

**HI, I'M SLICK THE BANANA SLUG!
WELCOME TO RICHARDSON
GROVE STATE PARK!**

QUEST TRAIL INFORMATION:

Start: Woodland Loop Trailhead (about a ¼ of a mile up the trail from the Park Entrance, see directions below).

Contact: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=422

Quest Trail Name: Woodland Loop Trail

Total Length: ~2 mile Loop / ~1 hour

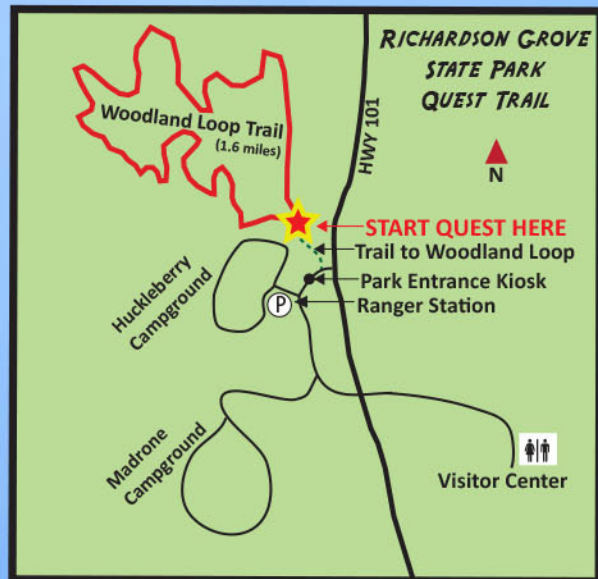
Difficulty: Moderate to steep with switchbacks (~500 foot elevation change).

Driving Directions:

Richardson Grove State Park (1600 HWY 101 #8, Garberville, CA) is located 7 miles south of Garberville and 15 miles north of Leggett on HWY 101. Park at the Ranger Station, just past the Park Entrance Kiosk.

Then walk back past the Entrance Kiosk and take the trail to the left before HWY 101, follow it for about a ¼ of a mile, cross the bridge (see cover photo) and start the quest at the "Woodland Loop Trail" sign.

Note: A Day Use Fee applies.



HOW TO QUEST:

You are holding a treasure map! Follow the movement clues (*italicized*) between stops (numbered) and discover the natural and cultural treasures within this forest. 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 to the Richardson Grove Visitor Center by following your previous tracks. Continue past the Park Entrance Kiosk and go under the bridge. At the visitor center, display your final clue to receive your prize. If the Visitor Center is closed, log on to the Redwood EdVentures website (below) and we'll mail your prize to you.

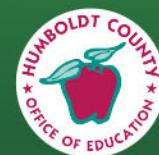
WHERE WILL YOUR NEXT QUEST TAKE YOU?

The journey you've just completed is one of many Redwood EdVentures Quests. Find Quest locations and download free copies at www.redwood-edventures.org. Teachers, students, and families can also explore hundreds of outdoor places and educational opportunities on the beautiful Redwood Coast. Find out why **nature is closer than you think!**



REDWOOD EDVENTURES QUEST

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WOODLAND LOOP TRAIL

Begin this quest at the **Woodland Loop Trailhead** (see directions on cover).



- 1** You did it! You found the Woodland Loop Trail, The path is windy and steep with no handrail. Check out the sign at the start of your course, Stay on trail to protect our precious resource.

*On this trail many calories you'll burn,
Start trekking on your **left**,
And stop at the seventh turn.*

- 2** As your path looks down at the ravine, Spot bluish-purple berries on bushes of green. This path is lined with **Huckleberry** treats, Sample only a few so they don't deplete.

*Stay on trail to keep shortcuts from getting wider,
Your next stop is a tall Oak tree on your right,
Touching distance from the trail & with fire scars.*

- 3** Overhead a **Live Oak** can be seen, They have small, oval-shaped leaves of green. These big trees will keep their leaves year round, You can find their acorns upon the ground.

*A picnic table sits at the top,
Look up the hill and to your right,
And you'll find your next stop.*

- 4** Uphill a tree fell in this spot, It looks dead and continues to rot. Bestowing new life is now its job, That is how it got the name "**nurse log**."

*Down the path there is more to learn,
Stop at a large tree left of a sign post,
And a fairly sharp turn.*

UNLOCK THE NATURAL TREASURE TROVE HIDDEN HERE AT RICHARDSON GROVE

- 5** To sprout, their seeds require fire, The berries can be made into a cider. Many forest critters that you may see, Feed on treats provided by the **Madrone Tree**.

*Walk 'til you reach the top of the stairs,
And check out the plant on your right,
Beware: **Do Not touch** it or you'll get a rash.*



Spring



Summer



Fall

- 6** **Poison oak** lies to your right on the trail, Three shiny leaves and no thorns are a sure telltale. They grow similarly to climbing vines, And enjoy areas like river shorelines.

*Cross over the stones that help water flow
After a while the path cuts through a large fallen log
Continue on and look left for new redwood growth
Sprouting forth from a stump, this is your stop*

- 7** To your left, notice new life standing out, This patch is called a **stump sprout**. From bare ground this life seems to unfurl, This unique tree growth began as a **burl**.

*Continue downhill until the path turns
Make sure to keep to the right
(Please avoid taking the left spur)
Now large redwoods and ferns will be in sight*

- 8** Groups of trees can grow in "**Fairy Rings**," Strong root systems leave them reigning kings. Sharing nutrients is how they thrive, Look ahead. Can you count more than five?

*Pass by these kings and a spot to recline,
On your right will be fire scarred trees,
Stop at the **Monna Jelenfy Grove** sign & look left.*

- 9** Look at the giant scars in these trees, Farmers once used them to hold geese. They were burned apart by fire then, Now, still alive, we call them **Goose Pens**.

*You have come to this quest's last rhyme,
And seen many gems of nature's kind,
Continue along to the quest's start and
Stop at the sign just one more time.*

- 10** Look for an arrow pointing left on the sign, Write the two words next to it after this rhyme. Return to the Visitor Center next, And you will receive some "gold" for this quest.

Write your Quest Clue Here:
