



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

District Superintendents Order No. 715-001-22

June 21, 2022

SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT STANDING POSTED ORDERS

STANDING POSTED ORDERS

- a) This posting contains special instructions pertaining to units of the district including but not limited to, special hours of operation, use periods, swimming and boating restrictions, camping restrictions, no parking areas, prohibited areas, no alcoholic beverage areas, no smoking areas, and other special instructions pertaining to areas where activities are curtailed or restricted. [Public Resource code 5003 and California Code of Regulations 4301 and 4326]
- b) All prior Orders are hereby rescinded and superseded by this Order.
- c) Other **TEMPORARY POSTED ORDERS** may be posted for unique circumstances that are distinct from these standing posted orders. **TEMPORARY POSTED ORDERS** are posted at the park unit and at the Santa Cruz District Office.
- d) The privilege of any person to be present in any unit under control of the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby expressly conditioned upon compliance by that person with all applicable laws and regulations. In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, violation of any law or regulation shall subject the violator to ejection from the unit in which the violation occurs. [CCR 4300(e)]

1. USE PERIODS-SPECIAL HOURS

- a) **Hours -- Day use facilities**, including parking lots, restrooms, picnic areas, trails, and open space, not to include ocean beach day-use areas, in the following units and associated sub-units are **closed from sunset to 8:00 AM**. Campgrounds are open to registered campers only: [CCR 4326(a), CCR 4358]
 - 1) Ano Nuevo State Park
 - 2) Bean Hollow State Beach
 - 3) Big Basin Redwoods State Park
 - 4) Burleigh H Murray Ranch

- 5) Butano State Park
 - 6) Castle Rock State Park
 - 7) Gray Whale Cove State Beach
 - 8) Half Moon Bay State Beach
 - 9) Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
 - 10) Lighthouse Field State Beach
 - 11) Manresa State Beach
 - 12) Montara State Beach
 - 13) Natural Bridges State Beach
 - 14) New Brighton State Beach
 - 15) Pacifica State Beach
 - 16) Pescadero State Beach
 - 17) Pigeon Point State Historic Park
 - 18) Pomponio State Beach
 - 19) Portola Redwoods State Park
 - 20) Rancho San Andreas Castro Adobe State Historic Park
 - 21) San Bruno Mountain State Park
 - 22) San Gregorio State Beach
 - 23) Seacliff State Beach
 - 24) Sunset State Beach
 - 25) The Forest of Nisene Marks
 - 26) Thornton State Beach
 - 27) Schwan Lake Upland Area -- Twin Lakes State Beach
 - 28) Wilder Ranch State Park (including North Coast Beaches)
- b) **Hours -- Ocean beach areas** in the following units, and associated sub-units, are **closed to use from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM:** [CCR 4326(a)]
- 1) Manresa State Beach
 - 2) Natural Bridges State Beach
 - 3) New Brighton State Beach
 - 4) Seacliff State Beach
 - 5) Sunset State Beach
 - 6) Twin Lakes State Beach (including Seabright Beach)
- c) **Hours -- Ocean beach areas** in the following units, and associated sub-units, are closed to use from **Sunset to 6:00 AM:** [CCR 4326(a)]
- 1) Lighthouse Field State Beach
 - 2) Ano Nuevo Coast Natural Preserve
 - 3) Ano Nuevo State Park
 - 4) Bean Hollow State Beach
 - 5) Gray Whale Cove State Beach
 - 6) Half Moon Bay State Beach
 - 7) Montara State Beach
 - 8) Pigeon Point State Historic Park
 - 9) Pescadero State Beach
 - 10) Pomponio State Beach
 - 11) San Gregorio State Beach
 - 12) Thornton State Beach
 - 13) Wilder Ranch State Park (including Coast Dairies and North Coast Beaches)

- d) **Hours** – The following **State Historic Parks** are closed to public access with the exception of events or other posted and staffed hours. Undeveloped areas are subject to closure at all times: [CCR 4326(a)]
- 1) Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park
 - 2) Rancho San Andreas Castro Adobe State Historic Park
- e) **Juvenile Curfew** is 10 PM to 6 AM in all Santa Cruz District Units. [CCR 4317]

Exceptions:

- 1) Accompaniment by a parent or guardian.
- 2) Supervised and permitted groups.
- 3) With a note, including contact information, from a parent allowing camping at a specific campground during specified dates.

2. WATER RECREATION / VESSEL OPERATION

- a) **Black Ball Restriction** -- The ocean waters up to 1000 feet off shore of Santa Cruz District ocean units are subject to closure to water sports equipment when the number of swimmers present a safety conflict. Surfboards, paddle boards, sailboards, kayaks, body boards, or other rigid equipment may be prohibited. These closures, commonly known as “black ball,” will be indicated by a posted flag. [CCR 4654]
- b) **Vessel / Boat Operation Restriction**
- 1) Within the Santa Cruz District no person shall launch, land, weigh anchor, castoff, or otherwise operate a vessel within 1000 feet of the shoreline. [CCR 4657]
 - 2) The waters of Schwan Lake at Twin Lakes State Beach are closed to motor driven vessels. [CCR 4326(a)]
- c) **Swimming Closures**
- 1) No person shall swim, attempt to swim, or wade in areas posted as closed due to dangerous conditions. [CCR 4650]

3. CAMPING

- a) The following campgrounds of the Santa Cruz District are collectively restricted to an occupancy **limit of 30 days** by the same person(s), equipment or vehicles in any calendar year: [CCR 4455(a)]
- 1) Sunset State Beach
 - 2) Manresa State Beach
 - 3) Seacliff State Beach
 - 4) New Brighton State Beach
 - 5) Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
 - 6) Big Basin Redwoods State Park (Including Little Basin sub-unit)
 - 7) Portola Redwoods State Park
 - 8) Castle Rock State Park
 - 9) Butano State Park

10) Half Moon Bay State Beach.

- b) The following campgrounds are restricted to a **maximum of 7 consecutive nights** by the same person(s), equipment or vehicles. A 48 hour break will allow for reoccupation: [CCR 4455(b)]
- 1) Sunset State Beach
 - 2) Manresa State Beach
 - 3) Seacliff State Beach
 - 4) New Brighton State Beach
 - 5) Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
 - 6) Big Basin Redwoods State Parks (including Little Basin sub-unit)
 - 7) Portola Redwoods State Park
 - 8) Butano State Park
- c) The **Seacliff State Beach Campground** is restricted to **recreational vehicles** designed for human habitation, and equipped with plumbing and built in equipment, including but not limited to, kitchen and toilet fixtures. [CCR 4326(a)]
- d) All Campgrounds in the Santa Cruz District, where recreational vehicles are permitted, are restricted to an occupancy limit of 1 recreational vehicle per campsite. For the purpose of campsite occupancy, recreational vehicles are those designed for human habitation with sleeping area(s) and built in equipment.
- e) Coin / Token operated **showers** in restroom buildings are for **registered campers only**. [CCR 4326(a)]

4. DAY USE

- a) All **picnic tables and fire rings** in the Santa Cruz District, excluding those that have been reserved in advance by permit, are available on a **first come-first** serve basis. A person must be present to maintain rights to a table and/or fire ring. [CCR 4326(a)]
- b) No unauthorized person shall be present on a **lifeguard tower** at any time. [CCR 4319]

5. VEHICLE OPERATION

- a) Parking Restrictions
- 1) Lighthouse Field parking lots – vehicles shall be parked within parking space markings with no more than 10” extension over the curb.

6. BICYCLES, OPERATOR PROPELLED DEVICES

The Santa Cruz District **Bicycle Operation Policy** is defined below: [CCR 4360]

- a) No person shall operate a recreational **electric bicycle (ebike)** in any portion of a Santa Cruz District Unit.

Exceptions:

1. **Ebikes may be used on paved (asphalt or concrete) trails and roads.**
 2. **Class 1 ebikes are permitted in Wilder Ranch State Park, The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park, and the Coastal Trail at Half Moon Bay State Beach.** In these park units, Ebikes are permissible on trails/fire-roads already designated for bicycle use. A “class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. The posted speed limit on trails/fire-roads designated for bicycle use in all units is 15 miles per hour.
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- b) All roads open to public vehicle operation are open to bicycle use.
 - c) All service and fire roads open to the public are open to bicycle use unless listed below:
 - 1) Beekhuis Road (Castle Rock SP) closed
 - 2) Kings Creek Truck Trail (Castle Rock SP) closed
 - 3) Fall Creek Truck Trail (Henry Cowell Redwoods SP-Fall Creek unit) closed
 - 4) Kiln Fire Road (Henry Cowell Redwoods SP-Fall Creek unit) closed
 - d) The following designated trails are open to bicycle use:
 - 1) Big Basin Redwoods SP
 - a. East Ridge Road (trail sections between roads) open
 - 2) Castle Rock SP
 - a. Skyline Trail (Bay Area Ridge Trail) open
 - 3) Forest of Nisene Marks
 - a. Oak Ridge Trail open
 - b. Old Growth Loop open
 - c. Rancho Aptos Trail open
 - d. Split Stuff Trail open
 - e. Terrace Trail open
 - f. Vienna Woods Trail open
 - 4) Half Moon Bay SB
 - a. Coastal Trail open
 - 5) Montara SB
 - a. Gray Whale Cove Trail open
 - b. Old San Pedro Mountain Trail open
 - 6) Wilder Ranch SP
 - a. Enchanted Loop Trail open
 - b. Engelsmans Loop Trail open
 - c. Cowboy Loop Trail open
 - d. Wild Boar Trail open
 - e. Twin Oaks Trail open
 - f. Zane Gray Cutoff open
 - g. Horsemans Trail open
 - h. Eucalyptus Loop Trail open
 - i. Baldwin Loop Trail open
 - j. Old Cabin Trail open
 - k. Eagle Cutoff open

7. OTHER POWER DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE (OPDMD)

In order to ensure public safety and minimize adverse resource impacts OPDMDs may only be operated within the Santa Cruz District for individuals with mobility disabilities and in accordance with the following criteria:

- a) **Evidence of Mobility Disability** -- Unless otherwise authorized, the use of OPDMD in the Santa Cruz District is restricted to people with mobility disabilities as defined in § 35.104 of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. All users of OPDMDs must provide credible assurance that the mobility device is required because of their disability. Credible assurance may be provided by showing a National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands pass or proof of any State's valid disabled parking placard or card assigned to the person who will be using the OPDMD. If a person does not have a State-issued placard or card, employees must accept as credible assurance a verbal representation, not contradicted by observable fact, that the OPDMD is being used for a mobility disability.
- b) **Types of OPDMD**
 - Size: OPDMD shall not be wider than 36" nor longer than 48"
 - Weight: the overall weight of the device and user(s) shall not exceed 550 pounds
 - Speed: OPDMD shall not be operated at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour
 - Noise: OPDMD shall not produce noise levels in excess of 70 decibels
 - Emissions: OPDMD shall not exceed zero emissions during use
- c) **Areas of Authorized Use** -- OPDMDs that meet the above criteria are allowed on the following roads and trails. Roads and trails may be closed seasonally to all uses, including OPDMDs, if road and trail managers determine that roads and trail surfaces are incapable of supporting pedestrian or vehicular traffic without damages to the trail and surrounding park resources:
 - 1) All Exterior routes of travel within the Santa Cruz District designed for pedestrian use within developed public use areas.
 - 2) Sunset State Beach
 - a. All paved roads.
 - 3) The Forest of Nisene Marks State Park
 - a. Aptos Creek Fire Road
 - 4) Seacliff State Beach
 - a. All paved roads
 - b. Promenade Trail – adjacent to the beach from Rio Del Mar to the Seacliff Campground
 - 5) New Brighton State Beach
 - a. All paved roads (campgrounds subject to reservation)
 - 6) Wilder Ranch State Park
 - a. Old Cove Landing Trail
 - b. Ohlone Bluff Trail
 - c. All paved roads in and around the Wilder Cultural Preserve
 - d. Main parking lot and entrance road (also known as Old Coast Road)
 - 7) Natural Bridges State Beach
 - a. All paved roads and parking lots

- b. Monarch Trail Boardwalk
- 8) Lighthouse Field State Beach
 - a. All fire roads, sidewalks and paved roads/ parking lots
- 9) Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park
 - a. All paved walkways and the parking lot
- 10) Rancho Del Oso/ Waddell Creek (Big Basin Redwoods State Park)
 - a. The paved entrance road and its gravel extension up the canyon
- 11) Año Nuevo State Park
 - a. All paved walkways and the parking lot
 - b. Año Nuevo Point Trail – please coordinate this with park staff
- 12) Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park
 - a. All paved walkways and grounds
- 13) Cowell Ranch Coastal Access
 - a. Main Fire Road
- 14) Burleigh H. Murray Ranch
 - a. The fire road access into Burleigh Murray Project
- 15) Half Moon Bay State Beach
 - a. All paved roads and parking lots
 - b. The Coastal Trail through the multiple HMB units
- 16) Big Basin Redwoods State Park
 - a. ADA portions of the Skyline to Sea trail – from Opal Creek Bridge to the Overlook on the Skyline-Hihn Hammond Connector Trail
 - b. Campground Connector Trail
 - c. Redwood Loop Trail
 - d. All fire roads (Gazos, Johansen, Middleridge, Pine Mountain, Hihn Hammond, Whitehouse, Chalk Mountain, Anderson Landing, Canyon Road, Eastridge Road, Rodgers Road) Note: Some of these roads are steep, but they are wide enough for obstacle free travel minus the ruts and roots
 - e. All paved walkways and parking lots
- 17) Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
 - a. Redwood Loop Trail, River Trail, Meadow Trail, Ridge Road, Power Mill Road, Ox Road, Rincon Road, Pipeline Road
 - b. Day Use Main Road, Picnic Lots Road, Residences Road
 - c. All paved walkways and parking lots
 - d. High School Trail
 - e. Truck Trail (service road)
 - f. Fall Creek Trail
 - g. Felton Empire Parking Lot
- 18) Portola Redwoods State Park
 - a. Upper and Lower Escape Road
 - b. All paved walkways and parking lots
- 19) Castle Rock State Park
 - a. ADA Trail
 - b. All paved walkways and parking lots

The use of OPDMDs is prohibited unless they meet the above criteria for type of device and are being operated by persons with mobility disabilities on the above-described locations.

8. DRONE / MODEL AIRCRAFT

For the protection of resources and safety of visitors and staff, all units of the Santa Cruz District are closed to visitors launching, landing, or operating model aircraft, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and gliders in flight [CCR 4326(a); CCR 4304; CCR 4319] within state park boundaries.

Exceptions:

- a. Seacliff State Beach: above the field on the Southern end of the upper day use parking lot.
- b. Sunset State Beach: non-motorized gliders at the designated glider-port located across from the South campground.

Further exceptions to this order may include:

- a. Commercial filming with applicable FAA Certificate of Authorization (COA), appropriate park unit permits and California Film Commission approval.
- b. Non-commercial use upon completion of the park unit's special use permit application and applicable FAA registration.
- c. Use by law enforcement under exigent circumstances.
- d. Scientific research with appropriate FAA registration and park unit permits.

9. CLOSED AREAS

- a) The following are closed in order to protect resources and ensure public safety: [CCR 4326(a)]
 - 1) The vessel Palo Alto, known as the "**Cement Ship**" at Seacliff State Beach and the 200 feet surrounding the vessel and pier.
 - 2) That portion of "**San Lorenzo Point**" that is outside the fenced observation area at Twin Lakes State Beach (Seabright portion).
 - 3) The "**Natural Bridge**" bluff area adjacent to the parking lot at Natural Bridges State Beach.
 - 4) The area known as "**Wilder Beach**" including the surrounding marshlands, agricultural lands, and intertidal zone at Wilder Ranch State Park.
 - 5) Park users on Chinquapin Trail in **Wilder Ranch shall follow trail detours** as posted in the "Sensitive Wildlife Area" between Woodcutters Trail and Eucalyptus Loop Trail.
 - 6) The "**Cave Gulch**" area East of the Long Meadow Trail in Wilder Ranch State Park as posted.
 - 7) The portion of Wilder Ranch known as the "**Scaroni Property**" between Baldwin Creek and Majors Creek.
 - 8) The **Laguna Creek marsh** wetlands.
 - 9) The **Waddell Creek marsh** wetlands outside of designated trails.
 - 10) **Ano Nuevo Coast Natural Preserve** including Ano Nuevo Island and the wildlife habitat known as "The Point". Exception to the closure is made for guided walks and other officially permitted access.
 - 11) The inland area of Montara State Beach known as "**Green Valley**", as posted.

- 12) **Castle Rock San Lorenzo Waters Natural Preserve** outside of designated trails as defined on the official California State Parks unit brochure / trail map.
 - 13) Big Basin **Sempervirens Reservoir**.
 - 14) The creek and natural surroundings 200 feet in every direction of **Sempervirens Falls** in Big Basin Redwoods State Park except on designated trails as defined on the official California State Parks unit brochure / trail map.
 - 15) **Big Basin Redwood Loop** area except on trail.
 - 16) The creek and natural surroundings 200 feet in every direction of **Berry Creek Falls, Gold Falls, Silver Falls** in Big Basin Redwoods State Park except on designated trails as defined on the official California State Parks unit brochure / trail map.
 - 17) **“Henry Cowell Meadow”** – between Santa Cruz District Office and the Meadow Trail excepting the road.
 - 18) **Henry Cowell Redwood Loop** area except on designated trail.
 - 19) The upper portions of the **“Sand Hills”** property located in Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park as posted.
 - 20) The **“Lower Highway 9”** areas South of Garden of Eden except on designated trails as defined on the official California State Parks unit brochure / trail map.
 - 21) Beach Areas identified with fencing and signage to ensure the protection of endangered/threatened natural resources.
- b) **Redwood Park Food Regulations** – In order to protect wildlife, no person shall wash any food preparation equipment at water spigots or restroom sinks in Big Basin Redwoods, Portola Redwoods, or Butano State Parks. Food or garbage shall not be left unsecured. [CCR 4326(a)]
- c) **Rainfall Closures** – In order to protect resources, the following park units are subject to activity restriction after periods of high rainfall: [CCR 4326(a)]
- 1) Wilder Ranch State Park
 - 2) Castle Rock State Park

10. CONTROL OF ANIMALS/DOGS

- a) **Dogs are permitted** on leash on the following beaches and trails: [CCR4312(f)2]
- 1) The Palm Beach portion of Sunset State Beach on the ocean side of the beach directly in front of the residential buildings and the State Park day use area. Dogs are prohibited on the beach at the remainder of Sunset State Beach including North of the Shorebirds condominiums and the sandy spit to the south of Pajaro Dunes.
 - 2) Manresa State Beach.
 - 3) Seacliff State Beach.
 - 4) New Brighton State Beach
 - 5) Twin Lakes State Beach.
 - 6) Lighthouse Field State Beach.
 - 7) Henry Cowell Meadow Trail.
 - 8) Henry Cowell Pipeline Road.
 - 9) Henry Cowell Graham Hill Trail.
 - 10) Henry Cowell Powder Mill Fire Road.
 - 11) Big Basin North Escape Road.

b) **Dogs are Prohibited:** [CCR4312(f)1]

- 1) At the Rancho del Oso portion of Big Basin including the entrance roads, the trails in the area of the nature center, Waddell Beach, and the horse camp (deed restriction).
- 2) Rancho San Andreas Castro Adobe State Historic Park
- 3) Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park
- 4) Wilder Ranch State Park
- 5) Natural Bridges State Beach trails and beach
- 6) The Forest of Nisene Marks State Parks backcountry area including Aptos Creek Fire Rd. beyond the Porter Parking Lot, all trails originating beyond the Porter Parking Lot, Westridge Trail, and Hinckley Basin Fire Rd.
- 7) Henry Cowell Redwood State Park Day-Use
- 8) Little Basin portion of Big Basin Redwoods State Park.
- 9) Ano Nuevo State Park

11. ALCOHOL RESTRICTION

- a) In order to ensure public safety, possession and or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the following park units. Designated overnight campsites are not included: [CCR 4326(a)].
- 1) Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park.
 - 2) Sunset State Beach
 - 3) Manresa State Beach
 - 4) Seacliff State Beach
 - 5) New Brighton State Beach
 - 6) Twin Lakes / Seabright State Beach
 - 7) Lighthouse Field State Beach
 - 8) Natural Bridges State Beach
 - 9) Wilder Ranch State Park
 - 10) Henry Cowell State Park Day-Use

12. GLASS CONTAINERS

- a) No person shall possess or use a glass container, bottle, jar, tumbler, or vessel of whatever nature, empty or not, in the following areas except that persons may pick up glass containers left or discarded by others and remove or deposit same in an approved trash receptacle: [CCR 4333]
- 1) Ocean Beaches of the Santa Cruz District.
 - 2) Henry Cowell within 200 feet of the San Lorenzo River.
 - 3) Castle Rock State Park.

13. FIRES /SMOKING

- a) **Fires** -- All fires are prohibited. "Fire" is defined as the burning of any substance. [CCR 4311(a)]

Exception:

- a. Warming and cooking fires within Department provided stove or fire ring.
- b. Self-contained gas burners are permitted only in developed campsite, designated picnic areas, and ocean beaches of the Santa Cruz District.
- b) **Pallets** -- Within the Santa Cruz District no person shall burn pallets or other material containing nails, metal fasteners, glass, or other non-flammable material. [CCR 4326(a)]
- c) **Red Flag Warning** -- During periods of extreme fire danger as determined by the National Weather Service's Red Flag Warning procedure, open fires, campfires, and charcoal fires are prohibited in the identified areas. Smoking may also be prohibited except within a closed vehicle. This temporary ban will include all identified property including state residence properties. [CCR 4326(a), CCR 4311(c)]
- d) **Smoking** -- Smoking is prohibited In the backcountry areas of the Santa Cruz District and the following areas: [CCR 4326(a)]
 - 1) Pursuant to 5008.91 of the Public Resources Code, smoking is prohibited at State Beaches. Posting of signs at strategic locations shall notify the public of the smoking prohibition on State Beaches. State Beach paved roadways and paved parking facilities are exempt from the smoking prohibition.

14. The District Superintendent, or his designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District, 101 N. Big Trees Park Rd., Felton, California, 95018.

15. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, and residential or property rights.

16. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.

17. This Order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301 (i).

So Ordered:

SIGNED: 
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DATE: 06/21/2022

Christopher Spohrer, District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District

Authority: California Public Resources Code Section 5003 and California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Sections 4301, 4326.



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SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT STANDING POSTED ORDERS

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I hereby certify that on this date, in compliance with California Code of Regulation, Section 4301(i), *Posting*, copies of this order were posted at the Santa Cruz District Office, the Northern Division Chief's Office Sacramento, California and at locations convenient to the public within the Santa Cruz District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Chris Spohrer
SIGNED: _____
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DATE: 06/21/2022

Christopher Spohrer, District Superintendent, Santa Cruz District