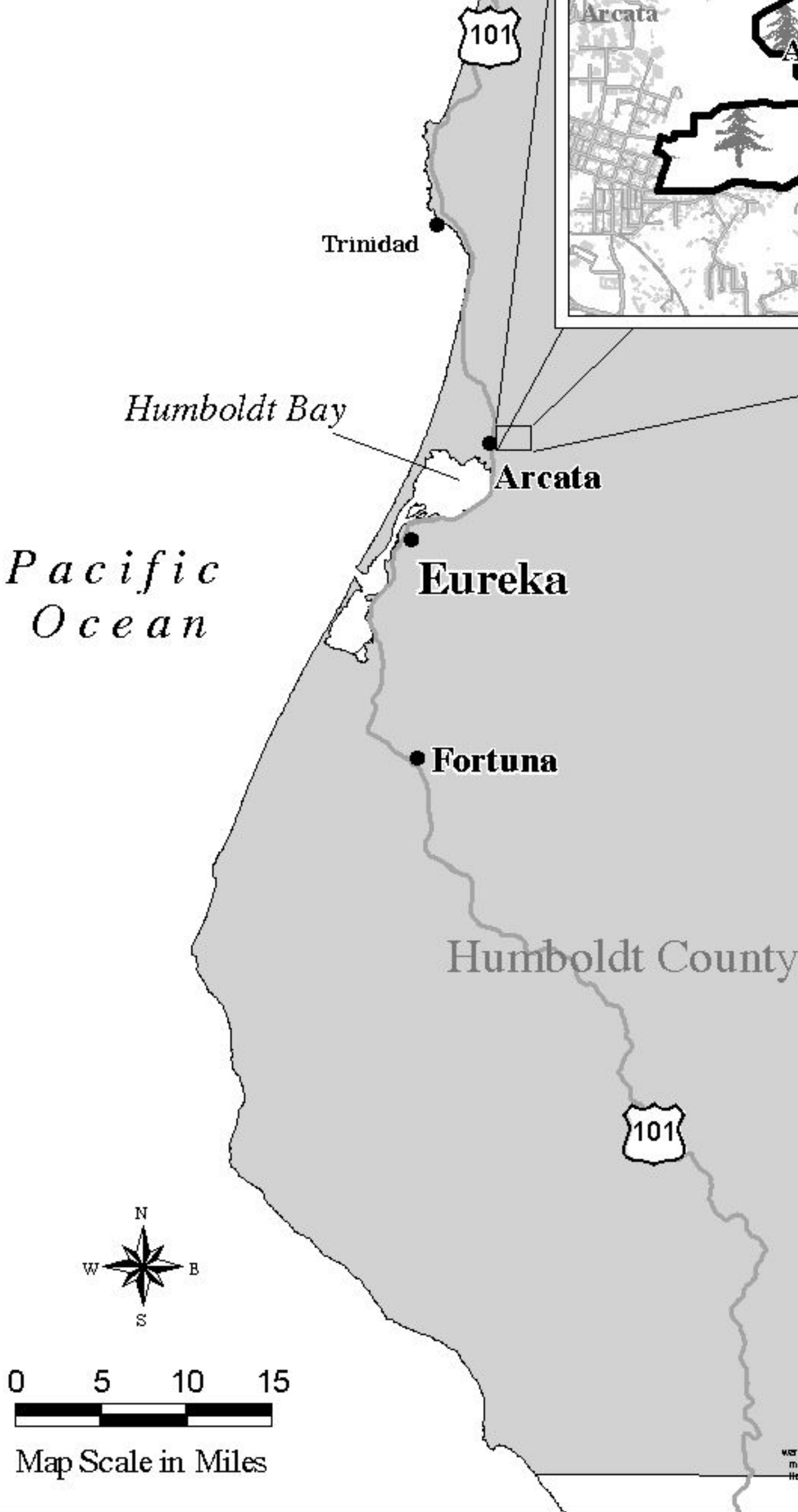
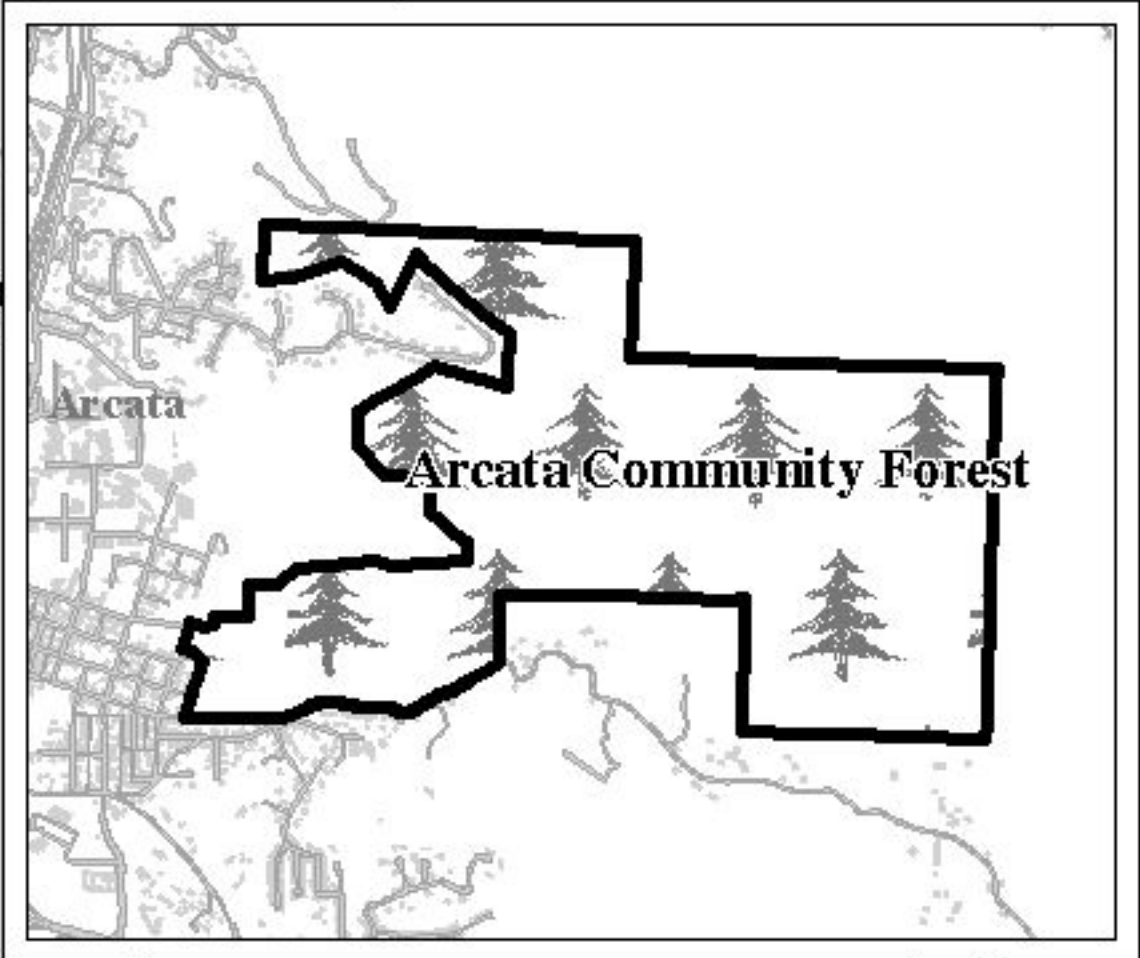


Arcata Community Forest Location Map



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ARCATA FORESTS

**ARCATA
COMMUNITY
FOREST**

**SUNNY BRAE
FOREST**

**JACOBY
CREEK
FOREST**

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Jones Creek

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Sawyer Creek

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Jolly Giant Creek

Calumet Creek

Table Hill Creek

Groenland Creek

Beth Creek

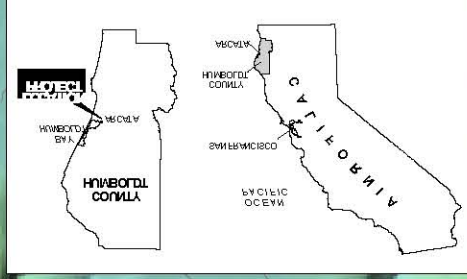
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Welcome to the Arcata Community Forest: Branching Toward a Sustainable Future

You are in a sustainably managed community forest. This forest is owned by and managed for the citizens of Arcata. Our community strives to protect the long-term integrity of the forest for present and future generations by employing sustainable management practices.

Branching Into Sustainable Forestry

You may have heard the word "sustainability" before, but what does it really mean? It can be defined as the ability of present generations to meet their needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainable forestry focuses on preserving the ecological integrity of the forest with both present and future needs of the community in mind. Sustainable forestry balances timber harvest with forest growth, while trying to protect:

- wildlife habitat
- water quality
- soil quality
- native vegetation
- biological diversity



Ground plants keep soil in place and help prevent erosion.



Downed logs and standing dead trees are left to provide habitat.



Streamside vegetation protects water quality and aquatic habitat.

Sustainable Forestry Takes Root in Your Community

Arcata's forest meets and surpasses a worldwide standard for sustainable forestry. By emphasizing our community's interests, our forest management plan strives to protect the ecosystem while supplying forest products and providing a natural setting for recreation, education and research. Just as trees grow and change, our management practices adapt to include the latest forest research and stewardship techniques.

Funding for this sign was provided by March For Parks and the City of Arcata. March for Parks gives local school children the opportunity to raise money for parks and natural areas in our community.

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Follow the Growth of Arcata's Forest

Late 1800's
The area that is now the community forest was logged and burned under private ownership. The forest was allowed to regenerate naturally.

1955
The Arcata Community Forest was dedicated to the first city-owned community forest in California.

1979
Arcata voters passed the "Forest Management Pledge Initiative" which created a local sustainable Community Forest Management Plan.

1998
Arcata's Community Forest was certified as sustainably managed according to recognized standards.

2005
As a model of sustainable forestry, management, operations have around the world attended a workshop to study Arcata's example.

Future
The forest will grow to meet the needs of the community and enhance public recreation.



A multi-aged canopy is home to a diversity of species.



Decaying plants add essential nutrients to the soil.



Trails give you the opportunity to explore your community forest.

This forest is managed for your future. Contact Arcata's Environmental Services Department to find out how you can participate in Community Forest management.



