



# CASWELL MEMORIAL STATE PARK

**WELCOME!** Caswell Memorial State Park is located along the Stanislaus River near the town of Ripon. The park protects threatened and declining riparian oak forest, which once flourished throughout California's Central Valley. This makes the park home to several endangered animal species, including the riparian brush rabbit.

Thomas Caswell, the previous landowner, cherished this wonderful forest and felt it should be preserved as a state park for future generations to enjoy and experience the valley in its original and natural state. In 1950, his children and grandchildren donated 134 acres of this park to the people of California. Subsequent donations and state purchases expanded Caswell Memorial State Park to its current size of 258 acres. It opened to the public in 1958.



**Caswell Memorial State Park**  
28000 South Austin Road  
Ripon, CA 95366



**Day-Use Areas:**  
8 a.m.-sunset



**Day-Use Parking:**  
\$10/vehicle/day

From Hwy 99, take the Austin Road exit south to the park, which is at the end of the road.



**California State Parks  
Passes Accepted:** Disabled  
Discount, Distinguished  
Veteran, Explorer, Golden Bear,  
Senior Golden Bear, Golden  
Poppy, State Library



**Park Office:** 209-599-3810  
711, TTY Relay Service  
[parks.ca.gov/Caswell](http://parks.ca.gov/Caswell)



California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the park at 209-599-3810. If you need this publication in an alternate format, contact the park at 209-599-3810.

## PARK ACTIVITIES

For upcoming activities, check the park website at [parks.ca.gov/Caswell](http://parks.ca.gov/Caswell).

**Accessibility**—Accessible parking is available at the day-use parking lot. The Loop Nature Trail is accessible. A beach wheelchair is available to provide access to the swim beach. For more information, call 209-599-3810.

**Fishing**—Several species of fish including bass, catfish, crappie and more await your fishing technique. A valid California fishing license is required for ages 16 years and older.

**Wildlife Viewing**—The park offers a rich variety of wildlife viewing. Bird-watching is a favorite among nature lovers. Red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks and dozens of other winged artists are often seen.

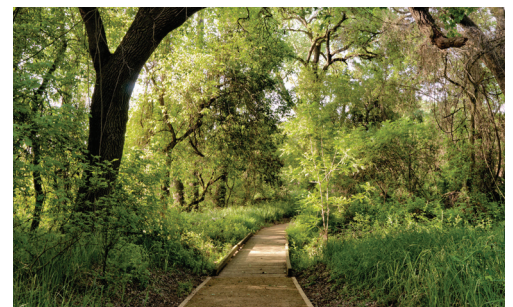
## PLEASE REMEMBER

**Dogs**—No dogs on trails or beaches. All dogs must be on leash 6 feet or less in length and under control of owner.

**Weather**—Winter temperatures range from 45-50°F while summer temperatures range from 85-100°F. It is not unusual to have 100-plus temperatures for consecutive days.

**Insects**—Mosquitoes are among the resident wildlife so come prepared to live with them.

**Bicycling**—NOT ALLOWED on trails, but are permitted on paved roads and fire roads. Bicyclists under 18 years of age must wear approved helmets.



## A Majestic Oak Forest

The park has seemingly endless nature trails that allow a glimpse of what the riparian ecosystem of the valley would have looked like in pristine times. A majestic oak forest is surrounded by many other lush plant species, some of which are rarely found anywhere else in the area.

## BOATING AND SWIMMING

Please remember when boating or rafting on the Stanislaus River:

- Tell family or friends where and when your river trip is to take place, including start and finish points.
- Currents in low flow periods are very slow. An hour of paddling may result in only 1 to 3 miles of travel, depending upon the water's depth.
- Wear life jackets at all times.
- Beware of dangerous currents.

**NO LIFEGUARD SERVICE** is available. Visitors may swim and fish in the river, but should be aware of deep holes beneath the surface and the steep and narrow banks along the river.

## CAMPING

**Quiet Hours**—Campground quiet hours 10 p.m.–6 a.m. No loud voices during quiet hours. Be courteous; allow everyone to enjoy their visit.

**Generators**—Permitted 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

**Check In/Check Out**—2 p.m./noon

**Capacity**—Campsites limited to eight persons/two vehicles. One vehicle per campsite included with reservation fee. Additional vehicles will be charged an overnight vehicle fee.

**Fires**—Gathering wood is prohibited. Campfires are permitted in fire rings provided in the campsites only. Stoves and barbecues are permitted.

**Reservations**—Reserve your site by visiting [ReserveCalifornia.com](https://ReserveCalifornia.com) or calling 800-444-7275.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are vital in creating educational experiences and stewardship for the park.

For more information, please email [dosrios@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dosrios@parks.ca.gov).

