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### ***California Forever*** **Fact Sheet**

*California Forever* is a two-part PBS television special that tells the story of California's magnificent state parks from Yosemite in 1864 to the present day. Together the two one-hour programs remind viewers of the importance of California's state parks as well as their priceless legacy. [California Forever](#) is scheduled to air nationally in September 2012 (check local listings) and on [KQED 9](#), the public media company that serves Northern California, PBS SoCal and KLCS in Los Angeles, KVIE in Sacramento, KPBS in San Diego and KVCR in the Inland Empire.

**Credits:**

Director – David Vassar  
Writer – David Vassar  
Producers – Sally Kaplan and David Vassar  
Director of Photography – Christopher Tufty  
Editor – Christian White  
Original Music – Tony Humecke  
Narrator – Richard Doyle

**Funding:**

Major funding for the PBS broadcast of *California Forever* is provided by Destination Cinema. With giant screen theaters in the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Hearst Castle, and Victoria, Canada, Destination Cinema provides people with an enhanced travel experience. Working with state and national parks, along with museums across the country and around the world, Destination Cinema creates opportunities for visitors to connect with extraordinary places. Additional support is provided by the Hoeffler Family Foundation, Independent Documentary Association and Active Network.

**Awards:**

"Best Educational Program" - International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula, MT  
"Merit Award for Historical Perspective" - Montana CINE in Missoula, MT  
"Excellence in Feature Documentary" - Accolades Film and Video Awards

**Technology:**

Backcountry Pictures captured the arresting visuals of California's state parks at 4k resolution. The film was shot on a RED ONE camera, with the final master delivered in 2K HD with 5.1 audio mix.

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**Parks included in *California Forever*: 46 (More than 100 visited):**

- Angel Island State Park
- Ano Nuevo State Park
- Antelope Valley California Poppy State Natural Reserve
- Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
- Big Basin Redwoods State Park
- Bodie State Historic Park
- Calaveras Big Trees State Park
- California State Railroad Museum
- Chino Hills State Park
- Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park
- Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park
- D.L. Bliss State Park
- Donner Memorial State Park
- Emerald Bay State Park
- Empire Mine State Historic Park
- Estero Bluffs State Park
- Garrapata State Park
- Governor's Mansion State Historic Park
- Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument
- Hearst San Simeon State Park
- Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
- Humboldt Lagoons State Park
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park
- Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park
- La Purisima Mission State Historic Park
- Los Angeles State Historic Park
- Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park
- Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park
- Montaña de Oro State Park
- Monterey State Historic Park
- Morro Bay State Park
- Morro Strand State Beach
- Mount Tamalpais State Park
- Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area
- Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
- Patrick's Point State Park
- Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
- Rio de Los Angeles State Park
- San Onofre State Beach
- Torrey Pines State Beach
- W.R. Hearst Memorial Beach

**Fun Facts about California State Parks:**

- Number of Parks - 278
- Acres - 1.4 million
- Annual Visitors - 82+ million
- Picnic Sites - 6,493
- Campsites - 15,000
- Miles of Coastline - 280
- Miles of Lake and River Frontage - 625
- Miles of Trails - 3,000 (estimate)

**For More Information:**

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