

Introductory Video

Biodiversity - the abundance and variety of life-forms. Biodiversity is the critical element that sustains the environments in which we live and on which our lives depend. Biodiversity sustains ecosystems, which not only cycle nutrients and energy, they provide clean water and fertile soils as well. Ecosystems supply us with oxygen, absorb toxins and control pests and disease; they also maintain genetic diversity and can even influence climates. Ecosystems sustain all life, including our own.

California is an important biodiversity hotspot that maintains one-half of all plant species in the United States and Canada combined. Half of these species are found nowhere else in the world. At the heart of this diverse region are the Klamath Mountains - home to one of the most diverse temperate forests in the world and unique ecosystems.

And within the Klamath Mountains you can find Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. This is an area where species and habitats from different regions collide, creating a diversity which distinguishes the park as one of America's biologically significant areas.

Are you ready to learn more about the rich biodiversity of Whiskeytown? Grab your kayak, hop on your horse, jump on your mountain bike or put on your hiking boots, and enjoy your visit.