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All too often people get stuck in their weekly routines and forget to take time to explore the beautiful land that surrounds them. For my project I created a web map app that displays the National and State Parks available for exploring in the state of California. With over 30 National Parks and 280 State Parks, it would take roughly six years to visit a new park every week, although many parks are within close proximity to each other and can be visited in one day.

From the adventure seekers to the family trips, my app provides basic information about where the parks are located in proximity to your location, or starting point, and what major highways or airports are close by (Near Me widget). By using the Select widget, the user can also draw a boundary around an area of interest to determine what parks might be closest to them. If spur of the moment adventure is your style, the Measurement widget allows you to determine the distance between two locations, or parks, to estimate the time it will get there. The Directions widget can then be used to provide directions to your next destination.

In addition to the directional and proximity driven widgets, there is also the Filter widget which allows the user to filter by the type of National Park or to display only certain highways to see what parks might be along a predetermined route.

The general idea of this app was to give the user a simple tool to start planning their next adventure of the great outdoors. With so many opportunities literally knocking on our back doors, why not try to check off as many parks as possible?