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# HISTORIC FACTSHEET

## INTRODUCTION

**Name:** California Redwoods  
**Location:** Binns Road, near Beech Forest  
Great Otway National Park  
**Managed:** Parks Victoria  
**Start GPS:** S38.667389, E143.579361

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## TIMELINE

**1938**

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**Unknown**

The California Redwood Stand was incorporated into the Great Otway National Park and subsequently became protected from tree felling.

**5 October 2015**

Artworkz commenced work on this factsheet.

**9 October 2015**

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## GALLERY



**California Redwood Stand, Binns Road, near Beech Forest, January 2015.**

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DEPARTMENT: PARKS VICTORIA  
MINISTER: LISA NEVILLE



## An amazing place to visit

The Great Otway National Park is home to a large variety of wonders for everyone to enjoy. One less known wonder is the California Redwood Stand near the small township of Beech Forest.



## A Trip to Remember

The California Redwood stand at Cape Otway was first brought to my attention by my brother, Steven, while perusing some pictures he had recently taken. I was amazed that such a stand even existed in Australia and from that moment it was a priority for us to visit the stand. During the last school holidays we were afforded that opportunity.

The day we left the district was beautiful, however once we reached Ballarat the weather turned for the worst - with gale force winds along the coast and temperatures at the Great Otway National Park below 10 degrees Celsius. We stayed at Colac the first night and the next morning we started the hour drive to Beech Forest and the California Redwood stand.

When we arrived, the temperature was seven degrees, it was extremely windy and a light rain fell. However we had a great time casually wandering through the stand. We took a large number of photographs before heading back to the car and driving five minutes up the road to the Hopetoun Falls. They are one of my favourite Victorian waterfalls (behind Snobs Creek and Steavenson Falls of course) and they did not fail to impress once again. The Otway Ranges are full of magical wonders!



(Top) California Redwood sign - (Bottom) The Redwood stand























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