

Hike Information



Anderson Marsh State Historic Park

8825 Highway 53

Lower Lake, CA

(707) 994-0688

Online: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=483

Trail Length - 4-5 miles

Average Elevation - 1340 feet

Elevation Change - 80 feet

Hiking Level - Easy

Overview

Anderson Marsh is a nature preserve which protects the habitat of a tule marsh, itself an integral part of the Clear Lake ecosystem. The Pomo Indians, one of the most populous Native American groups in California, occupied the Anderson Marsh area as far back as 10,000 years ago. The Park is named for John Anderson, a Scotsman who bought the property and built the ranch house in 1886, where he and his family lived while operating a cattle ranch. The State of California acquired the 940 acre Anderson Marsh for a park in 1982.

How To Get There

Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is located just off Highway 53 between Lower Lake and Clearlake. Park hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

Camping Facilities

Clear Lake State Park: \$15 site/night, 8 people per site. There is also a group campground: 50 people maximum for \$60/night. Call (707) 279-4293 for more information. Reservations can be made through ReserveAmerica at 1-800-444-7275 or online at <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>. The Park is located about 3 miles northeast of Kelseyville on Soda Bay Road. To reach the park, turn east on Live Oak Drive (traffic light at Live Oak Drive and Hwy 29). At the stop sign, turn left on Main Street, then right on State Street, and another right on Gaddy Lane. Follow Gaddy Lane out to Soda Bay Road. Turn right on Soda Bay Road and follow signs to Clear Lake State Park.

Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest: No fee. Year-round camping. A permit is required for more than 10 people or longer than a 1-day stay. Campfires and use of gas stoves are limited to Calso and Ridge Camps. There are 15 sites at Calso Camp. Ridge Camp has two large developed sites suitable for groups. No water is available at camp areas. Call (707) 928-4378 for more information.

The Hike

Two trails lead along the wetter parts of the park - Cache Creek and the Marsh Trail. Two other trails - Ridge (which ascends through an oak woodland) and Anderson Flats (which crosses a grassland) explore drier areas of the park. Adjoining Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is the Mc Vicar Wildlife Sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society. The McVicar trail originating in Anderson Marsh Park extends into this Sanctuary. This would be a great hike in conjunction with the [Dorn Trail](#) at Clear Lake State Park.