

Tourism to Redwood National Park Contributes Huge Boost to Del Norte

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Last week's Triplicate featured an article National Parks contributed \$55.6 billion across 31 states making a profound contribution to local economies in which the Parks serve.

No details were released at that time on the economic impact on Del Norte County.

The National Park Service(NPS) reports 409,105 visitors spent \$29.6 million in communities near Redwood National Park. That spending supported 384 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$37.9 million.

"People come to Redwood to enjoy the solitude of ancient forests and rugged coastline and end up supporting the U.S. and local economies along the way," said Superintendent Steve Metz.

The NPS report for 2023 finds that 325.5 million visitors spent \$26.4 billion in communities near National Parks.

Lodging followed by restaurants contributed \$9.9 million and \$5.2 billion, respectively in direct economic contributions.