

**HI, I'M SLICK THE BANANA SLUG!  
WELCOME TO JEDEDIAH SMITH  
REDWOODS STATE PARK!**

#### QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:

**Start:** Jedediah Smith Campground Visitor Center

**Contact:** Park Info Number: 707-465-7335  
www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=413

**Quest Trail Name:** River Beach Trail

**Total Length:** ~1 mile RT / ~40 minute

**Difficulty:** Easy (mostly level gravel)

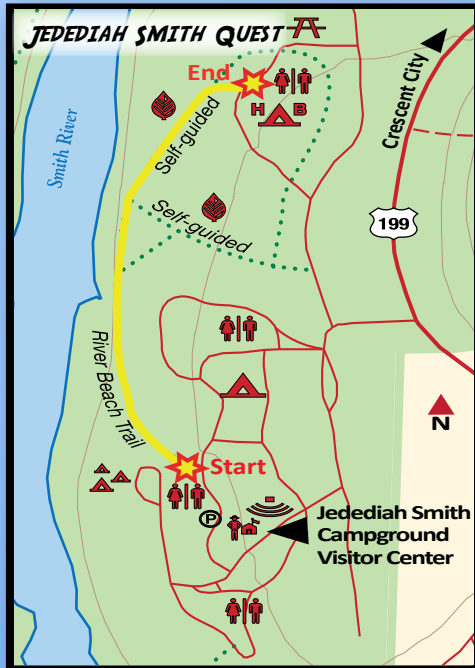
#### Driving Directions:

**Eastbound on HWY 199**, about 9 miles east of Crescent City, the entrance to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park will be on your right. Follow the signs to campground Visitor Center.

**Westbound on HWY 199**, about 72 miles west of Grants Pass, the entrance to Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park will be on your left (see directions above).

*Note: A Day Use Fee applies.*

**Beware! Poison Oak** is off-trail in this area.



#### HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the treasures within this park. At your final stop you will find your Quest Clue, this is the "key" to your prize (see below for your next step)! Have fun, be safe, and stay on marked trails on this adventure.

#### NOW THAT YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR QUEST:

Return towards the direction the Quest began. At the **Jedediah Smith Campground Visitor Center**, display your Quest Clue to receive your prize. If the Visitor Center is closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail the prize to you.

#### WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?

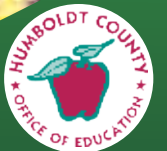
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# REDWOOD EDVENTURES QUEST

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**JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS STATE PARK**



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## RIVER BEACH TRAIL

Begin this Quest  
behind the restrooms  
across from the  
Campground Visitor  
Center.



Start the **River Beach Trail** to your right  
(don't go downhill)  
and read the first clue.

## FROM RIVER'S EDGE TO REDWOOD CANOPY, DISCOVER WHAT MAKES OUR PARK WILD AND FREE!

- 1** Where people now gather to rest and play,  
A mountain man journeyed from far away.  
From river's edge to redwood canopy,  
This park's inhabitants are wild and free.

*(Walk 100 yards down the path)  
Look down the hill to your left, to see a ring of stone,  
Beside it you will notice a giant tree has grown.*

- 2** This titan of a tree is but one of many redwoods,  
Its family looms in the vast forest neighborhood.  
Creating a sanctuary cool, green and lush,  
It allows its inhabitants to thrive and flourish.

*(Continue down the path)  
Stop at the 2nd railing, beyond several patches of rocks,  
Gaze across the river at the treetops.*



- 3** High above, the giants offer safe nesting benefits,  
To Eagles, Osprey, and Marbled Murrelets.  
Can you spot any soaring or diving for a meal?  
The canopy and river make this place ideal.

*(Keep on trekking, pass the beach trail)  
At the "Y" go down the stone step to your left,  
When you see wooden stairs, start stepping.  
At the water's edge dip your toes in for a feel,  
Imagine a worn mountain man resting his heels.*

- 4** Jedediah Smith was a trapper and trail seeker,  
Searching for pelts of Otter and Beaver.  
He followed the river through wild woods,  
Into uncharted territory for luxurious goods.

*(Return to the path)  
Carry onwards to the bench and take a short break,  
The rippling river hides tales of a different fate.*

- 5** Beneath the clear waters, the brave salmon swim,  
Fighting upstream to the place of their origin.  
Cold water and cobble-floor make the perfect spawning ground,  
Thanks to this protected river they will remain safe and sound.

*Down the trail, observe how the rocky beach grows,  
Evidence of a wild river's highs and lows.*



- 6** This river is the last in California unrestrained,  
Its waters flow freely and shape the terrain.  
Water level and direction can change over-night,  
Find out how the Smith rose to great heights!

*(Continue to the picnic/ day use area)  
The restrooms will be near you,  
Scan the walls to discover the final Quest clue.*

- 7** Record a flood's month, day and year,  
Congratulations, the end of this journey is near!  
Return to the Visitor Center to show your success,  
Gather a reward and ask about other quests.

**WRITE YOUR QUEST CLUE HERE:**

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