

Appendix U-1
Canyon Creek
Inventory

DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM

Name of Facility:	Canyon Creek
Type of Facility:	Day Use Area
Managing Agency:	California State Parks – Auburn State Recreation Area
Date of this Inventory:	March 12, 2009
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

Canyon Creek is a day use facility located along the Middle Fork of the American River upstream of Ruck-a-Chucky Recreation Area.. The facility is accessed by Drivers Flat Road through Ruck-a-Chucky Recreation Area and was constructed primarily as a take-out for commercial rafters.

The facility also runs along the Western States Trail so it is commonly used by hikers. A permit is required to camp and there is no potable water available. There is one compost toilet and a picnic table located on the north side of the river available for day use. The access road into Canyon Creek (Drivers Flat Road) has a locked gate controlled by ASRA staff so there is no public vehicular access. The site is operated by California State Parks.

OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:

Condition of Facility: Overall, the picnic area is in fair condition. The site is functional but has overgrown vegetation. The bathroom is relatively new and in good condition. The access road leading to the facility is in poor condition and can only be reasonably accessed by a high clearance vehicle due to the uneven and rocky substrate.
Accessibility Conditions: Neither the picnic site nor the bathroom meet accessibility standards due to uneven terrain, steep slope, and overgrown vegetation.
Health and Safety Concerns: None
Environmental and Cultural Concerns: Unknown
Comments: The access road is mostly used by hikers and equestrians. According to commercial rafting companies, the facility is no longer commonly used as a portage because an alternate portage is used farther downstream, closer to the Ruck-a-Chucky Falls. The facility may currently be used by commercial rafting companies as a resting point for meals and breaks. No potable water is available at this facility.

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SITE FEATURES

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Type	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Bathroom	Two unit	On east side of facility near beach area. Includes 1 toilet, and 1 toilet paper roll dispenser.	Painted wood exterior	Compost	Good	N	X		X	X		Good overall condition not accessible due to location.
Picnic Table	1 table, seats approx. 8-10 people	Located on northwest upper end of facility in parking area	Treated wood	Heavy	Fair	N			X		X	Picnic table is not accessible design. In fair condition due to lack of use but is covered in old graffiti. Difficult to access and use due to vegetation along pathway and under table.

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PARKING, ROADWAYS and GATES

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Drivers Flat Road	Approx. 1.2 miles long (10-24 feet wide)	As measured from locked gate to terminus.	Native surface	Fair to Poor	Y	X	X				Accessible by high clearance vehicles, subject to erosion. See detailed road survey for additional information.
Parking Area/Turn-Around	Approx. 2,500 square feet, roughly triangular in shape	Northwest side of facility on north side of access road	Soil, grass, cobble	Fair	N		X	X			Soil erosion has uncovered large cobble and other obstacles. Lack of use has allowed for vegetation overgrowth. Not striped, can accommodate approx. 10-12 vehicles.

SIGNAGE

Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Regulatory	Along trail between toilet and river access	1	Painted aluminum on plastic post.	Good	STAY ON TRAIL		Good contrast.