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Del Norte County, California Celebrates its Star Wars Roots as the Film Site of Endor at the First Ever Forest Moon Festival on June 2-3, 2023



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(Del Norte County, California) As part of the official Forest Moon Festival, the Del Norte County community will commemorate the 40th anniversary release of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* with a variety of [free themed events](#) starting on Friday, June 2 in downtown Crescent City and Beachfront Park. Prior to the event at dusk, there will be official Lucasfilm costumers from The [Mandalorian Mercs](#) posing for photo opportunities, plus plenty of vendors and food trucks.

Del Norte County's roots run deep when it comes to the third film in the original Star Wars trilogy. On May 4 in 1982, George Lucas began filming *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* in the county's iconic redwood forests and was

the film site for the forest moon of Endor, home of the Ewoks. Lucasfilm even employed 100 Del Norte County residents to play Storm Troopers.

The two-day festival starts on Friday, June 2, 2023 and continues through June 3, 2023 with a full schedule of events throughout the county, including the communities of Smith River, Hiouchi, Crescent City, and Klamath. Free events include City of Crescent City's Rebel Training Challenge obstacle course, a parade, and a costume contest for adults, kids and even pets. Smith River's Howonquet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Village & Resort will host a Griffon costume contest and a Forest obstacle course. All event times will not overlap so festival-goers can attend all activities.

In addition to the scheduled events, [Visit Del Norte County](#) will be encouraging festival attendees to play the "Forest Moon Seek & Selfie" game throughout the two-day festival by posing for photos with 11 life-size classic Star Wars cardboard characters from the film to earn a free collectible sticker and chances to win Star Wars themed prizes.

FREE EVENTS (AND COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED):

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

- **9am-4pm - Play the "Forest Moon Seek & Selfie" Game to Win a Prize**

Location: Crescent City-Del Norte County Visitor Center, 1001 Front St, Crescent City (stickers and prizes will be claimed here)

Snap your photo with up to 11 classic Star Wars life-size cardboard characters at 11 themed-out business locations throughout Del Norte County and post them to earn a collectible sticker and to win Star Wars themed prizes.

Participating businesses include: Hiouchi Cafe, Howonquet Village & Resort, SeaQuake Brewing Co., Port O' Pints Brewing Co., Tsunami Lanes, Enoteca Cafe, Paragon Coffeehouse, Rumiano Cheese Co., Crescent City-Del Norte County Visitor Center, Redwood Hotel Casino and the Yurok Country Visitor Center. In addition, both Crescent City's Friday night film screening and the Rebel Training Challenge will have a character to pose with as part of the game. [Refer to the website](#) for updates, locations, specials and activities happening at all of these businesses.

- **11:30am-8pm - SeaQuake Brewing Co.**
Forest Moon themed food, drink and beer specials, and kids' activities.
Location: 400 Front St, Crescent City

- **12pm to Close - Port O' Pints Brewing Co.**
 Food, drink and beer specials for all themed out guests. Live music by the band Black GTO starts at 7:30pm.
 Location: 1215 Northcrest Dr, Crescent City
- **4pm-12am - Visit Yurok Country - Redwood Hotel Casino**
 Casino gaming promotion with \$10 free play if dressed up in the Forest Moon theme and drink specials.
 Location: 171 Klamath Blvd, Klamath
- **5pm-12am - Cosmic Bowling at Tsunami Lanes**
 Galactic bowling night with free shoe rentals for those wearing themed costumes.
 Location: 760 L St, Crescent City
- **5pm-7:30pm - First Friday Event**
 Shop, eat and drink around downtown. Many of the businesses will be themed-out for Forest Moon.
 Location: 3rd Street in Downtown Crescent City (between G and J streets)
- **5pm-7:30pm - Safekeeping: The Art of Val Polyanin**
 Limited-time art exhibit featuring strange sculptures and alien-like paintings. Wine and snacks, plus Forest Moon activities for both kids and adults like galactic temporary tattoos and astrological star chart readings.
 Location: 240 H Street, Crescent City
- **7:30pm-8:45pm - Forest Moon Festival Official Event Pre-party**
 Pre-film activities include food trucks, vendors, and photo opportunities with the Lucasfilm official costumers, the Mandalorian Mercs.
 Location: Beachfront Park, Crescent City
- **8:45pm - Forest Moon Festival Themed Movie**
 Watch the Forest Moon Festival themed movie under the stars.
 Location: Beachfront Park, Crescent City
- **8pm-10pm - Enoteca Cafe**
 Live music from The Mighty Steelheads. Dress up in Forest Moon themed costumes and receive 10% off food and beverages.
 Location: 960 3rd St, Crescent City

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

- **9am-4pm - Play the “Forest Moon Seek & Selfie” Game to Win a Prize**

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- **9am-12pm - Forest Obstacle Course & Griffon Costume Contest - Howonquet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Village & Resort**

Location: 12420 US Hwy 101 North, Smith River

- **12pm-5pm - Rebel Training Challenge Obstacle Course & Festival - City of Crescent City**

Festivities include a costume contest, a DJ, dancing, live music, trivia, parade, food, arts, crafts and more.

Location: Beachfront Park, Crescent City, California

- **4pm-12am - Visit Yurok Country - Redwood Hotel Casino**

Casino gaming promotion with \$10 free play if dressed up in the Forest Moon theme and drink specials.

Location: 171 Klamath Blvd, Klamath

- **5pm-12am - Cosmic Bowling at Tsunami Lanes**

Forest Moon themed bowling night with free shoe rentals for those wearing costumes.

Location: 760 L St, Crescent City

- **6pm-8pm - Enoteca Cafe**

Dress up in Forest Moon themed costumes and receive 10% off food and beverages.

Location: 960 3rd St, Crescent City

- **7pm to Close - Cantina Night - Port O' Pints Brewing Co.**

Special galaxy theme night featuring far out tunes by DJ Miss Powers. Food, beer, drink specials for all themed out guests with dancing,

costumes and prizes.

Location: 1215 Northcrest Dr, Crescent City

COST: Free to the public

MORE INFORMATION: <https://bit.ly/ForestMoonFestival>

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