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BIG BASIN

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Dedication Rites Sunday At Big Basin

The spot where the California State Park System was born will be dedicated Sunday in Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

A plaque at Slippery Rock will mark the site of the original encampment of the Sempervirens Club, at which it was first proposed that the surrounding redwood grove be purchased and deeded to the state.

Some 3500 acres were so deeded on September 20, 1902, and Big Basin became the first park in a system that now encompasses over 800,000 acres in 182 different units throughout the state.

The dedication is being sponsored by the Sempervirens Fund of Conservation Associates, a private organization raising funds to assist the state in land and timber

acquisition to complete Big Basin and the new state park at nearby Castle Rock.

The program will start at 12:30 p.m. and will include a vintage auto show and an exhibit of relics of early Santa Cruz County. Color photos of Big Basin by Howard King, and of Castle Rock by Ansel Adams and Phillip Hyde, will be displayed, and there will be a continuous slide show of the parks.

Tables in Big Basin's new camping area have been reserved for those who bring picnic lunches.

A dinner commemorating the 66th anniversary of the State Park System, and launching the Sempervirens Fund drive, is slated for October 10 in San Jose.