



# -MENDOCINO COUNTY COASTAL ELEMENT-



**TABLE 3.7-1 EXISTING STATE PARK FACILITIES AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY, 1980**

Name	Location	Area	Facilities/Use (visitor days)	Additional Potential Development per DPR
Sinkyone Wilderness State Park	2 miles south of Humboldt/Mendocino County line	3,600 acres	Undeveloped	100-150 campsites (many or all primitive; some hike-in only), picnicking, parking, trails, beach
Usal Ranch Project (proposed)	Immediately south of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park	To be determined; funding currently for acquisition of approximately 160 acres only	Undeveloped	Day use of beaches and trails, camping, and back-packing
Westport-Union Landing State Beach <sup>1</sup>	20 miles north of Fort Bragg	81 acres; 3 miles of ocean frontage, refuse cans	210 parking spaces, chemical toilets. No day use records 1979: 45,000 camping	60 campsites and 100 additional parking spaces; screening of vehicles from highway
MacKerricher State Park	Immediately north of Fort Bragg	1,534 acres, including 454 leased acres; funded acquisition for 800 additional acres; 8 miles ocean frontage	143 campsites, 10 picnic sites, 7 miles trail, boat launching facility, boating and fishing concession, 150 person campfire center, day use parking for 310. 1979: 688,200 day use, 91,500 camping, 6,600 turnaways	50 campsites on present park land; Virgin Creek access; highway sign at Ward Ave., controlled access at Inglenook Fen; shoreline access between Inglenook Fen and Ten Mile River
Jug Handle State Reserve	5 miles south of Fort Bragg	733 acres; 3 miles ocean frontage	20 parking sites, chemical toilet, 3 miles of trails 1979: 38,900 day use	Trail improvements, interpretative facility, increased access, parking area, camping (if reclassification of portion from reserve status possible)
Caspar Headlands State Beach	4 miles north of Mendocino	3 acres; 400 feet ocean frontage	25 parking spaces 1979: 3,000 day use (approx.)	Wheelchair access, sanitary facilities, additional beach acquisition; possible acquisition of nearby campground and of 0.7 acre for additional parking
Caspar Headlands State Reserve	4 miles north of Mendocino	2.7 acres; 2,400 feet ocean frontage	Informal trails 1979: 2,600 day use	Eliminate ownership or expand ownership
Russian Gulch State Park	1 mile north of Mendocino	1,253 acres, +47 leased acres; 2 miles ocean frontage	30 campsites, 14 picnic sites, small beach, 12 miles of trails, 40 person group camp, 125 person recreation hall, 76 parking spaces. 1979: 53,300 day use; 20,200 camping; 4,900 turnaways	Potential for 100 campsites; improved access to south headlands



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Mendocino Headlands State Park	Adjoining Town of Mendocino; separate portion south of Big River	10,000 feet ocean frontage	Undeveloped 1979: 220,000 day use (approx.) May 1979-April 1980: 48,000 day use. <sup>2</sup>	Sanitary facilities, interpretive facility, 212 parking spaces. Youth hostel; 5 group camps south of Big River
Van Damme State Park	3 miles south of Mendocino	2,143 acres, +20 leased acres; 1,700 feet ocean frontage	74 campsites, 50 person group camp, 180 day use parking spaces, 10 picnic sites, campfire center, 4.5 miles of trails. 1979: 83,600 day use (approx.), 43,100 camping (approx.)	Access to coast and parking on north parcels; relocate group camp
Greenwood/Elk Project	Adjacent to Elk	47 acres	Undeveloped	20-50 parking spaces, 5 picnic sites
Manchester State Beach	West of Manchester	972 acres; 17,800 feet ocean frontage	47 camp sites, 2 picnic sites 1976-77: 93,000 day use and camping	Information not available.

1. See updated (1983) information on Page 144.
2. Discrepancy derives from change of counting method during 1979.

Source: Blayney-Dyett, from data provided by California Department of Parks and Recreation, June 1980.