



2024 Walk for HOPE

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**Saturday, September 21, 2024
Calaveras Big Trees State Park**

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You can help make this year's Walk for HOPE a success by:

1. Forming a team with family, friends, co-workers or church members. You may want to walk in celebration or in memory or honor of a loved one.
2. Setting a goal to raise \$100, \$500 or more and create a fundraising page under your name.
3. Obtaining sponsors to meet your goal and collecting their donations in advance using the attached form.
4. Having your sponsors make their donation with a check **payable to Sierra HOPE.**
5. **Choosing your time to walk:** Registration is open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
6. **Choosing your trail:**
 - **The North Grove Trail:** This gentle 1.7 mile loop will take you through the historic grove of Giant Sequoias discovered in 1852. The Big Stump, Mother and Father of the Forest, and the Pioneer Cabin Tree (at one time a "drive-through" tree) are all located along this trail, as well as about 100 very large Giant Sequoias. The trail begins and ends at the far end of the North Grove parking lot. This trail is "stroller-friendly" when dry. Allow 1–2 hours.
 - **The Three Senses Trail:** Located next to the Big Stump, this is a very short loop of just a few hundred yards, intended to help visitors enjoy a sensory experience of the forest. Trail markers display both printed words and Braille. Allow 20 minutes.
 - **The South Grove Trail:** This trail travels through the South Grove Natural Preserve, home to about 1,000 mature Giant Sequoias, and the largest trees in the park. This moderately difficult trail consists of a 3.5 mile loop through the lower part of the grove, with a 3/4 mile-long spur trail leading to the Agassiz Tree—the largest in the park—for a total of 5 miles. The South Grove Trailhead parking area is located 9 miles past the park entrance station on the main park road. There are restrooms at the trailhead but no drinking water. Allow 2.5–4 hours for this hike and be sure to bring water and wear sturdy shoes.
7. **Bringing your completed registration form** and sponsor donations with you to the walk.

******* NOTES *******

- * **Dogs are not allowed on the designated trails or in the woods in general.** If you bring your dog to the Sierra Walk for HOPE, you will not be able to bring it with you on the trails.
- * Due to extreme fire danger, smoking is not allowed outside of your vehicle or designated areas.
- * **The Walk happens – Rain or Shine!!**

