

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

QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:

Start: Rockefeller Loop Trailhead, Bull Creek Flats

Contact: Humboldt Redwoods Visitor Center (just south of Weott on the Ave of the Giants), 707-946-2263

www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=425

Quest Trail Name: Rockefeller Loop Trail

Total Length: ~0.7 mile loop / ~30 minute

Difficulty: Easy, wheelchair accessible

Driving Directions:

Off HWY 101, 32 miles north of Garberville and 15 miles south of Scotia take the Honeydew/Southfork Exit #663 and head west 1.1 miles on the Mattole Rd. toward Honeydew, make a left at the wooden "Rockefeller Forest Lower Bull Creek Flat" sign (on the left) and park in the lot.*

From the Avenue of the Giants, the Mattole Rd. breaks off at mile marker 20.7, at the Dyerville Overlook (see directions above).

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



HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural treasures within this forest. At your final stop you will find your Quest Clue, this is the "key" to your prize (see below for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

NOW THAT YOU 'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:

Go to the **Humboldt Redwoods Visitor Center** and display your Quest clue to claim your prize. To get there head back towards HWY 101 on the Mattole Road and make a right onto Avenue of the Giants. The Visitors Center will be approx. 5 miles on your left. If the Visitor Center is 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!

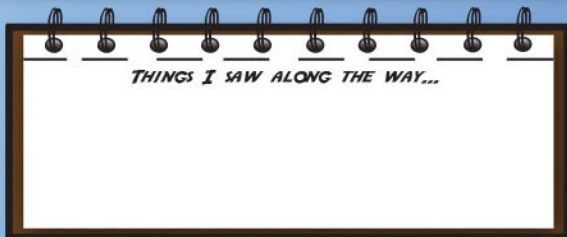


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REDWOOD EDVENTURES QUEST

HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK



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ROCKEFELLER LOOP TRAIL

From the Bull Creek Flats parking lot
go 40 yds. up the trail to the fork.

Stop next to the "Forest
Loop Trail" sign in sight.
Look up and go about
5 paces to the right.



**LET YOUR SENSES GUIDE YOUR IMAGINATION, THROUGH THE
LARGEST OLD GROWTH REDWOOD FOREST IN THE NATION!**

- 1** On your left stands a redwood tree,
Gaze up upon it what do you see?
These large tree growths are called **burls**,
Do you see the illusion of scurrying squirrels?

*Stop when you see the rotting, hollowed log within reach of the trail,
Behind you is a tree leaning towards the afternoon light without fail.
(For a better view keep walking along the main trail)*

- 2** Be sure to follow this tree with your eyes,
Can you see it heading up towards the sky?
It followed the path of least resistance,
In order to grow with light and trees in coexistence.

*...Look left for a giant **snag** (dead tree) you can touch from the pathway,
Then peer up into the canopy and see a taller snag that still stands today.*

- 3** Fire is scary but don't find yourself grieving,
Because fire scars can be very deceiving.
This snag standing here is surely a piece of art,
It still provides **habitat** and a place for new plants to start.

*...Continue along until you come to a bend...
Stop when you see a marked trail sign right up ahead.*

- 4** Creative in thought open your ears,
What is that rippling noise that you hear?
Why that is the sound of lower bull creek,
It provides habitat that is quite unique.

*If you go to the right, you can play in the **river**, but it might make you **shiver**,
If you stay to your left you will **see**, the mysterious inside of a redwood **tree**.*

[Here you can choose...]

*Look for a path on your left that goes completely around a tree's base,
Go to the back side of the tree and you'll see fire is the culprit in this case.*

- 5** The trees have black scars that show evidence of fire,
The flames that burned here, helped the forest grow higher.
They helped to enrich the soil and clear duff away,
This was necessary to ensure more trees today.

*Return to the main trail and continue along the path,
until you see evidence of nature's "hole-y" wrath.*

- 6** This giant hole once held a mighty redwood tree,
Their roots are shallow and they sometimes break free.
The downed trees help to keep carbon in store,
Providing plants nutrients on the forest floor.

*...Just up ahead beware you will soon find a rocky plaque,
With careful reading you will discover a new fact.*

- 7** Imagine yourself sitting here one day,
Enjoying yourself with a picnic lunch, ok?
This is why John D. Rockefeller donated some money,
So you'd enjoy this trail whether rainy or sunny.

*Look up ahead until you see the fork in the trail,
Stay to the left between the logs and you won't fail...*

- 8** Look on your right, make sure to stop at the railing,
Hopefully this quest has been smooth sailing.
Walk to the rail's end and be ready to stoop,
There is **no need** to scoop,
You will find the last puzzle piece of the loop.

WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE HERE:
