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## Watch This California Park Alert

**O**ne (of the many) great things about being a Californian: our state parks.

Outdoor enthusiasts can learn a lot about them by watching *California Forever*, a two-episode, two-hour PBS series scheduled to air on KQED from 9 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Episode one, "California Forever: The Story of California State Parks," covers the initiation of the state park concept and the notion of wilderness protection with gorgeous footage of California treasures and highlights significant pioneers. The second episode, "California Forever: Parks for the Future," gets at the pressures on state parks today, makes a case for reclaiming urban lands for parks and explores the diverse backgrounds and history of Californian's residents.

The Backcountry Pictures film was written and directed by David Vassar and produced by Vassar and Sally Kaplan. The DVD also sells for \$24.95 at [www.cal4ever.com](http://www.cal4ever.com).

*1917 Buick Touring Car on the original Highway 101 in Del Norte Redwoods State Park.*

