



# MAKING CALIFORNIA PARKS MORE **WELCOMING,** **ACCESSIBLE,** AND **RELEVANT TO ALL VISITORS.**

## **Giving Thousands of Students Access to Parks**

California is home to the largest and most diverse state park system in the country. But not every school can offer educational trips to these extraordinary places. That's where PORTS comes in – California State Parks' Online Resources for Teachers and Students® can provide every K-12 classroom direct digital access to the state's 280 parks through live, interactive video-conferencing.

**Now in its 17th year, PORTS has provided digital access to cultural, natural and historic places for more than 670,000 students and families. Last year alone:**

- 170,000 students were served
- Over 3,250 individualized presentations were given
- 38 state parks in 16 park districts were involved

**PORTS education is free and nimble, remaining relevant to teachers and families.**

**Your support will provide:**

- Enhanced educational opportunities for K-12 classrooms and families across California
- Increased access to state parks for thousands of students annually
- Expanded resources to allow every park district to reach more schools

Parks California is based on a new model for public, private and nonprofit partnership.  
Together, we ensure protected lands remain resilient while meeting the evolving needs of all people.

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