



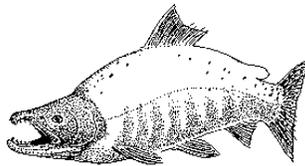
# **WSP Fortuna Team Leaders Fortuna, CA**





## **Watershed Stewards Project Mission**

The mission of the AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high quality scientific practices.



*Sockeye Salmon*



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## Welcome!

As a WSP Team Leader, many professional development opportunities and experiences will be available. Interest in this position shows a deep commitment to the watershed restoration community at large. Do not get discouraged or overwhelmed. Ask questions. Be honest about expectations and goals during this time. Most importantly; have fun.

### WSP: The Real Lowdown

WSP is a project of the California Conservation Corps (CCC). Details and logistics will be learned very soon. But here's the *real* scoop. AmeriCorps is awesome! Over the next ten and a half months, there will be so many opportunities to do so many positive things, not only for the country, community and environment, but for personal and professional growth as well.

### Site Description

*Location* 1455 C Sandy Prairie Ct.  
Fortuna, CA 95540  
(right next to the Fortuna CCC Center)

*Agency Affiliation* Watershed Stewards Project Program Office; CCC Fortuna

*General Ecology* "The Friendly City" is located within the Eel River Valley, a flood plain devoted primarily to agriculture. The Eel River serves as a throughway for many salmonids to smaller creeks throughout the greater river system. Fortuna is subject to foggy and rainy coastal weather patterns, but is slightly sunnier than Eureka and Arcata!

This area of the California coast has some of the most awesome natural outdoor beauty. The urban and the wild mingle here. The tall trees, the delicate rustling of eucalyptus leaves, the pounding of the surf or gurgle of a secluded creek are short drives from anywhere in the county. Get cricks in your neck exploring the ageless Giant Redwood Trees that are older than the Roman Empire, experience sandy beaches, rain forests, the wetlands and windswept ridges.

And after you've seen the redwood trees, check out the agricultural, timber, railroad and American Indian heritage resources in Humboldt County. Arts and culture abound!  
[www.sunnyfortuna.com](http://www.sunnyfortuna.com)

### Mentor Bio

*Position Description* Under the direction of the WSP Project Director, the WSP Region I Project Manager coordinates the day to day operations of the WSP Region I by: supervising and mentoring WSP Fortuna team leader daily activities and ensuring they know and understand their position responsibilities; training members on how to accurately and appropriately enter their daily service activities; reviewing and approving member requests for travel and time off; developing, coordinating, and administering members' classroom and public outreach activities; maintaining communication with mentors and members; conducting annual site visits; evaluating and reporting on member and placement site compliance with WSP guidelines and overall program quality. The



Region I Project Manager also collaborates with the Region II Project Manager to develop and supervise member Trainings and Orientation, and to coordinate member recruitment and placement.

*Employment History*

Kristin started working with AmeriCorps in 2007 by serving in Humboldt County as an AmeriCorps Member with the Straight Up AmeriCorps program. After her term of service, she continued working as an evaluation and monitoring specialist for the Straight Up Program until it lost funding. She began working with WSP in Service Year 16 as the program’s Member Coordinator, but moved in the Project Manager position after ten months. Her additional employment history includes conducting sociology-based research at HSU, working with the local Head Start/Early Head Start agency, and helping students through her tutoring positions in both elementary schools and for college-level statistics.

*Education background*

M.A. Sociology – Humboldt State University. Arcata, CA  
B.A. Sociology – California State University, Long Beach. Long Beach, CA



WSP - SERVICE YEAR 19 (2012/13)

<p><b>1 Mentor Training (Mandatory)</b>                  1-5 Member Orientation                  6 Blue Card Training                  8-9 Team Leader Training                  14 Y18 Final APR                  27 Make a Difference Day                  31 Site Paperwork DUE</p> <p>??Yreka Salmon Festival</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>Th</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>Th</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					<p>5 PS Applications to AC                  20-22 / 21-27 Global youth service day/                  National Volunteer Week                  21-22 Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival                  28-29 Fisherman's Festival Bodega Bay                  30 WSP PS Application Review Meeting                  30 WRE updates due</p> <p>27?? Klamath River Clean Up (Date TBD)                  ??? habitat typing training</p>														
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**Events Requiring WSP Team Leader Special Participation**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Event</i>
October	Year 19 Orientation; Blue Card Training; Team Leader Training; Make Difference Day (Nat'l Service)
November	Member Conference Call
December	Regional Training; Strategic Planning Day; Advisory Committee Meeting
January	MLK Jr Day (Nat'l Service); Member Conference Call; Supervision of Real Science
February	Healdsburg Salmon Festival; Supervision of Real Science
March	Strategic Planning Meeting; SRF Annual Conference; Cesar Chavez Day (Nat'l Service); Supervision of Real Science
April	Spring Training; National Volunteer Week/Global Youth Service Day (Nat'l Service); Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival; Fisherman's Festival Bodega Bay; Supervision of Real Science
May	Advisory Board Committee Meeting; Member Conference Call; Supervision of Real Science
June	Summer Training
July	Coastal Discovery Fair; Member Conference Call
August	Member Recognition Ceremony



## Description of Site Duties

### General Team Leader Duties

#### Real Science Program Coordination (20%)

- Organize K-12 *Real Science* and episodic presentations by contacting teachers, placing members in classrooms, collecting program metrics, and training new members in classrooms for the first time.
- Assist members in curriculum implementation, classroom management, and curriculum development.
- Manage and track member's education commitments in an Access database.
- Manage/track community education requests of WSP and member commitments.
- Conduct in-class observations and provide written feedback to at least ½ of your assigned members. Maintain and update the coaching/evaluation form.
- Update a check-out system for education materials and distribute them to members for use in the classroom.
- Update all curriculum/materials including, but not limited to: Education Handbooks, Education Bins, WSP Education Room and Library.
- Collect, track, aggregate, and report on all education-related data (Education Logs, Pre-Post-Test Tally Summaries) for tri-annual AmeriCorps Automated Progress Reports (APRs). Region II Office: forward all hard copies to Region I office.
- Work in partnership with the California Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Vista member on a series of educational presentations for CCC corps members.
- Conduct one series of Real Science (first year member requirement only).
- Field-test new curriculum in K-12 *Real Science* sessions.

#### Program Outreach (25%)

- Act as lead WSP representative for outreach events such as: mandatory regional outreach events, environmental education fairs and National Service days.
- Assist with various WSP recruitment opportunities, such as career and volunteer fairs.
- Actively seek out and coordinate new community outreach opportunities throughout the program year, with special emphasis on targeting underserved populations.
- Compile and review member's Tributary Tribune submissions.
- Collect and organize all outreach paperwork and maintain the outreach tracking log.

#### Volunteer Outreach (15%)

- Attend all Individual Service Projects (ISPs) within the Team Leader's specific region.
- Assist members in ISP development including: volunteer recruitment, media outreach, completion of necessary paperwork, and by providing help with pre-ISP checklist, ISP script suggestions, and general check-in prior to the event.
- Provide member feedback including: reviewing post-event evaluations, and sending ISP debriefing questions to the member two or three days after the event.
- Collect and organize all ISP paperwork for all member-led events.
- Participate in local service and volunteer networks as a WSP representative,



including attendance at committee meetings and coordinating with regional programs to collaborate National Service Day events (e.g., MDD, MLK Jr. Day, and Life After Service Conference).

- Region I Team Leaders: Work together to facilitate the organization of three Adopt-a-Highway clean-ups throughout the year.

Program Support (25%)

- Assist in planning and conducting WSP mandatory trainings (Regional, Spring, Summer), conferences and National Service Days.
- Assist with photo documentation at all WSP events.
- Maintain WSP outreach and education PowerPoints.
- Edit information on the WSP website as directed.
- Serve as member representative to the WSP Advisory Committee by attending semi-annual meetings, and presenting position-specific program updates.

Member Development (15%)

- Attend environmental education/outreach trainings opportunities to learn various education techniques (i.e. AEOE regional conferences, CSTA conferences).
- Attend SRF trainings such as: Annual Conference, SRF Chinook Symposium and Coho Confab.

Additional opportunities (time permitting): Participate in regional placement site field work projects of interest.



**Education Information**

<i>Regional Training</i>	Team leaders plan and facilitate Regional Training for members. The training is meant to give hands-on experience on outreach and education activities and mental preparedness for the members' Real Science.
<i>The School List</i>	WSP has its own education database with information from all the schools that had <i>Real Science</i> . There will be many schools will be listed from the Northern Region since the program has been in the region since Year one.
<i>Mailings</i>	Responsible for contacting and mailing/faxing solicitation packets to schools near each placement site for <i>Real Science</i> .
<i>New Schools</i>	Recruit new classes/teachers each year for members who need assistance. Some members may choose to be completely independent in picking their schools.
<i>New Curriculum</i>	Develop new curriculum following WSP's mission and guidelines (i.e. must be related to salmon/trout). All education must relate to the goals stated in WSP grants.
<i>Assigning Classes</i>	Assign classrooms to many of the members for <i>Real Science</i> in this region.
<i>Re-Stocking Ed Supplies</i>	Region I has its own education supply room. Ensure all education materials and lesson activities are fully stocked and in working order (i.e. clean, complete, and functional). Life cycle pageant costume sets are available as well. The Team Leader may create new materials. The Team Leader is also responsible for maintaining a checkout system through Google Docs.
<i>Education Handbook</i>	Every site should have an Education Handbook. The handbook is resource for WSP members filled with lesson plans and activities on watersheds, salmon life cycle, water cycle, land use and management, and much more.
<i>Fish for Dissections</i>	The WSP Office usually receives fish from the Mount Shasta Hatchery.
<i>Trout in the Classroom</i>	A DFG program where students raise salmon or trout eggs into fry in a classroom aquarium. The Real Science education program correlates particularly well with this program.
<i>Pre/Post Tallies</i>	Collect the Pre-Post-Test Tally Sheets filled out by members after the members finish their <i>Real Science</i> . Afterward, the members will e-mail the results directly to their regional Team Leader within one week of completion. Remind members to ensure that all students who take the pre-test also take the post-test, and that their signatures are legible. The actual tests must be received as back-up documentation for program funders.
<i>Perception Surveys</i>	Given to all teachers regardless of number of visits. The members then mail them directly to their regional Team Leader within one week of completion. Look them over! They give valuable info on how members are doing in the classroom.
<i>Teacher Contracts</i>	These need to be signed by the member and teacher. The contracts help ensure member protection and are useful if a scheduling or other teacher/classroom related problem arise. Keep a record of all the teacher's names/locations for future reference.



*Child Abuse Reporting Law*

Members must sign form for each new school year. This should be done at Regional Training. The forms are file in the WSP Fortuna office. The form binds members to report any suspected or known child abuse. They can be recycled at the end of the year when all education is done.

*Educator Interest Form*

Forms must be filled out by teachers and returned to the respective Team Leader.

**Site / Region Specific Education Resources**

For the Team Leaders, all education resources are available onsite! The storage and creation of the education support system for WSP occurs in the office. The team leader will have access to multiple books and handouts collected throughout the years along with electronic documents held in a share drive. Having all the resources available at hand creates the best place to explore every avenue possible when it comes to education support. The Project Managers have experience and advice as well as sincere words of encouragement when it comes to the Team Leader’s responsibility in maintaining a proficient education base for all members, including the Team Leader.

*The World Wide Web*

There are quite a few cool salmon related sites that will help supplement educational ideas:

<http://www.fws.gov/pacific/publications/salmbnk.pdf>

<http://www.salmonnation.com/>

<http://www.thinksalmon.com/>

*Other Educational Resources*

California Regional Environmental Education Center (CREEC) Calendar  
<http://creec.edgateway.net/cs/creecp/cal/68?x-layout=cal>

*Benefits of the position*

All Team Leaders are provided a slightly higher stipend than members at other sites, mostly because there is added responsibility with the position. Team Leaders receive a \$1560 monthly stipend (before taxes); have their own desks, computers and supplies; have access to a vehicle used solely by the WSP office; and access to all materials needed for camping and member support. You also have the opportunity to strengthen and influence the direction of the program by providing valuable input and insight to staff members.

*Networking Opportunities*

Team Leaders have the opportunity to meet local and regional officials who work with a variety of agencies and organizations, are consistently representing WSP, and work with a variety of natural resource professionals, teachers, landowners, corporations, and other community members. You never know who you will meet at the next community fair! The leadership, planning and organizational experience is invaluable and looks awesome on a resume!

**Volunteer/Media Information**

*What is an ISP?*

Individual Service Projects (ISPs) are a great way to learn professional and personal development. ISPs are usually one day, hands-on watershed restoration work day involving community members. Although it is a requirement for each member to plan, prepare, organize and execute an ISP during their term of service, members often have a lot of fun with it! As a Team Leader, much of your time will



be offering support and help to members in your region as they complete their ISP. This involves editing press releases, public-service announcements, media advisories and any other media outlets. In addition, the Team Leader will help recruit community volunteers by writing monthly volunteer e-Newsletter and posting the events on Facebook. Responsibilities may also include being involved in helping find a site or restoration project for members.

*Volunteer Recruitment*

The Team Leader has the exciting task of attending many community functions to spread the volunteer word! Work directly and closely with all the team leaders, the Project Manager, the Project Director and WSP members to identify events and activities to recruit volunteers! Think outside the box and attend as many events and activities as possible and talk to members of the community, educational and natural resource students and professionals. Remember, just about anyone is a potential volunteer!

*Managing and Tracking ISP's and Volunteers*

The Team Leader tracks and maintains all paperwork related to ISP's (proposals, media, summaries and volunteer sign-in sheets) for members. One of the most important resources is the volunteer database. You will enter volunteers into the database, manage it and extract important information from the database.

*Closing note*

The preceding is just a little taste of the main tasks involved. All the procedures for completing Team Leader tasks are outlined in a separate binder received upon the start of the position. This position is newer and constantly evolving, so have fun with it! This position allows creativity, attendance to a lot of fun events, networking, and meeting many friendly people.



## Local Ecology

### Descriptions of Local Ecology

*Climate:* Fortuna is located in Humboldt County, approximately 253 miles north of San Francisco. The town lies within the Eel River Valley, about 7 miles from the Pacific Ocean, and is surrounded by National, State and County Redwood parks. The weather in Fortuna is typical of coastal Northern California with seasonal winter rains, coastal influenced fog, and a yearly temperature range of 47-58.

*Loleta:* Loleta has one of the most scenic vistas of the lower Eel River Valley. You can view dairy farms, the Pacific Ocean, and a historic bank building. You can visit the Loleta Cheese Factory, a small family-run business dedicated to the production of fine tasting quality natural cheeses. The medal winning Monterey Jack and Cheddar Cheeses can be sampled in the tasting room along with a dozen other types of cheeses, and the manufacturing of cheeses can be observed through a large viewing window. Visitors are always welcome.

*Historic Fern Bridge*



The beautiful Fern Bridge is a multi-arched historic concrete bridge which crosses the Eel River, allowing entry to broad pastures and the City of Ferndale. Construction on the bridge started in 1911 and is the only bridge on the Eel that has survived many floods and earthquakes. This State and Historic Monument is the oldest reinforced concrete bridge in the world (and was the largest when it was built) and has withstood everything the Eel River has been able to throw against it.

*Humboldt Redwoods State Park; Biking and Hiking*

The Humboldt Redwoods State Park has been rated as one of the top ten mountain biking areas in the country. Cars are not allowed on the bike trails. Most of the roads are well graded and offer cyclists the option of riding side by side. The rides range from easy to difficult. Contact the Visitor Center in the Park to obtain a trail map at 707-946-2263.



### *Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge*

Humboldt Bay is one of the most important stopover areas along the Pacific Flyway. The Bay is the winter home for thousands of migratory ducks, geese, swans, and shorebirds. More than 200 bird species, including 80 kinds of water birds and four endangered species regularly visit the Bay. The Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge currently includes 2,200 acres of seasonal wetlands, salt marshes, grassland, open bay, and mudflats, with an ultimate goal of 8,935 acres.

The peak viewing season for most species of water birds and raptors is September through March. The number of water birds peaks from mid-March to late April. Summer visitors will see many gulls, terns, cormorants, pelicans, egrets and herons. Waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, harbor seals and river otters are visible throughout the year. Wildlife observation and waterfowl hunting are the principal public uses of the Humboldt Bay Refuge. The total number of visitors averages 15,000 to 17,000 per year.

The refuge has two interpretive trails. Peak viewing season for most species of waterbirds and raptors is September through March. Black brant and migratory shorebird populations peak from mid-March to late April. Summer visitors will see many gulls, terns, cormorants, and pelicans; as well as resident egrets and herons. Waterfowl, raptors (including osprey), and harbor seals are visible throughout the year.

One trail is open seven days per week during daylight hours (Hookton Slough Trail), and one is open seasonally during refuge office hours (Shorebird Loop Trail). The Hookton Slough Trail follows a tidal slough 1.5 miles out along the south edge of Humboldt Bay. The 3-mile distance (round trip) passes along grasslands, freshwater marsh, mudflats, and open water. Look for herons and egrets, as well as shorebirds, waterfowl, and harbor seals. The 1.75-mile Shorebird Loop Trail passes near some of the refuge's best shorebird viewing areas. The trail affords a good overview of the diverse seasonal wetlands; an optional side trail takes you to the refuge's largest permanent freshwater pond. Interpretive panels along the way illustrate the refuge's wildlife resources and habitat management practices. Look for shorebirds, waterfowl, songbirds, tree frogs, and river otters. Waterfowl, snipe, and coot hunting occurs on five of the seven units of the refuge. Only the hunting within the 330-acre hunt area of the Salmon Creek Unit is tightly controlled, with hunting allowed only two days per week until 1 p.m., with 12 hunting blinds/sites, a lottery draw, and a paid permit process. An estimated 1,000 hunters utilize the refuge annually.

Wildlife viewing from a boat can be excellent. However, boaters should be aware that tides, wind, and weather change rapidly on Humboldt Bay. There are currently four public boat launches on the Bay; the refuge is currently in the process of building a dock for launching small, non-motorized boats at the Hookton Slough Trail parking area.

Humboldt Bay and tidal sloughs are open to fishing year-round. Areas separated from the Bay by land, such as creeks and flooded areas behind levees, are closed to fishing. The Hookton Slough Trail is open to shore fishing; access to other areas is by boat. Guided walks are provided on the Lanphere Dunes Unit on the first and third Saturdays of each month.



*Camp Weott  
Guide Services*

Tour the river channels and salt marshes where the Eel River meets the sea. Wildlife abounds in the area, which is the focal point for the annual Centerville Christmas Bird Count. In recent years, the count has averaged over 150 species. Shore birds, loons, song birds, cormorants, hawks, egrets, geese, herons, ducks, and kingfishers- you may see any or all. Larger mammals seen here include harbor seals, river otters, sea lions, black-tailed deer, bobcat, raccoon, fox, porcupine, striped and spotted skunk, and various species of rabbit.

Much of the Delta can be reached only by boat, and at the turn of the century was an important Humboldt County seaport. With the abandonment of shipping due to the hazardous bar, most of the area has reverted to a wild state, with only an occasional rotting piling to note man's earlier presence.

Naturalist Bruce Slocum, a Coast Guard licensed operator, has lived in the area most of his life and invites you to explore the Delta with him. Bruce will tell you the history of the Delta and how large ships used to go up the Salt River as you travel down the river to the Pacific. The two-hour tours are by appointment and leave two hours before high tide. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Rowboat and canoe rentals are also available, as are special charters and tours. Call 707-786-4187 or 707-786-4902.

*Centerville  
Beach*

Centerville Beach is five miles west of Ferndale on Centerville Road. Turn right onto Ocean Avenue from Main Street at the south end of Ferndale and travel towards the ocean. The Park provides access to 9 miles of ocean beach. Dairy farms back the wild beach to the north and steep cliffs are to the south. A large cross overlooks Centerville Beach. The cross memorializes travelers who died when a steamer sank offshore in 1860.

Sandpipers scurry along the water's edge and cormorants, gulls, and pelicans fly along the water. Harbor seals can be seen peering curiously from the breakers. From mid-November to March, one of the largest coastal congregations of Tundra Swans can be found in the Eel River Bottoms north of Centerville Road.

*Ferndale's Russ  
Park*

Russ Park was donated by Zipporah Patrick Russ in 1920 "as a park...and refuge and breeding place for birds." More than 100 varieties of birds have been seen in the park. The Park is 105 acres and has 3 miles of trails with a Sitka Spruce forest which is more rare than Redwoods. Russ Park can be reached by turning left at the south end of Main Street onto Ocean Street and traveling 3/4 mile to the gravel parking area on the right.

*Fortuna's Eel  
River Overlook  
and Walkway*

Get up close and personal with the Eel River Webcam. From the Overlook, walk or mountain bike north or south along the levee. The Overlook parking lot is located next to River Lodge on Riverwalk Drive west of the Highway 101 interchange. The Eel's placid summer flow is a stark contrast to the sometime furious and turbulent winter force.

Fishing in the Eel River is a pale shadow of its former glory, but the scenery on the lower Eel River near Fortuna is breathtaking. Bright silver King Salmon leaping into the air, ducks, seals and river otters, deer, Blue Heron, osprey, and even an occasional Bald Eagle or elusive mountain lion sighting bear witness to the area's bounty of wildlife.

North of the Overlook is the North Coast Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden and Fortuna's newest public area, a diamond in the rough, Ogburn Park.



*Cape Mendocino  
and the Tour of  
the Unknown  
Coast*



Take the Wildcat Road in Ferndale to Cape Mendocino, Petrolia, Honeydew and then to Rockefeller Forest and back to Highway 101. This area is known as the Lost Coast because of its remoteness. This 100-mile loop drive takes about six hours and is beautiful, passing through some of the prettiest back country in Humboldt county, with beautiful views of rivers, the ocean and mountains. Many car commercials are filmed in this area. The road is narrow and winding in places (not recommended for RV's) so take a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

Capetown is a tiny settlement about 45 minutes from Ferndale. Further south, Cape Mendocino is the western-most point in the continental United States, and offers breath-taking ocean vistas. During the winter, ocean waves may wash onto the road. Lighthouse Road near Petrolia offers a four-mile-hike south along the beach to the lighthouse. Petrolia was named that because the first oil well in California was drilled there. East of Petrolia is A.W. Way County Park, with picnic tables, restroom and river access.

After passing through Honeydew, travelers will climb Rainbow Ridge, nearly a half-mile high, and pass through Panther Gap before dropping back down into the Rockefeller Forest, over ten thousand acres of the largest virgin redwood forest in the world. Take a short hike to the "Flat Iron Tree".

*Redwood  
Ecology*

California's magnificent Coast Redwood is the world's tallest known tree and one of the world's oldest trees. Average mature trees, several hundred years old, stand from 200 to 240 feet tall and have diameters of 10 to 15 feet, and some trees have been measured at more than 360 feet. The tallest tree in the world, The Stratosphere Giant located here at Humboldt Redwoods State Park, is just over 370 feet tall. In the most favorable parts of their range, Coast Redwoods can live more than two thousand years.

Redwoods are named for the color of their bark and heartwood. The high tannin content of the wood gives the trees remarkable resistance to fungus diseases and insect infestations. The thick, fibrous bark has an even higher tannin content, and insulates them from the periodic fires which have occurred naturally down through the centuries in the redwood region.

These immense trees have delicate foliage. Narrow, sharp-pointed needles only one-half to three-quarters of an inch long grow flat along their stems, forming feathery sprays. Redwood cones are about an inch long and each cone contains 14 to 24 tiny seeds; a pound of redwood seeds would number more than a hundred thousand. Redwood seedlings grow rapidly, more than a foot per year in good conditions. Young trees also sprout from their parents' roots, taking advantage of the established root system.



Coast Redwoods form almost pure stands in some areas, especially on flat, silt-covered river and creek plains. Coast Redwoods are also found in mixed evergreen forest with the majestic Douglas fir, as well as western hemlock, grand fir, and Sitka spruce. On drier slopes tan oak, madrone, maple, and California bay laurel grow along with the evergreens. Rhododendrons and a variety of ferns are the most common under story plants. Other plants which flourish under the trees in the duff of fallen needles include poison oak, huckleberry, hazel, and many flowering herbs. Mammals found in the redwood forest include the ubiquitous raccoons and skunks, black bears, Roosevelt elk, deer, squirrels, porcupines, weasels, mink, and the rare ringtail cats. Among the birds found here are the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl, both of which nest almost exclusively in old-growth redwood and Douglas fir forest. Many visitors in the redwoods notice a common mollusk, the yellow banana slug.

It is generally believed that the last ice age limited the Coast Redwoods to their present range, a narrow 450-mile strip along the Pacific Ocean from central California to southern Oregon. In the redwood belt, temperatures are moderate year-round, and heavy winter rains and dense summer fog provide the trees with the water they need. This climate was far more common in earlier eras. Paleobotanists have discovered fossil redwoods throughout what is now the western United States and Canada, and along the coasts of Europe and Asia. Some of these fossils are as much as 160 million years old. Redwoods are relatively recent arrivals in their current region; the earliest fossil record in California is found in rocks less than 20 million years old.

A natural Coast Redwood forest is a perfect recycling system. The soil (like that in any high-rainfall climate) contains few nutrients; most of the substance necessary for life is in the trees themselves, living and dead, and in the other plants and animals of the forest. If trees are removed from the forest instead of being allowed to die and decay naturally, many nutrients are lost from the cycle.

*Stream Ecology*

Riparian habitat describes a particular vegetation type occurring along streams that is usually made up of deciduous trees (lose leaves in winter) and various shrubs and herbs. This vegetation provides essential food, shelter, and shade for both fish and wildlife. Additionally, wildlife use these areas for nesting and travel corridors. Healthy riparian habitats are used by more species of wildlife than any other terrestrial habitat type.

Riparian zones function to: stabilize stream banks and resist erosion, filter some sediments and harmful substances from overland-flowing water, moderate the microclimate by providing shade, windbreaks, and thermal insulation, support fish and wildlife species, slow water flows during floods, decrease flood potential by storing water in vegetative tissue and sponge-like soils, and provide open space for aesthetic, recreational, and educational opportunities.





Salmon and trout are collectively called “salmonids.” Many salmonid species are anadromous, meaning that they spend much of their adult life in the ocean but return to freshwater streams to reproduce, or spawn. The coho/silver and Chinook/king are the salmon species best known in this region. Locally, familiar trout species are cutthroat, steelhead, and rainbow (genetically identical to steelhead but not anadromous). All local salmonid species have undergone population declines recently.

Other fish species in the area include stickleback, sculpin, suckers, dogfish, dace, lamprey, and tidewater goby.

Some birds and animals living in and around Northern California coastal streams include herons, egrets, belted kingfishers, bald eagles, water ouzels, mink, river otters, raccoons, skunks, Pacific giant salamanders, red-legged frogs, and crayfish.

### *Native Plants*

Humboldt County is known for its redwoods. Redwoods are amazing trees. I won't even tell you why, because in your term of service, you will be able to discover why and share it with the kids. Their eyes will light up in delight and amazement- no kidding! They do things most other trees don't. Go out and discover!

Native riparian trees include Black Cottonwood, Sitka Willow, Big Leaf Maple, and Red Alder. Riparian vegetation is very important for a healthy stream and salmon habitat.

The other predominant conifer out here is Douglas Fir. Notice the “rat tails” that define their cones. You'll see these cones before you ever spot a redwood pinecone.

One can also find California Bay, Madrone, and California Hazel.

As far as shrubbery is concerned, be aware of the Poison Oak. Yes, it is out there in abundance. Three leaves, let it be! In the winter, it has no leaves, so beware of sticks pointing up out of the ground. Coyote Brush, Evergreen Huckleberry, and California Blackberry are also in abundance. You'll be able to gorge yourself in the bounty of blackberry in August and September!

### *Invasive Plants*

Not all plants are good. You'll learn this quick enough. Many ISPs will be devoted to the eradication of these and other species:

English Ivy- known to have a harmful effect on salmonid habitat. A big tree killer!

Scotch and French Broom- There is a difference between the brooms, but both are either yellow or orange-ish in color and both are invasive. The native broom is purple.

Holly

The infamous Himalayan Blackberry- it's not your native Blackberry. This berry bush will hurt you with its sharp thorns. Himalayan Blackberry has ridges along its stems and has leaves bunched up in fives.

### *Animals*

Have you ever spotted a mountain lion? Well, this season may be your chance, if you're lucky. A few of us have spotted them randomly. No need to fear though. Mountain lion attacks are very rare- there's only one recorded case in all of Humboldt County history.

For a cool collection of native animals, visit the Weott State Parks Visitor Center.



Chances are, the first sign of an animal you'll see will be its tracks or scat. Look for evidence of:

- Bobcats
- Black bear
- Ringtail – Very rare.
- Otter
- Turkey Vultures, Red Tail Hawks, Eagles, and Osprey.

*Canoeing*

The Eel River from Myers Flat to where the South Fork enters the main tributary offers a beautiful wild and scenic place to canoe or kayak. This easy, class 1.5 run passes the Garden Club of America Grove and the Rockefeller Forest. These areas represent the largest remaining old-growth Redwood forest. Ospreys usually nest along the river here, and wood ducks, common mergansers, and river otters often can be seen. The boating season on the South Fork is from November through mid-June. The best times are March through April but can be windy in the afternoons. Summer has lower stream flows and pleasantly warm water better suited for swimming. Canoeing on the main fork of the Eel is also spectacular, but can be windy in the summer months.

*Birding*

Over 450 species of birds have been spotted in Humboldt County. During the annual Christmas bird counts, the Ferndale area has been consistently in the top twenty bird counts of more than 1,600 held annually in North America.

*Whale Watching*

Gray Whales migrate south along the coast from December through May. They return from January through May. The mother whales and their young travel through the area in April and May very close to land and can frequently be seen. Two excellent observation sites are Table Bluff and the bluffs just south of Centerville Beach.

*Table Bluff  
County Park and  
Eel River Refuge*

The 170 foot cliff above the Pacific Ocean at Table Bluff has an excellent view of Humboldt Bay to the north and of the Eel River Delta to the south. The wildflowers here are beautiful in the spring. You can hike along the beach to the south through the Eel River Wildlife Refuge. Take the Hookton Road exit on Highway 101 and follow it west 5 miles to the Park.



## Housing and Local Resources

### Housing Contact List

*Location, location, location,* location

Affordable housing on an AmeriCorps living stipend is totally doable. Arcata, in general, is more expensive than Eureka and other areas. Arcata and Eureka are popular towns and provide city-like amenities for the area. More rural towns in the area include Rio Dell, Fortuna, Ferndale, and McKinleyville. There will be a lot of other WSPers looking for housing in the area. In the past, lots of people have been able to team up, share a place, and commute one big WSP family style.

*Fortuna/ Rohnerville:*

These areas have the distinct advantage of being very close to work. You could bike or possibly even walk to work, and rentals tend to be cheaper than in the Northern Humboldt Bay area. There are a few chain grocery stores, drugstores, hardware stores, some independent boutiques, restaurants, and coffee shops, etc. You will get a basic bit of everything, although the community is a bit older and fairly traditional (a result of the agricultural and timber industries being closely tied to the area) and that dictates a lot of the culture. Great places to go include the Eel River Restaurant and Brewery (some of the best food in Fortuna) and some of the Mexican restaurants (La Costa in particular) as there is a small but strong Mexican community in Fortuna, Loleta, and Ferndale.

*Rio Dell and Scotia:*

Rio Dell is a short commute from Fortuna, and some staff and members have chosen to live there. The weather is sunnier and warmer than in the communities directly by Humboldt Bay, which can be really appealing, especially in the winter! There is a bocce ball court, mini-golf, some stores and markets, a few eateries, etc. These communities are slightly smaller than Fortuna, and offer fewer options as far as stores go. Rent is purportedly reasonable here too, although I'm not sure what Scotia has to offer in terms of rentals, since it has long been a company-owned town (all tenants pay rent to the Humboldt Redwood Company (formerly PalCo), although this may be changing). Since many of the social events outside of work amongst AmeriCorps members in this region occur in Arcata and Eureka, living in Fortuna, Rio Dell, or further south can be limiting. Living in Pepperwood, Miranda or further south would result in a long commute.

*Inland along the Van Duzen River (Hydesville, Bridgeville, Carlotta):*

On occasion there are rentals in this area. The road can close in exceptionally bad weather (usually in the winter) due to slides. There are a few small convenience stores and markets, but not much that is centralized. There are some gorgeous and semi-remote properties in this area with very large redwood trees. Living in the Carlotta/ Bridgeville area would result in about a 20 minute commute, depending on the weather.

*Ferndale, Loleta, King Salmon, Elk River area, and other towns between Fortuna and Eureka:*

These are also some cheaper and more rustic/ rural/ country-ish options, but there are similar limitations as far as community and resources available. All of these areas have a small, central town area with a few shops and grocery stores. The Loleta Cheese company offers free cheese tasting!

*Eureka, Cutten, Myrtle town, Freshwater:*

This is one of the most popular places for staff and team leaders to live because it offers many of the options and amenities of your typical American city and is still a reasonable distance to work (count on a 20 to 30 min commute). Certain parts of Eureka can be a little bit sketchy at night (Old Town, and near Highway 101) but it is mostly safe. Cutten, Myrtle town and Freshwater are all a little bit pricier and may



result in a slightly longer commute than living in central Eureka. Eureka has more than 25,000 residents, and a wide selection of amenities. With the natural food stores, shops, services, etc. comes more traffic and congestion. It can be frustrating that Highway 101 runs through the town, as this results in more accidents and traffic, especially during rush hour. College of the Redwoods is just south of Eureka, and offers a variety of classes at the community college level and a few kinds of additional certifications. Eureka 1-bedrooms are sometimes available for as little as \$650/ month, and if you are considering living with a roommate or partner, sometimes a place with enough space is available for around \$400/ month. You might get luckier, but if you want a really roomy and private house, expect to pay more. Plan to spend at least half an hour to get to work. Busses run frequently as well, but take longer (about 40 minutes) and do not run on Sundays.

*Arcata and Bayside:*

Arcata is a college town (Humboldt State University is right in the town) and while school is in session, the community reflects this very clearly. However, there are also a large number of other residents and long-time Humboldt residents that help create a strong community. Arcata has passed an ordinance which prevents chain stores from expanding, and this is obvious when you walk around or explore the businesses that are benefiting from this. It is more expensive in nearly every respect – rent is higher because of the student market and finding a neat place is competitive. If sharing a house (often houses have 3 or more bedrooms, so having a lot of roommates is an option) you may get lucky enough to spend \$400 month although it is usually more expensive. For a one-bedroom or studio, you are likely to spend in the \$700 price range, and slightly more for a small house. There are an abundance of young people, local festivals, farmer’s markets, things to do, and other AmeriCorps members in Arcata, which makes it appealing for some members. There is a decent Arcata-Fortuna carpool, although you may need to be clear and flexible with your scheduling if you choose to do this. Driving will take about 35-40 minutes, while taking a bus can take over an hour.

*McKinleyville, Blue Lake, Kneeland, Trinidad and surrounding towns:*

Rentals are slightly cheaper here than in Arcata, but you may be looking at as much as an hour-long commute to work. McKinleyville has a lot of family-friendly housing and supposedly has good schools for younger kids. Trinidad is very far north to consider commuting to Fortuna.

*Places to look for housing*

*Humboldt Craigslist*

- <http://humboldt.craigslist.org/>
- This is probably your best bet.

*Tri-City Weekly*

- [www.tricityweekly.com](http://www.tricityweekly.com)

*Times-Standard*

- <http://www.times-standard.com/>

*Humboldt Living website*

- <http://www.humboldtliving.com/towns.php>
- For information on the various Humboldt towns

*Arcata and Eureka Co-Op Bulletin Board*

- Look for flyers for housing posted on these nifty boards.

*Local Property Management Agencies*

- Humboldt Property Management: (707) 825-1515 located at 954 H St. in Arcata
- Professional Property Management: (707) 444-9197 located at 3109 H St. in Eureka
- Rupp and Associates: (707) 443-7091 located at 1010 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Eureka



**Local Resource Contacts**

*The North Coast Journal* Walk yourself into any coffee shop and grab yourself a free copy: local happenings, culture, entertainment, events, resources, classes, articles galore.  
<http://www.northcoastjournal.com/>

*Fortuna Chamber of Commerce* <http://chamber.sunnyfortuna.com/>

*The California Welcome Center in Arcata* Tons of free publications including the awesome “100 Things To Do In Humboldt County” book  
1635 Heindon Road  
Arcata, CA 95521  
(707) 822-3619

*College of the Redwoods* <http://www.redwoods.cc.ca.us/>



## Community Contacts

### Community Contacts List

California Conservation Corps <http://ccc.ca.gov/> (The Fortuna Center is right next door)

California State Parks <http://parks.ca.gov/>

Friends of the Eel River <http://www.eelriver.org/>

## Entertainment and Community Events

### Resources for Affordable Entertainment Options

*Newspapers:* The **Times-Standard** is a daily newspaper that is also available online. It probably has the largest distribution of any Humboldt County paper, so there's a good chance you'll find events from Southern Humboldt (SoHum) listed there as well. Online, check out the Entertainment section at <http://www.times-standard.com/entertainment> to find articles and listings of upcoming events. On the left side of this webpage is also a small "Entertainment" section with links to movie showtimes, TV listings, and the Humboldt Music section. There's more information on the Humboldt Music section under "Websites" below.

**The North Coast Journal** (also referred to as "The Journal") is a weekly paper that comes out every Thursday. It's a great place to also see another calendar of events, and includes much more than just music – sections include food, theater, film, dance, art, things for kids, etc. Go online to <http://www.northcoastjournal.com/calendar.html> for a view of weekly events. Two other really helpful aspects to The Journal is a "Workshops and Classes" <http://www.northcoastjournal.com/workshops.html> section that's fairly comprehensive and a "Music and More" section (which lists venues for Humboldt County) and can be found at <http://northcoastjournal.com/clubs/index.html>. Many of these cost some amount of money, but many activities are affordable even on an Ameri-budget. The Journal is probably one of the best resources for events.

*Websites:* The **Humboldt Travel Directory** actually has a lot of links for Humboldt County events and such, and also lists individual communities and links. Seriously, check out this website for festivals, in-the-nature activities, restaurants and pubs, and oh-so-much-more! This website is also not complete, but is fairly comprehensive.

**Humboldt Music Events Calendar**, available online at [www.humboldtmusic.com](http://www.humboldtmusic.com), is a somewhat comprehensive list online of music events. It also has a page of venues and a section of artists so you can preview what their music sounds like before you go!

**Arcata Main Street** has events that happen, you guessed it, in downtown Arcata. Go to [www.arcatamainstreet.com](http://www.arcatamainstreet.com) and check out their Community Calendar and Main Street Events links. There's also a link for kid events if you have children!



**101 Things to Do** comes in both magazine and website form. Visit <http://101things.com/NewMagSite/Humboldt/> and scroll through the latest issue to find, well, 101 things to do in Humboldt County – it isn't restricted to Arcata and Eureka!

**The Palette**, the self-proclaimed “Cultural Guide to Humboldt County and the North Coast,” has art events and stories about events at [www.thepalette.com](http://www.thepalette.com).

**Humboldt State University** has multiple venues and hosts a variety of events on campus. Visit <http://www.humboldt.edu/~carts/>, <http://www.thejackonline.org/calendar/>, or <http://www.humboldt.edu/~asp/> to possible events.

**Humboldt Living**, “The Green Way of Life”. Good resource for local articles, venues, festivals, theater events and media/photos. Visit <http://www.humboldtliving.com/main.php>.

**Chamber of Commerce** – don't be afraid to check out city websites. Often, the Chamber of Commerce can be much more informative than what you'd expect!

Visit the **Humboldt County** website at <http://www.humboldtcounty.com/> to find resources about events, venues, or other places to find that information, and

**North Coast 101**: If you're looking for a **movie theater**, visit <http://northcoast101.com/nc/movies.php> which conveniently lists Arcata, McKinleyville, Eureka, and Fortuna theaters (another **movie website** is <http://www.catheatres.com/>). North Coast 101 also has info on many of the towns in Humboldt County, although it is, by no means, a complete site. The “North Coast Directory” isn't particularly accurate or complete, so I'd use it with caution.

## Recurring Event List

*Annual Festivals and Events:* Oh, so many festivals and events! Each community has their own standard, happens-every-year event. Some events to watch out for: Arcata Bay Oyster Festival, North Country Fair, Blues by the Bay, festivals hosted by local breweries, the annual apple harvest festival in Fortuna, Pastels on the Plaza in October in Arcata, BigFoot Days in Willow Creek ...

*Arts Alive Eureka & Arcata* Eureka Arts Alive: First Saturday of each month  
Arcata Arts Alive: Second Friday of each month  
Free food, drinks, art, music.

*Farmer's Markets* Various towns have local farmer's markets. Arcata's Farmer's Market is on Saturdays from April to November. Fortuna's Farmer's Market is on Tuesdays from May to October. Eureka has farmers markets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.