

Bradley Grove Trail

The Bradley Grove Trail forks off the South Grove Trail about 200 yards from the South Grove parking lot.

Moderately steep, with switchbacks and rock outcroppings, the 2 ½ -mile loop is not for everyone. Not heavily used – at least, I've yet to meet others on it – visitors often can see deer, squirrels and other wildlife during a 1 ½-hour stroll along the route.

The trail passes through a forest of redwoods that were planted in the 1950s. Older members of their species, as well as sugar pines and Douglas fir, dwarf the young, 50-year-old trees. In mid-June, the fragrance of azaleas along Beaver Creek can be almost overpowering as one completes the loop and returns to the main trail.