



CALIFORNIA  
STATE PARKS  
FOUNDATION

## STATE PARK FUNDING

### HOW CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS ARE FUNDED

In California, the state park system receives funding from three sources: **a general fund** (which is tied to the state budget), **visitor use fees, special funds,** and when available **bond funding**.



#### General Fund

The state parks budget heavily relies on funds allocated from the General Fund. This funding source is ever-changing, routinely fluctuating along with the economy.



#### User Fees

The primary source of special funds are from the State Park Recreation Fund (SPRF), which is fees paid by visitors. All fees and revenues received by California State Parks are deposited into SPRF, which is then appropriated to Department of Parks and Recreation in the budget. SPRF includes fees from day use and camping, concession rents, and other fees.



#### Special Funds

Special Funds are many and varied, such as the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust, Winter Recreation, Habitat Conservation Fund, the California Environmental License Plate Fund, and State Park Contingent funds, as well as the general obligation park bonds.



#### When available, Statewide Bonds

Over the years, Californians have supported investments in conservation related bond measures. The state park system has been the recipient of portions of the passed bond funds.