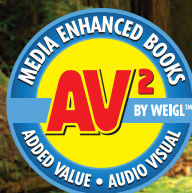


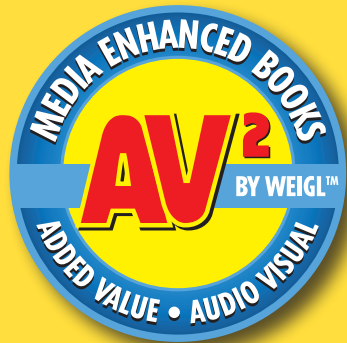


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A Forest of Giants

On the western shores of North America, along the coast of the Pacific Ocean, some trees grow taller than a 35-story building. These giant trees are called coast redwoods. Some of the tallest redwoods are in northern California in Redwood National Park. They can grow to be more than 360 feet (110 meters) tall.

Redwood National Park was created in 1968 to protect the redwood forest and its rivers, streams, and seashore. The park was expanded in 1978, and again in 2005. Redwood National Park now covers more than 112,500 acres (45,530 hectares).



The **oldest** known coast redwood was cut down in California in 1933. It was **2,200 years old**.

Redwood National Park preserves about **50 miles** (80 kilometers) of Pacific Ocean coastline.



The movies *Return of the Jedi* and *Jurassic Park 2: The Lost World* **included scenes** from Redwood National Park.



Redwood trees can grow 100 feet (30 m) in their first 50 years.