



## ROARING CAMP WHERE HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

Felton, Calif. - Small yet powerful steam locomotives hauled timber out of California's redwood-forested coastal mountains in the 1880s. Today steam engines are no longer used for logging but still operate at the Roaring Camp Railroads in Felton, California. They carry leisure passengers through the big trees, whistling and chugging along, just as they did more than a century ago.

Roaring Camp is a re-creation of a 1880s logging town complete with a general store, depot, opera house, covered bridge, one-room schoolhouse, and engine houses. Antique cabooses double as food stands and offices; a chuckwagon barbecue and picnic grounds spread outward from the Main Street. Virgin Redwoods, dramatic river gorges, mountains, lush canyons, open meadows, and pine and oak forests characterize the 150 acres that surround Roaring Camp.

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Adding to the natural beauty and old-fashioned ambience of Roaring Camp are two railroads: a narrow-gauge railway track that climbs through virgin redwood forests and a standard gauge railway that travels down the San Lorenzo River gorge to the beach at Santa Cruz. As the trains chug along, a conductor talks about the redwood forests, early railroading, and the area's history.

The Redwoods are the main reason people visit Roaring Camp. The Big Trees surrounding Roaring Camp represent one of the few remaining old-growth redwood forests left on the West Coast. The Roaring Camp railway wends its way through the forest as passengers view the giant trees towering overhead from open-air excursion cars. In addition to train excursions, Roaring Camp is host to a number of special events year-round.

Roaring Camp is located six miles north of Santa Cruz off State Route 17 at Mt. Hermon Road. Left at Graham Hill Rd., then ½ mile to the entrance. For more information, visit [www.roaringcamp.com](http://www.roaringcamp.com).

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