

SEASONAL GUIDE

BEST TIME OF YEAR TO VISIT THE REDWOODS



The redwoods are incredible year-round, but depending on when you visit, your experience can feel completely different.

From foggy summer mornings to lush, quiet winters, each season offers its own version of the redwood forest.

This guide breaks down what to expect throughout the year so you can plan your trip at the right time for you.

REDWOOD SEASONS BREAKDOWN

QUICK OVERVIEW

Best overall time to visit:	May-October
Warmest months:	June-September
Least crowded:	Late fall-early spring
Most lush + green:	Winter-spring



**SPRING
(MARCH - MAY)**

Best for:
Greenery, waterfalls,
fewer crowds

- Forest is especially lush and vibrant
- Creeks and waterfalls are flowing
- Wildflowers begin to appear

Things to know:
Weather can be unpredictable (rain + sun)
Trails may be muddy



**SUMMER
(JUNE - AUGUST)**

Best for:
Reliable weather, first-time visitors

- Warmest and most stable conditions
- Long daylight hours
- Most popular time to visit

Things to know:
Coastal fog is common (especially mornings)
Busier trails and towns

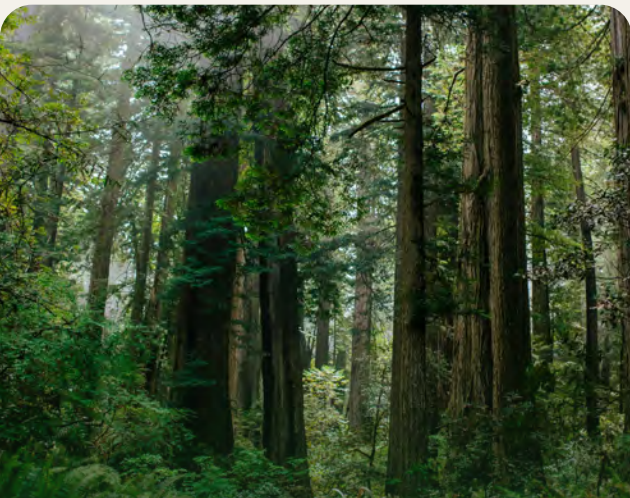


**FALL
(SEP - NOV)**

Best for:
Fewer crowds + mild weather

- Often the best balance of weather and solitude
- Clearer skies and less fog than summer
- Great for hiking and photography

Things to know:
Days begin to get shorter
Temperatures gradually cool



**WINTER
(DEC - FEB)**

Best for:
Quiet, solitude, dramatic atmosphere

- Fewest visitors
- Deep green forest + moody coastal weather
- Peaceful, uncrowded trails

Things to know:
Frequent rain. Some roads or trails may be affected by weather



COASTAL VS. INLAND CONDITIONS

Coastal areas tend to be cooler, foggier, and windier
Inland groves (like Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve) are often warmer and more sheltered
Good to plan for both when building your itinerary

PRO TIPS

-  Dress in layers, temperatures can shift throughout the day
-  Morning fog often clears by midday
-  Weekdays are quieter year-round
-  Always check road and trail conditions in winter

THERE’S NO “BAD” TIME TO VISIT THE REDWOODS, JUST DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU’RE LOOKING FOR.

Whether you want sunny coastal views or quiet, misty forest walks, each season offers its own kind of magic.

