California Coastal Zone Beach Restrictions due to COVID-19

From North to South by County

This is a list of beach access restrictions and closures that will be updated regularly, but due to rapidly changing conditions it might not capture all beach access changes. For most updated information, contact your local government or recreation department about local restrictions.

California State Parks – COVID-19 Information

- All State Parks have restricted access for vehicles
  - List of Parks Temporarily Closed to the Public.
  - Some parks parking lots have been partially reopened.
  - High public-use indoor facilities—including museums, visitor centers and cafés—have been closed.
  - All campgrounds across the state have been closed until further notice. All current reservation holders affected by the temporary closures have received a notification from ReserveCalifornia of their cancellation and refunds will be provided.

Del Norte County

- County parks closed to camping except for host or other people authorized by the county for stays 30 days or longer
- Hotels, motels, RV parks and private campgrounds prohibited from housing anyone for less than 30 day period
- Yurok Tribal lands, parks, preserves, beaches and boat launches including all camping and overnight stays, are closed to public
- Redwood National Park
  - The parks remain open to day-use walkers, hikers, and bicyclists, though visitor services are extremely limited
  - Many facilities are closed including campgrounds, visitor centers, and day use areas
  - Parking lots reopened
- Clifford Kamp Memorial Park and Kamp Klamath RV Park and Campground
  - Unable to accept drive-ins or reservations for less than a 30-day stay until further notice

Humboldt County

- Redwood National Park
  - The parks remain open to day-use walkers, hikers, and bicyclists, though visitor services are extremely limited
  - Many facilities are closed including campgrounds, visitor centers, and day use areas
  - Parking lots reopened
- All other parks in the county are open for day-use
- All campgrounds in county are closed. (Big Lagoon, Clam Beach, Samoa, Van Duzen, A.W. Way)
- King Range National Conservation Area
Public lands in this area are closed to all forms of public access and uses. Area includes Lost Coast Trail, Paradise Royale Mountain Bike trail, trailheads at Mattole River Campground and Black Sands Beach.

**Mendocino County**
- All county beaches, parks, and access ways are open for active use
- Most beach parking lots and restrooms are partially open
- Visitors are encouraged to recreate in nearby parks or beaches when possible
- **Fort Bragg**
  - All city trails and recreational facilities in coastal zone are open
  - Parking lots are open
  - Restrooms are closed and use of benches/picnic tables is discouraged
  - Distancing guidelines should be followed
- **Moat Creek Beach**
  - Access point reopened on trial basis
- **Point Arena**
  - Parking lot closed with exception for commercial fishermen or businesses/vessels with paid parking privileges
  - Point Arena Pier closed
- **Stornetta Public Lands**
  - All coast line pull outs and parking areas including trailheads have been closed

**Sonoma County**
- All Parks, trails, and beaches in the Coastal Zone closed from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, daily
- All coastal park and beach parking lots reopened with some potential for restrictions
- Both active and passive recreation allowed if following distancing guidelines
- **Bodega Bay**
  - Beach goers must follow county orders on distancing
  - The county may restrict the number of entrants or close public access points to a beach to reduce crowding
- **Golden Gate National Recreation Area**
  - Facilities, including parking lots, will reopen gradually over phases
  - Services and operations closed at the following sites:
    - Muir Woods National Monument – entire park and parking are closed
    - Marin Headlands Visitor Center

**Marin County**
- Beaches, parks, and their parking lots have reopened
- Beach goers must follow county orders on distancing
- The county may restrict the number of entrants or close public access points to a beach to reduce crowding
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- Nike Missile Site
- Point Bonita Lighthouse
- Kirby Cove and Bicentennial campgrounds
- Rodeo Beach parking
- Upper Conzelman Road (scenic overlook road from Golden Gate Bridge views to Point Bonita area)
- Tennessee Valley parking

- Point Reyes National Seashore – National Park Service
  - Visitor centers, campgrounds are closed. Ranger-led and volunteer activities closed
  - Camping or beach fire permits will not be issued during the shelter-in-place order
  - Trails, beaches, and restrooms (excluding Bear Valley Visitor Center) available if readily accessible by non-motorized means for essential activities
  - Most parking and roadways are now open with some restrictions
  - Park roads and gates are closed to: Mt. Vision, Chimney Rock Road, Mesa Road, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard southwest of its junction with Drake Beach Road and west of its junction with Chimney Rock Road, South Beach Access Road.

**San Francisco City and County**
- Beachgoers must follow county orders on distancing
- The city/county may restrict the number of entrants or close public access points to a beach to reduce crowding
- San Francisco Recreation and Park District
  - Ocean Beach parking lots closed
  - Sports courts and picnic areas closed
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area
  - Facilities, including parking lots, will reopen gradually over phases
  - Services and operations closed at the following sites:
    - All picnic areas
    - Ocean Beach fire pits. (Fires are not permitted outside fire pits.)
    - Lands End Lookout
    - Merrie Way parking

**San Mateo County**
- Beaches and beach parking lots have reopened, some state parks and beaches parking lots closed
- Beachgoers must adhere to distancing guidelines and the county may restrict access if beaches become too crowded
- City of Pacifica
  - Parking lots reopened
  - Beachgoers should follow distancing guidelines
- City of Half Moon Bay
  - Parking lots and restrooms reopened
  - Beachgoers should follow distancing guidelines
• Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay
  o Public access parking spots reopened
• San Mateo County Harbor District
  o Parking areas, boat launch ramps, public restrooms, and Johnson Pier at Pillar Point Harbor reopened. Picnic areas closed.
  o Pedestrian access not restricted. Vessel owners/harbor tenants will be allowed to use parking lots.
  o Oyster Point Marina launch ramp, fishing pier, public restroom, and all public parking are reopened. Boat wash and picnic areas are closed.

Santa Cruz County
• All beaches closed for all activities except traversing the sand to enter the ocean between 11am and 5pm
• Previous limits on beach activities such as lying, sitting, standing, sunbathing, sightseeing and other non-exercise related activities remain in place
• No umbrellas, barbecues, coolers, beach chairs, shade structures, tents or other equipment will be allowed at any time
• Water-based activities such as surfing, paddleboarding, boogie boarding, swimming, snorkeling and kayaking are still allowed. Beaches may be traversed to participate in these activities.
• Facilities adjacent to beaches such as parkways, sidewalks and trails will remain open
• City of Santa Cruz
  o The following facilities are closed:
    ▪ Beach volleyball courts on Main Beach
    ▪ Santa Cruz Wharf restrooms
    ▪ West Cliff parking lots, East Cliff parking areas, and parking along Swanton Drive near Natural Bridges State Beach
• Santa Cruz Port District
  o Partial closure of Port District’s launch ramp
• City of Capitola
  o All temporary large shade structures (pop ups, tents, and umbrellas) are banned on Capitola Beach
  o The Upper and Lower Beach and Village parking lots are closed to the public. The Upper Lot is open to permit parking and City employee parking only.
  o The maximum allowed time to park in the Capitola Village is now 1 hour, reduced from 3 hours.
  o 76 parking spaces closed along Cliff Drive located west of the Village

Monterey County
• Some parks and beaches may have restrictions on access or parking depending on crowding
• Moss Landing Harbor District
  o Access to Moss Landing North Harbor launch ramps temporarily restricted to public, allowing use only by commercial fishing vessels
• City of Marina
  o Street parking near beaches restricted
• City of Sand City
  o Street parking near beaches restricted
• City of Monterey
• Beaches open for active uses
• City launch ramps closed
• Parking is prohibited from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily in the following locations:
  ▪ Tide Avenue
  ▪ Beach Way between Tide Avenue and Dunecrest Avenue
  ▪ Surf Way between Tide Avenue and Dunecrest Avenue
  ▪ Sand Dunes Drive between Canyon Del Rey Blvd (Humboldt Street) to Houghton M. Roberts Beach parking lot

• City of Pacific Grove
  ▪ Lovers Point Beach reopened for active uses

• City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
  ▪ Beaches open for active uses
  ▪ Parking restricted at Del Mar parking lot and along Scenic Ave. and San Antonio Ave.

• 17-Mile Drive – Pebble Beach Resort
  ▪ Reopened to visitors

• Los Padres National Forest
  ▪ Key recreational facilities such as campgrounds, day use sites, and picnic areas as these are closed
  ▪ Trail system and general forest area remain open to the public

San Luis Obispo County
• Shamel Park parking lot, Cayucos North parking lot, and Oceanfront St parking closed
• City of Morro Bay
  ▪ Parking areas and launch ramp reopened
  ▪ Restrooms at launch ramp will slowly reopen
• PG&E Diablo Canyon
  ▪ Point Buchon and Pecho Coast trails remain closed
• Avila Beach
  ▪ Pier closed
  ▪ Use of fire pits temporarily banned
  ▪ Avila parking lot closed during the day until 5:00pm daily
  ▪ Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Fisherman’s Beach
  ▪ Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Olde Port Beach
  ▪ Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Cave Landing
  ▪ Access road and parking lot reopened
• City of Pismo Beach
  ▪ Pier closed
• City of Grover Beach
  ▪ Park facilities such as playgrounds, sports courts and skate park are closed

Santa Barbara County
• Goleta Beach pier boat launch is now open
• Parking could be restricted on county roads or highways
• City of Goleta
Beaches remain open
Certain parking lots may have restricted access or a reduced number of parking spots

- Sperling/Ellwood Mesa Parking Lot now fully open

City of Santa Barbara
- All recreation centers, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment tennis courts and beach volleyball courts, picnic sites, Skater’s Point skatepark, Franceschi Park, Hilda Ray Park, and Skofield Park are closed.
- Leadbetter Beach, West Beach, East Beach are open. Most parks remain open during normal hours.
- Santa Barbara Harbor boat launch ramp closed for recreational vessels
- Certain parking lots may have restricted access

City of Carpinteria
- Playgrounds, playing fields, and barbecue areas are currently closed
- The City will be enforcing a two-hour parking time limit on specific streets each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. These limits will apply to streets within the Beach Neighborhood and portions of the Concha Loma neighborhood
- City will create “no parking” areas on some portions of downtown streets that are heavily used for beach access. These include Linden Avenue, Fifth Street, Palm Avenue, Walnut Avenue and Sixth Street.
- The following parking areas are closed:
  - Street parking at the easterly terminus of Carpinteria Ave
  - Viola Field, 6145 Carpinteria Ave
  - Bluffs Nature Preserve Lot at Carpinteria Ave and Bailard
  - Street parking along the east side of Linden Ave, south of UPPR
  - Linden, Elm, Holly, and Ash streets, street end parking lots

Ventura County
- Parking restricted in certain areas on Coastal Highway 101 including the following:
  - The Pacific Coast Highway from Point Mugu State Beach south to the Los Angeles County line will be closed for all parking.

Channel Islands National Park
- Mainland Visitor Center closed for construction
- Island Ferry Service has resumed daily trips at partial capacity

City of Ventura
- Active and passive uses allowed if following distancing guidelines at city beaches, the promenade, and the pier
- Beach parking lots will gradually open
- Gathering and distancing requirements will be enforced
- Overcrowding may lead to temporary beach closures

Ventura Port District
- Active and passive uses allowed if following distancing guidelines at Surfer’s Knoll and Harbor Cove beaches
- Beach parking lots will gradually reopen
- Ventura Harbor public launch ramp closed

Ventura Channel Islands Harbor (in City of Oxnard)
- Parking lots to Silver Strand, Hollywood, and Kiddie Beach remain closed
- Launch ramp reopen with the following restrictions:
- Each vehicle/vessel will be limited to members of the same household.
- When parking a vehicle after launch, maintain as much space as possible between other parked vehicles.
- Comply with the launch lane and vessel wash lane restrictions posted on signage in the launch ramp.
- Masks are recommended at all times when out of your vehicle/vessel in the launch ramp area.

- City of Oxnard
  - Beach parking lots will gradually reopen
  - Street parking will be limited
  - Park restrooms, sports parks, playgrounds, and reservation areas closed
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses
  - Gathering and distancing requirements will be enforced

- City of Port Hueneme
  - Active uses such as walking, running, surfing, swimming etc. allowed
  - Lounging and sunbathing allowed if following distancing guidelines
  - No contact sports or congregating in large groups with people outside household are allowed
  - Pier, restrooms, street parking, recreational and picnic equipment are closed
  - Parking Lot A and walkways are open
  - Solo water activities and beach cleanups are allowed

- All beaches south of Naval Base Ventura County at Point Mugu extending to the Los Angeles County line are completely closed
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Ventura portion)
  - Trails and parking lots open, visitor centers remain closed

- State Parks within the county are also following the “soft reopening” model

Los Angeles County
- Most beach parking lots, piers, boardwalks, and some beach accessways in the county are closed
- Parking lots at Dockweiler State Beach, Will Rogers State Beach, Zuma Beach, and Surfrider Beach open at partial capacity
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Los Angeles County portion)
  - Trails and parking lots open, visitor centers remain closed
- City of Malibu
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines
  - No parking at various locations along Pacific Coast Highway, Westward Beach road parking, Point Dume Headlands parking on Clifftside Drive, West of 25442 Malibu Road to end of the street and Malibu Bluffs parking lot
  - Trancas Canyon Park, Legacy Park, Malibu Bluffs Park, and Las Flores Creek Park and parking lots are closed
  - Malibu Pier remains closed
  - Beach accessways managed by LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors remain closed

- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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Most parks, trails, and building facilities including restrooms are reopened for recreation following distancing guidelines, including all parks owned by Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

- **City of Santa Monica**
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines
  - Santa Monica Pier, some beach parking, and Muscle Beach remain closed

- **City of Los Angeles**
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines
  - Some beach parking lots restricted

- **City of El Segundo**
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines

- **City of Manhattan Beach**
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines
  - Beach parking open

- **City of Hermosa Beach**
  - Hermosa Beach Pier and Downtown Parking Structure are closed
  - Other city parking lots may be closed or restricted to 15 mins
  - Beach open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines

- **City of Redondo Beach**
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines
  - Coastal parking remains restricted
  - Harbor Drive Bike Lane and North Redondo Beach Bike Path from Robinson Street to Felton Lane are reopened except those segments impacted by construction near Artesia Blvd.
  - Stairs at Avenue C accessway remains closed
  - Redondo Beach Pier remains closed except at designated food pick up locations

- **City of Torrance**
  - All beach parking lots closed
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines

- **City of Palos Verdes Estates**
  - Parking closed at parking lot in 300 block of Paseo Del Mar and parking turnout in 1300 Palos Verdes Drive West
  - No parking signs placed on west side of 700 block of Paseo Del Mar

- **City of Ranchos Palos Verdes**
  - Parks and some trails open, some trails may remain closed
  - Beaches open for recreation that follows distancing guidelines
  - Parking restrictions at various city parking lots and public streets
  - Public trails and public parking lots at Terranea Resort and Trump National Golf Club have also been closed

- **Port of Los Angeles**
  - Restricted access to 22nd Street Park, Banning’s Landing, Bloch Field, Cabrillo Beach (Beach, Marine Aquarium, Boat Ramp, and Fishing Pier), and Harbor Boulevard Parkway Promenade (Berths 84-94)
  - Cabrillo Beach, parking lot, and bike path reopened with limitations on number of cars

- **City of Long Beach**
  - All beach parking lots closed
Beaches, beach bikes paths, and pedestrian paths open for active and passive uses that follows distancing guidelines

- City of Avalon
  - Avalon Harbor, Santa Catalina Island, consisting of all moorings within the City of Avalon waters open with restrictions
  - Piers and trails are open
  - Beaches open for active and passive use that follows distancing guidelines

Orange County
- County beach parking open at full capacity at Aliso, Capistrano, Salt Creek, Strands and Baby beaches
- County-operated beaches open for active recreation only that follows distancing requirements
  - Thousand Steps Beach will remain closed
  - All beach and park parking lots remain closed
- City of Seal Beach
  - Implementing 4-phased reopening plan, currently in phase 4
  - Beaches will be open from 4:30am to 10:00pm seven days a week for active and passive use
  - The 1st, 8th, and 10th Street Beach Parking Lots will also reopen; however, in order to ensure distancing requirements are being followed, 50% of the parking spaces will be closed. Beachgoers will be required to park in every other parking stall.
  - Parking with vessel trailer/rack in boat launch lots only (Sunset Aquatic Park)
- City of Huntington Beach
  - Beaches and beach bike pathway open for active recreation only that follows distancing requirements from 5am to 10pm
  - Beaches in Huntington Harbor remain closed
  - Fishing allowed from the beach and other ocean access locations where fishing is normally allowed, so long as distancing requirements are followed
  - Within Huntington Harbor and all connected channels, active ocean recreation is allowed such as kayaking, boating, and paddle boarding
  - Huntington Beach Pier reopen for active uses such as walking and jogging
  - The following facilities remain closed:
    - beach playground
    - open grass and picnic areas adjacent to beach bike path
    - Davenport Beach
    - Humboldt Beach
    - Trinidad Beach
    - Seabridge Park Beach
    - All harbor beaches along Pacific Coast Highway in Sunset Beach
  - Coastal parking lots open at partial capacity with some restrictions
- City of Newport Beach
  - All beaches open for active recreation 6am to 10pm, 7 days a week
  - Newport Beach Pier closed and Balboa Pier open
  - Beach parking lots fully reopened
  - Newport Harbor open for all normally allowed water activities
  - Bayside Beach open 6am to 10pm daily
- City of Laguna Beach

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City beaches open for active recreation only
County-operated beaches in South Laguna Beach (Aliso, Table Rock, West, Camel Point and Treasure Island beaches) open for active recreation 6am to 10pm daily
Thousand Steps Beach open 6am to 9pm daily

City of Dana Point
Dana Cove Beach, Doheny State Beach, and tide pools are open for active recreation only
Ocean open for all recreational uses
Beach parking restricted check city website for latest details
Baby Beach open 5am to 10pm daily
Salt Creek and Strands Beaches open 5am to 12am daily
Capistrano Beach open 6am to 10pm daily

City of San Clemente
Beaches and coastal trail open for active and passive use that follows distancing requirements
Permitted activities include: walking/running and ocean recreation
All beach restrooms closed
Most beach parking lots open with some restrictions
Poche Beach open 6am to 10pm daily
Municipal Pier open for active and passive use that follows distancing requirements
Fishing is allowed

San Diego County
All San Diego County Parks managed sports courts open to members of single household
Most San Diego County Parks managed parking lots open at half capacity
All recreational boating allowed only if participants are of the same household
Cabrillo National Monument
Outdoor areas and restrooms open from 9am to 5pm daily
Indoor areas remain closed
City of Oceanside
Beaches open for active and passive use
Group exercising and group games prohibited
Oceanside pier open
The Strand closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic
Beach parking lots open
City of Carlsbad
Beaches open for active and passive use from 6am to 11pm
Fishing only allowed from a kayak or boat
Sun bathing, picnics/gatherings, group exercising, group games, standing/sitting around prohibited
Beach parking and parking lots open
City of Encinitas
All beaches are open for active and passive use. Families and members of a household, can sit, lie down, and participate in active sports. Additionally, swimming, surfing, paddle boarding, and kayaking are allowed.
All trails are open
• All city beach and park parking lots are open

• City of Solana Beach
  o Beaches open for active and passive use
  o Fletcher Cove open for access to and from beach
  o Tide Park and Del Mar Shores Stairs open only for one-way exiting from beach
  o Seascapes Stairs open for one-way entry to beach
  o Parking lots remain closed

• City of Del Mar
  o Beaches open for active and passive use

• City of San Diego
  o Beaches open for active and passive use, distancing guidelines should be followed
  o Bays open to all water uses
  o Boardwalks, piers, and parking lots open
  o Fiesta Island open to pedestrians, it will open to vehicles July 6

• Port of San Diego
  o Parks around San Diego Bay are open for active use, parks in Coronado are open for active and passive use
  o The piers on Shelter Island (San Diego), in Cesar Chavez Park (Barrio Logan, San Diego), in Pepper Park (National City), in Bayside Park (aka J Street, Chula Vista), in Imperial Beach, and at the Ferry Landing (Coronado) are open
  o Parking lots open at Shelter Island, Harbor Island, Spanish Landing, Tuna Harbor, Ruocco Park, Cesar Chavez Park, Pepper Park, Bayfront Park, Bayside Park, Marina View Park, and Tidelands Park.
  o Recreational boating, for members of the same household, is allowed on San Diego Bay
  o Shelter Island and National City boat launches are open
  o Walkways, sidewalks, and promenades are open for walking, running, and bicycling (no stopping, sitting, or lying down)
  o Beaches are open for active and passive uses
  o Many park and pier restrooms are closed

• City of Coronado
  o Beaches open for active and passive uses from 6am to 7pm daily
  o Coronado Dog Beach and Sunset Park are open
  o Beach parking restrictions lifted
  o The bay and Glorietta Bay Boat Launch Ramp open, parking restricted

• City of National City
  o All parks are closed to gatherings and organized sports, open walking/running/biking

• City of Chula Vista
  o All parks and park parking lots open
  o Restrooms remain closed

• City of Imperial Beach
  o Beaches open for active and passive use
  o Municipal pier, public parks, and beach area parking lots open

• Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
  o Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center closed
  o Border Field State Park closed to hiking, biking, equestrian activity and vehicles

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