Guide to the Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Photographic Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Photographic Collection

Dates: 1958-2010

Bulk Dates: 1959, 1984, 2010

Collection number: Consult repository

Creator: California State Parks

Collector: California State Parks

Collection Size: 51 images

Repository: Photographic Archives.
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Abstract: The Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Photographic Collection contains 51 cataloged images that date from 1958 through 2010. Images depict the property as a state park unit.

Physical location: For current information on the physical location of these materials, please consult the Guide to the California State Parks Photographic Archives, available online.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research by appointment.

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Preferred Citation

[Identification of item including photographer and date when available], Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Photographic Collection, [Catalog number], California State Parks Photographic Archives, McClellan, California

Acquisition Information

Images generated by California State Parks staff.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Park History

Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area contains roughly 45 acres of natural resources. Located in Mendocino County, the park is bordered to the south and west by the Eel River’s South Fork and to the east by Mud Creek; it is roughly 35 miles north of the city of Willits. The park is accessible by car via Branscomb and Mud Creek roads. Named after a former Naval Operations Chief and foreign diplomat, the Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area contains a small but lush virgin redwood grove. Acquired by California State Parks in 1944 from the Westport Tie Company, the park unit was classified as a state recreation area in 1963 and today remains densely forested with mixed coast
redwoods and Douglas fir. In addition to its conserved redwoods, the park is also a popular destination for salmon and steelhead fishing. There are currently no facilities there.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Photographic Collection spans the years 1958-2010, with the bulk of the collection covering the years 1959, 1984, and 2010. There is a total of 51 cataloged images, including 7 photographic prints, scans, and negatives, 22 35mm slides, and 22 born-digital images. Photographs originated from California State Parks staff.

The collection depicts the park’s landscape. Imagery includes ground views of the forest, which incorporate natural features, such as redwood trees, stumps, grass, Mud Creek, Eel River, rocks, bushes, logs, mountains, and birds. Also depicted are images conveying human involvement, including: logging debris, the Branscomb Dam site, California State Park signage, picnic tables, park visitors, an unidentified building, telephone lines, and a bridge. The collection also includes a few aerial views of the valley, Eel River, forests, and Johnston Ridge.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

- California. Department of Parks and Recreation
- Eel River (Calif.)
- Mendocino County (Calif.)
- Natural resources
- Redwood National and State Parks (Calif.)
- Redwoods
- Standley, William Harrison, 1872-1963

**Related Material at California State Parks**

- Admiral William Standley State Recreation Area Collection

**Related Material at Other Repositories**

- Admiral William H. Standley Papers, University of Southern California: Special Collections

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