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## **California State Parks and Jack London Park Partners announce increase in entrance fee for Jack London State Historic Park**

**Glen Ellen, Calif.** - California State Parks has announced an increase in the entrance fee for Jack London State Historic Park, operated by Jack London Park Partners (JLPP). Effective June 1, 2026 the entrance fee will increase from \$10 to \$15 per vehicle for up to nine passengers. The fee includes access to the House of Happy Walls Museum, the historic cottage, Beauty Ranch, the historic orchard and more than 30 miles of trails. The entrance fees were last raised in 2012 from \$8 to \$10 per vehicle.

*“California State Parks is incredibly proud of our long-standing partnership with Jack London Park Partners, who have done a remarkable job managing and preserving this historic landmark since 2012. While fee increases are always a last resort, this adjustment—the first in 14 years—is necessary to support ongoing trail maintenance, resource protection, and the expansion of parklands like the recently transferred open space from the Sonoma Developmental Center. We remain fully committed to ensuring the park stays deeply connected and accessible to the local community.”* said Maria Mowery, Bay Area Superintendent II.

Park entry will remain free for visitors entering the park on foot or by bicycle. The JLPP Annual Pass price will remain unchanged at \$59. Jack London Park Partners offers free admission to school groups and partner organizations, as well as complimentary day passes for individuals and groups for whom entrance fees may present a financial barrier. As a destination for school field trips, environmental education programs, summer camps, and volunteer engagement, the park plays a significant role in building community and deeper connections to nature and

stewardship of these public spaces. Entrance fees for larger vehicles will remain unchanged at \$50 for 10-24 passenger vehicles and \$100 for vehicles carrying 25 or more passengers.

*“Jack London State Historic Park remains among the most affordable museum and park experiences in the region, offering a unique combination of scenic beauty, cultural history, and outdoor recreation,”* said Matt Leffert, executive director of Jack London Park Partners.

Jack London Park Partners began funding and management of the park in 2012 and was one of the first non-profit organizations to be entrusted with management of a state park on behalf of the people of California. Today, less than 20% of JLPP’s annual budget comes from entrance fees. Membership dues, fundraising, and volunteer support generate the difference. JLPP receives no tax-based funding or public funds for day-to-day operations.

JLPP’s responsibilities include maintenance and preservation of the museum and cottage, upkeep of trails and signage, revitalization of the historic orchard, maintenance of picnic, parking, and restroom facilities, as well as visitor services and expenses associated with public events and enrichment programs.

The recent transfer of open space from the Sonoma Development Center to California State Parks’ jurisdiction will also entail additional expenses to JLPP.

Jack London State Historic Park preserves the legacies of Jack and Charmian London, a landmark of both literary and agricultural significance that connects visitors with the story of one of California’s most important writers and his quest to repair the soil. With nearly 1,600 acres of mixed forest types (oak woodlands, redwood, Douglas fir), grasslands and Sonoma Creek watershed, the park provides a critical link in the wildlife corridor between the Sonoma Mountain and Mayacama ranges.



*(Photo courtesy of Jack London Park Partners).*

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valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Learn more at [parks.ca.gov](https://parks.ca.gov).

The mission of **Jack London Park Partners** (JLPP) is to rigorously protect the historic and natural character of Jack London State Historic Park. They create inclusive opportunities for education, recreation, discovery, and joy, striving to leave future generations a park that would make the renowned author and adventurer proud. <https://jacklondonpark.com/>

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