

# ENJOY THE LAND

## Great Getaways Conserved by ALC

The places ALC conserves provide excellent outdoor recreation opportunities. Here are just a few for you to get out and enjoy!

### BIZZ JOHNSON TRAIL LASSEN COUNTY, CA



Once a rail corridor for shipping logs to mills, the 30-mile Bizz Johnson Trail is now a highlight of the National Rails-to-Trails system, including 272 acres along the trail protected by ALC in 2001 and now managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Beginning in Susanville, bikers, hikers, skiers, and equestrians can enjoy a magnificent journey along the cottonwood-lined Susan River.

### DEVIL'S ISLAND AND WINDY BAR ALEXANDER & UNION COUNTIES, IL



Devil's Island in Illinois and Windy Bar in Missouri, protected by ALC in 2003 and 2008, create one of the few areas on the middle Mississippi with publicly owned land on both banks. Now managed by state agencies, the islands provide endangered species habitat as well as excellent opportunities for public hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking, fishing, boating, and camping just upriver from Cape Girardeau.

### HARMONY HEADLANDS STATE PARK SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CA



The Sea West Ranch lies within the

Harmony Coast in San Luis Obispo County along an undeveloped stretch of California's central coast. One of the state's largest remaining coastal prairie grasslands, the 750-acre site provides outstanding ocean views and critical habitat for many sensitive species. ALC acquired the property and deeded it to the state in 2003 to create Harmony Headlands State Park.

### BEAR VALLEY COLUSA COUNTY, CA



This private ranch boasts one of California's most spectacular spring wildflower displays, including rare species such as the star tulip, adobe lily, and serpentine butterweed. More than 400 different plants have been identified in the valley. In the early 1990s, Bear Valley was at risk of subdivision. ALC permanently protected the ranch through a conservation easement that precludes development while permitting traditional cattle ranching.

### FAYE-LUTHER CANYON TRAILHEAD DOUGLAS COUNTY, NV



As development exploded near Lake Tahoe, public access to the Carson Range was severely curtailed. In 1998 ALC spearheaded efforts to create a trailhead into Faye-Luther Canyon along Luther Creek, providing the only public access from Carson Valley to the Carson Range.

The trail is excellent for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, back-country skiing, and snowshoeing, offering breathtaking views of the Carson Valley.

### LIMEKILN STATE PARK MONTEREY COUNTY, CA



Along the breathtaking Big Sur coast, Limekiln State Park features rugged canyons, stately redwoods, a 100-foot waterfall, camping, beach access, and nearly a mile of coastline. The park was created after ALC acquired a once-private campground at Limekiln Canyon in 1996 and conveyed it to the state, creating new access to the Ventana Wilderness and protecting old growth redwoods, mountain lions, bobcats, and raptors.

### MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND CYPRESS CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE EASTERN MO AND SOUTHERN IL



If you enjoy birding, hunting, hiking, fishing, or canoeing, you can take advantage of the thousands of acres ALC has added to the Middle Mississippi River and Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuges. ALC also constructed and donated the headquarters facility at the Rockwood Island Unit of the Middle Mississippi River NWR. These refuges support important habitat for endangered fish, migratory songbirds, and other wildlife, while offering outstanding outdoor recreation.