



News Release

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California State Parks Announces Steps to Reduce Crowds at State Parks to Help Slow Down the Spread of Coronavirus

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California State Parks today announced that it is taking additional safety measures to reduce crowds and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Many state parks and beaches received record visitation over the weekend which made it impossible for the public to implement appropriate social distancing practices. As a result, the department is working closely with local county and public health officials to modify park operations by closing vehicular traffic at some park units to reduce the density of visitors. A list of closures can be found online at www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve. State Park Peace Officers, in cooperation with allied law enforcement entities, will continue patrolling all state park units and enforcing all regulations



maintaining a social distance of 6 ft. or more when recreating in the outdoors, and staying home if they are sick. If visitors cannot maintain social distancing, they need to leave the park.

In support of the state's efforts to slow down the spread of the pandemic disease, State Parks has launched a social media campaign titled "Flatten the COVID-19 Curve at Parks." Through this campaign, the department and partners will be reminding the public about their role in flattening the COVID-19 (coronavirus) curve as they exercise and de-stress in outdoor open spaces.

State Parks will continue to monitor visitation and social distancing at all state park units and if the safety measures implemented today are not sufficient to protect public health, additional measures may be taken to fully close parks including trails, bathrooms, and other amenities.

California continues to issue guidance on preparing and protecting California from the coronavirus. The department is monitoring the situation closely and is following guidance provided by the [Governor's Office](#) via the [California Department of Public Health](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and the [Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#).

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