



Preserving redwood forests
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DEDICATED TREES AND GROVES

+ What do we and don't we know about tributes at state parks affected by the 2020 CZU wildfire?

- Over 8,000 tributes were affected by the wildfire across Big Basin Redwoods and Butano State Parks. Although portions of each of the parks are now accessible, many groves remain unsafe for the public, and nearly all of our tributes are in these areas. As such, we don't yet know the status of individual tributes.
- The redwood forest looks different, the undergrowth is gone allowing you to see across the forest. The plants are regrowing, and the trees look different and have been blackened with burn marks.
- Coast redwoods trees are regrowing well and doing better than other trees like Douglas fir and Pacific madrones.
- We expect tree plaques and grove signs to be lost or burned.
- Limited access is now open at both parks.

+ What conditions are preventing access?

- Hazardous areas that have not yet been evaluated, including many miles of trails and dedication sites.
- The most hazardous conditions include falling branches or trees, and ash pits that look like solid ground.
- Miles of trails that are blocked by fallen trees and indistinguishable, meaning you can't see the trail alignment.

+ What comes next?

- Sempervirens Fund staff will need safety training to assess tributes in the burn area.
- After we assess your tribute we will contact you with information and photos.
- We are unable to replace tree stakes at these tributes, and will be recording your tribute in a new digital registry.
- Contact us if you want to find out about replacing your grove sign.

+What does access to these parks look like?

- You can now make reservations for parking at Big Basin Redwoods State Park for limited access and review their map to see what is open at parks.ca.gov/bigbasin
- Butano is open to the public with limited access. You can review their map to see what is open at parks.ca.gov/butano