

8 Mad River Fish Hatchery

This California state fish hatchery is usually full of thousands of hungry juvenile steelhead and rainbow trout, waiting patiently to do water acrobatics when young hands toss them fish pellets. Picnic tables and river trails offer more fun too. **FREE.**

1660 Hatchery Rd., Blue Lake | Wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Hatcheries/Mad-River 707-822-0592



11 Shrine Drive-Thru Tree

Four miles south of the Humboldt Redwoods State Park visitor center, this bucket list stop is a rare living tree through which you can steer an auto. Children also enjoy the two tall tree houses, which resemble homes for gnomes or hobbits, and the walk-thru stump. Seasonal.

13708 Avenue of the Giants, Meyers Flat Redwoods.info | 707- 943-1658

12 One Log House

This famous kitschy roadside attraction was hollowed out in 1946 from the trunk of a 2,000-year-old redwood tree. It toured the country behind a truck for years, but now rests just south of Richardson Grove Redwood State Park. \$1.

705 North Hwy 101, Piercy | OneLogHouse.com 707-247-3717



9 Sequoia Park Zoo (see cover photo)

The oldest zoo in California delights with red pandas, monkeys, primates, Bald Eagles, a petting zoo and interactive aqua-exhibit in which kids play with otters. The 5-acre menagerie adjoins a 60-acre redwood forest and children's park. Closed Mondays. Three miles southeast of downtown.

3414 W St., Eureka | SequoiaParkZoo.net 707-441-4263

10 Redwood Discovery Museum

This hands-on science center is packed with interactive exhibits that both amuse and educate, whether giant lego blocks, a self-starting puppet theater, gadgets that spark, roll and create wind gusts or water streams. Downtown. Closed Mondays.

612 G St., Eureka Discovery-Museum.org | 707-443-9694



13 EdVenture Quests

More than twenty natural scavenger hunts scattered among Humboldt forests, parks, beaches and historic sites offer kids chances to learn and earn nifty merit patches. Just download maps and instructions from Slick the Slug's website.

Countywide | Redwood-EdVentures.org 707-445-7000

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1 Trinidad Marine Lab

Numerous aquariums showcase local sea specimens like the world's fastest starfish, a shy octopus and cleverly camouflaged eel grass fish. Touch tanks out back offer kids a tactile way to meet anemones, sea cucumbers, starfish and hermit crabs. Small donation requested.

570 Ewing St., Trinidad | HSUMarineLab.org
707-826-3671



2 Willow Creek Bigfoot Museum

The world's largest collection of Bigfoot-related curios is in the town where the modern legend began, which lays claim to more encounters with the creature than anywhere in California, and the famous Patterson-Gimlin film. Small donation requested. Seasonal.

Intersection of Hwy 299 & 96, Willow Creek
BigfootCountry.net | 530-629-2653

3 World's Tallest Totem Pole

Carved from a 500-year-old tree in 1962, this 160-foot-tall oddity looms large over the McKinleyville Shopping Center on Central Avenue. Its title is subject to some controversy, as its height was peculiarly augmented during a facelift in the 1980s.

1500 City Center Rd., McKinleyville
MckinleyvillePress.com/Totem-Pole

4 Humboldt Coastal Nature Center

The gateway to more than 1,000 acres of protected lands is built into a sand hill and has a living roof. Browse its coastal flora and fauna exhibits, then walk the trails to explore pristine dunes, forests and beaches that shelter many rare species. Between Arcata and Eureka on Hwy 255.

220 Stamps Ln., Arcata | FriendsOfTheDunes.org
707-444-1397



5 Lighthouse Plaza Mini-Golf

A 40-foot faux lighthouse leads the way to what is certainly the most fun golf in Humboldt, an old-fashioned 18-hole putt-putt course with crazy bends, drops, loops and goofy giant figurines, including a lumberjack and Homer Simpson. Halfway between Eureka and Arcata off Hwy 255.

180 Lupin Dr., Manila | Facebook.com/humboldtighthouse | 707-630-5105



6 Natural History Museum

Prehistoric human skulls. Paleozoic fossils. Weird looking crabs. A pterodactyl in the rafters. A giant whale skull on the floor. A beehive behind a looking glass (Can you find the queen?). For a small space the place packs in a lot of powerfully pleasing science. Tue-Sat.

1242 G St., Arcata
www2.humboldt.edu/natmus | 707-826-4479



7 Madaket Harbor Cruise

Take a narrated, eco-tour or cocktail cruise of Humboldt Bay aboard the nation's oldest operating passenger ferry, which boasts California's smallest licensed bar. Seasonal.

C & 1st Sts., Eureka
HumboldtBayMaritimeMuseum.com
707-445-1910

