



#### **REDWOODS** & **SEQUOIAS** SAVING THESE GIANTS

California is known for many things, much of which is because of its very diverse microclimates. Two very different climates support the planet's largest trees, the California redwoods and the sequoias. The enormous scale of these trees can only truly be appreciated while standing next to one. With a strong resistance to natural threats, the life expectancy for a redwood is 2,000 years

while the sequoias expectancy is 3,200 years. The redwoods thrive along a 40 mile belt in the moist, temperate climate of the northern coast. The Sequoias grow on the western face of the Sierra Nevada mountains, in a much drier region along a 250 mile stretch. Although similar in size, their characteristics are strikingly different. Learn more at www.nps.gov/seki/learn/nature/ sequoiasandredwoods.htm



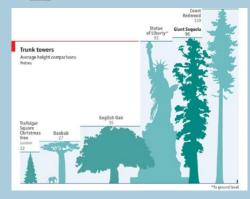
## DEATH VALLEY AMERICA'S MOST EXTREME NATIONAL PARK

EXTREME conditions is why guests visit. DV in not only the largest park outside of Alaska, at 3.4M acres, it is also the hottest (134F) and driest place in North America. It holds the country's lowest point at 282' below sea level, (which is just 76 miles away from the Lower 48's highest point on Mt. Whitney), and is home to the mysterious moving rocks. Learn more at www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/sailingstones-death-valley



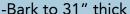
# **RFDWOODS**

- -Grow near coast
- -Mild, rainy climate
- -In clusters
- -Thick undergrowth
- -Grows until it falls
- -Leaves like cedar
- -GREAT lumber
- -Chocolate-brown color
- $-350'H \times 22'W$ , avg.
- -Bark to 12" thick



## **SEQUOIAS**

- -Grow inland (mts.)
- -Drier, arid climate
- -In groves
- -No undergrowth
- -Top breaks/btm. grows
- -Leaves like hemlock
- -TERRIBI F lumber
- -Reddish/brown color
- -300'H x 40'W, avg







## THE ART OF YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK INSPIRATION FOR ALL SEASON

The soaring monoliths of this glacier-carved valley have inspired artists for centuries. Ansel Adams' black & whites offer some of the most iconic views, but the fiery colors at sunset cause even the most amateur photographer to capture the surreal beauty of these granite peaks. Art has





saved this park, and continues to be a source of national pride. Learn more at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/art.htm

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It has been a long few months for most of us, and the warm temperature and sunshine are a welcome treat. Like so many other things, our National Parks have began opening up. Not that most of us will be traveling to them, but with their staffs engaged, our virtual connections to them expand. Technology offers so many opportunities to see, feel and hear all parts of this great country. Step outside to learn something new. Discover how the 700H boulders move across the desert floor.

Stay well, Becky

#### CRYPTOGRAM QUOTE BY JOHN MUIR

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ANSWER: "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and solid alike."— John Milit