



A PARK FOR ALL FOREVER

MUIR WOODS TIMELINE

~5000 B.C.	Date of earliest archaeological evidence of Coast Miwok habitation in Marin area; European settlement of Marin Peninsula begins in early 19 th century.	1907	The Kents donate 298 acres of land to federal government, December 26.
800 A.D.	Oldest living redwoods in Muir Woods begin to grow.	1908	Muir Woods National Monument declared by President Theodore Roosevelt January 9, to be managed by Government Land Office.
1840s	Last major fire in Redwood Canyon.	1917	Muir Woods transferred to management under the new National Park Service.
1856	20,000-acre Rancho Sausalito purchased by Samuel Throckmorton and used as part of a private hunting preserve.	1923	Automobiles, motorcycles, and horses prohibited from entering the Monument.
1886	First structure constructed in woods, Ben Johnson cabin, for area's caretaker.	1927	Tamalpais State Park created, adjacent to Muir Woods.
1889 -1905	Land acquired by Tamalpais Land & Water Company. Increasing public use of area by train line and gravity car.	1933	Civilian Conservation Corps camp established at the first Muir Inn (now Alice Eastwood campground); CCC works in Monument, building stone revetments.
1892	Bohemian Club purchases 47 acres of the woods from Tamalpais Land & Water for their retreats. Tourists arrive to picnic and camp. Club decides not to stay at this location due to cold and other factors.	1945	United Nations delegates hold memorial service for Franklin D. Roosevelt in Cathedral Grove, May 19, during meetings to draft U.N. charter.
1901	William Kent helps organize Tamalpais Forestry Association.	1972	Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) founded. GGNRA (Golden Gate National Parks) now manages Muir Woods.
1903	Marin County's last grizzly bear killed in Redwood Canyon.	1988	Native plant nursery at Muir Woods begins operation; moved to current site in 1994.
1905	William Kent purchases 612 acres of forest from Tamalpais Land & Water Company for \$45,000.	1989	Current Visitor Center built with the support of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and community donors.
1906	San Francisco Earthquake, April 18.	1990-2008	Prescribed fires initiated; boardwalk sections installed; revegetation work underway; habitat restoration at Banducci site along Redwood Creek begins.
1907	Muir Woods branch of mountain railway completed; North Coast Water Company files condemnation suit for 47 acres of Kent's land to build a reservoir.	2008	Muir Woods Centennial.