIL INFORMATION:

Start: At the Cheatham Grove parking lot
Contact: Grizzly Creek Visitor Center, 16949 HWY 36, Carlotta, CA 95528
 (707) 777-3683; www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=421
Quest Trail Name: Cheatham Grove Trail
Total Length: ~0.7 miles RT/ ~45 minutes **Difficulty:** Easy

HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural and cultural treasures within this forest. Along the way you will find parts of your Quest Clue, which is the "key" to your prize: a unique Redwood EdVentures Quest prize (see the "Now that you've finished..." section for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on the marked trails of this adventure.

Driving Directions:

Eastbound on HWY 36 (from HWY 101, just south of Fortuna): drive ~13 miles, pass Van Duzen County Park "Swimmers' Delight," go over O'Dell Bridge (over Van Duzen River) and make a sharp left at the sign for Cheatham Grove.

Westbound on HWY 36: drive 4 miles west of Grizzly Creek Visitor Center, make a sharp right turn before O'Dell Bridge just past the 13 mile marker.

Note: Motor homes and trailers not advised in the parking lot.



Beware! Poison Oak is found off-trail at this grove during..... spring, summer, fall, and winter!



LEGEND

- Road
- Trail
- Gravel Bar
- Park Boundary
- Bridge
- Parking
- 1** Start
- 9** Finish

NOW THAT YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:

Go to the Grizzly Creek Visitor Center (4 miles east of Cheatham Grove) to display your Quest Clue and claim your prize. If they are closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?

The journey you've just completed is one of many Redwood EdVentures Quests. Find Quest locations and download free copies at www.redwood-edventures.org. Teachers, students, and families can also explore hundreds of outdoor places and educational opportunities on the beautiful Redwood Coast. Find out why **nature is closer than you think!**



THINGS I SAW ALONG THE WAY...



Rivers to Redwoods
CHILDREN'S FOREST



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REDWOOD EDVENTURES QUEST

GRIZZLY CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK



SCOUT THE MYSTERIES OF CHEATHAM GROVE



Begin this quest at the **Cheatham Grove** trailhead next to the covered redwood “cookies” by the parking lot.



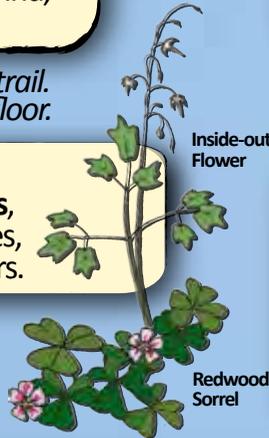
Before you start, ask yourself this question:

1 Why is this grove named after someone, Who chopped down trees for a living? Owen R. Cheatham knew if you saved some trees, The forest would keep on giving.

This grove provides more than just habitat for wildlife, The **Nongatl** People call this area home. So please take care not to pick any flowers you find, And stay on the trail as you roam.

Follow the trail. Your next stop is at the fork in the trail. Look at the different plants growing on the forest floor.

2 The clover-like **Redwood Sorrel** you see here, And the the duck foot-leaved **Inside-out Flowers**, Enjoy the space found between old growth trees, And grow quite well in the shade of these towers.



Take the trail on the right. Scout for a large, damaged redwood on your right and see how it allows the forest floor to receive more light. Walk to a large, diagonally leaning redwood log.

3 What do you call the small, green “moose antlers” on this log? If you said “**Leather Leaf Ferns**,” you are right! Plants like these which grow harmlessly on trees, Are also called **epiphytes**.



Pass under the log and walk until you see a large redwood with a bushy base on the left. You are surrounded by a dangerous mystery.

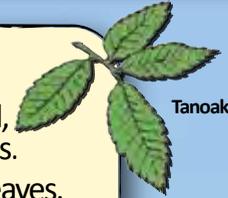
4 Look for wind-broken branches speared deep in the ground. Crashing down, such limbs took many loggers’ lives. They were known as **widow-makers**, And struck fear into the hearts of lumbermen’s wives.

Walk past a “sea” of **Sword Ferns**. Pass the trail with the bench and keep right. Turn right at the fork next to the roots of a large fallen redwood. Stop next to the small trees growing along this log.



SCOUT THE MYSTERIES OF CHEATHAM GROVE, WHERE LUMBERMEN, GOLD SEEKERS, AND GRIZZLIES ONCE ROVED!

5 California Indians used this area sustainably for food, To make medicine, baskets, dwellings, and tools. **Tanoak** acorn nuts were used to make a special bread, And salmon were caught in nearby, shallow river pools.



Scout out the **Bay Laurel** trees with the long, skinny leaves. Please don’t pick, but do smell; the aroma is quite nice. Some California tribes roasted the nuts of this tree, And used its leaves as a spice.

California Bay Laurel

Onwards! As the trail slowly bends left, walk slowly until you see some large redwoods with squarely bent branches on the right.

6 Why do some redwoods look like they’re “flexing their muscles” “Elbows” bent and “arms” upward reeling? These “**trunk reiterations**” or repeated stems, Help them reach for more light in the forest ceiling.

Large redwood branches can create habitat, Where plants and animals can reside. It’s where endangered **Marbled Murrelets** and **Spotted Owls** live, And where **Northern Flying Squirrels** jump and glide.



Pay close attention. There is a small fork up ahead with a little arrow sign pointing right. Keep left and this trail will complete a loop and head back to where you passed the bench. Turn right at the bench. **Part of your clue is to count all the benches you see on your walk.** Long crossed trees mark your next stop (See the picture on the cover of this brochure).

7 Why are all these trees bent diagonally? Were they pushed down by a grizzly bear with all of its might? No, unfortunately in California, the grizzly is now gone. These trees are either broken or flexing their way to more light.

Keep to the left as you leave, avoiding the spur trail next to the crossed logs. Nearby on your right you may spy a huckleberry vase with a redwood base! How did that get there? Would you believe many animals here eat lots of berries and then poop and plant the seeds everywhere? Keep walking and turn right at the next fork to discover a special tree.

8 Clothed in leaves during summer, Left naked in wet winter’s bedding, This moss-covered **Big-leaf Maple**, Is a famous place for weddings.



Big-leaf Maple

Return to main trail. Turn right. This trail segment back to the parking lot is a little longer. Keep left at the next fork you see, but turn right at the one that follows. This returns you to the redwood cookies. Cross the parking lot. Find the trail nearest the bridge to the riverbar.

9 Behold the **Van Duzen River**, Named after a man who sought gold a bunch. A few miles upstream there was a stagecoach line, A popular spot where folks stopped for lunch.

If you were standing here during the flood of ‘64, Your head would be underwater. I’m sure you’ll agree that’s no place to be, Unless you are a salmon or a river otter!

Before leaving the riverbar, count the number of bridge support beams you see and add that number to the total number of benches you counted on the trail. Write the number answer down in the Quest Clue box below.

The Nature Conservancy and Save the Redwoods League, Protected this land before it became a state park. It’s now up to you to share its mysteries with others, To scout and enjoy without leaving a mark.

WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE HERE: _____

