

JACK LONDON
STATE HISTORIC PARK

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FACT SHEET

Name: Jack London State Historic Park

Address: 2400 London Ranch Road, Glen Ellen, California 95442

Location: The Park is located approximately 1.5 hours north of San Francisco in Glen Ellen, Sonoma County, between the towns of Sonoma and Santa Rosa, California.

Phone: 707-938-5216

Website: <https://jacklondonpark.com>

Directions, Hours & Fees: <https://jacklondonpark.com/directions-hours-fees/>

Jack London State Historic Park is operated and funded by [Jack London Park Partners](#), the first non-profit organization to take up management of a state park on behalf of the people of California.

Who was Jack London?

- Jack London (1876-1916) was one of the most prolific and popular authors of his time, the first to earn a million dollars at his trade. Between 1900 and 1916, he completed [more than 50 fiction and nonfiction books](#), hundreds of short stories, and numerous articles. Many of his books are considered classics. Some have been translated into as many as 70 languages. Among his most well-known books are “Call of the Wild,” “White Fang,” “The Sea Wolf,” and “Martin Eden.”
- After Jack London died, his wife Charmian inherited the property and lived there until her death in 1955. Thirty-nine acres, including the House of Happy Walls, Wolf House, and the Gravesite were gifted to the State of California in 1959. In 1979, the state purchased an additional 756 acres including the cottage and the ranch outbuildings. In 2001, 600 acres of Sonoma Developmental Center land, including the historic orchard, were transferred to the park. Today the park encompasses approximately 1,570 acres.
- In 1960, the property was declared a California Historical Landmark and dedicated as a State Park. It was made a National Historic Landmark in 1962.
- Media seeking to do further research about Jack and Charmian London may also contact:
 - [Sonoma State University](#)
 - [The Oakland Museum of California](#)
 - [The Huntington Library](#)

Historic features:

- Known as [The Beauty Ranch](#) and originally purchased by Jack London in 1905-1913, the Park is comprised of more than 1,400 acres.

- [House of Happy Walls Museum](#) – Built after Jack London’s death it was Charmian’s home for many years, and it now houses artifacts and displays that tell the story of Jack and Charmian London and Beauty Ranch.
- [The Londons’ Cottage](#) –The Cottage was the Londons’ principal home on the Beauty Ranch.
- [The Wolf House Ruins](#) – Jack London’s dream home was nearly completed when it burned to the ground on August 22, 1913. Only the massive masonry walls remain.
- [Historic Ranch buildings](#) – Including the Pig Palace, winery ruins, silos and barns.
- [Jack London Grave Site](#) – Both Jack and Charmian London and Jack London’s step-sister Eliza Shepard are laid to rest at this sylvan site.

Trails and Nature

- The Park offers more than [29 miles of trails](#) on Sonoma Mountain that roam through mixed forests, redwood groves, oak woodlands, and grassy meadows. The elevation varies from 600 to 2,300 feet.
- [Tours](#) offer a variety of ways to explore and learn. Free docent-guided tours are available on weekends as well as private group and specialty tours.
- [Triple Creek Horse Outfit](#) concession offers guided horseback tours in the Park.
- Native plant life: Madrone, Manzanita, Douglas fir, Coastal Sequoia, Oak, Buckeye, and Bigleaf Maple trees.
- Vineyards surrounded by the park are owned by the descendants of Jack London and grow Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Zinfandel grapes
- Native wildlife: Mountain Lions, Black-Tailed Deer, Coyote, Bobcats, tremendous diversity of birds and amphibians.

Picnics in the Park

- Apart from occasional special events, there is no regular food service at Jack London State Historic Park. Several restaurants are available nearby in the town of [Glen Ellen](#).
- [Numerous scenic picnic areas](#) welcome families and small groups.
- [Event venues](#) in the Park are available for groups up to 500 people.

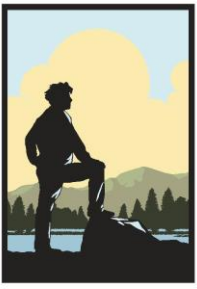
Accessibility:

- Golf cart service is scheduled on weekends from noon to 4 pm for visitors needing assistance. To request additional accessibility services please contact the Park office 707-938-5216 ext.1.
- Picnic sites in the Beauty Ranch have ADA approved tables. The Oak Grove picnic site is accessible by an ADA approved path.
- The House of Happy Walls Museum is accessible via wheelchair lift to the first floor. The second floor of the Museum is accessible only by stairway. To provide equivalent access for viewing the second-floor exhibits, a 360-degree viewing of the second floor is available on a mobile touchscreen and in a booklet for visitors who are unable to use the stairs to the second floor. A table for ease of viewing is available, just ask the bookshop manager for assistance.
- The Cottage is wheelchair accessible.

Dogs:

- Jack London Park is a wildlife sanctuary; dogs on leash are allowed in designated historic areas including the Beauty Ranch area and on the trail to Wolf House Ruins only. Dogs are not allowed **on any other trails.**

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