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

- 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—closed
- Some campground have reopened, check ReserveCalifornia for latest information

Del Norte County

- 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
  - Open with restrictions on capacity

Humboldt County

- Redwood National Park
  - The parks remain open to day-use walkers, hikers, and bicyclists, though visitor services are extremely limited
  - Crescent City Information Center and Jedidiah Smith Visitor Center closed
  - Parking lots reopened
- All other parks in the county are open for day-use
- King Range National Conservation Area
  - Access reopened

Mendocino County

- All county beaches, parks, and access ways are open for active and passive use that follows distancing guidelines
- 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

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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 open

**Sonoma County**

- All coastal park and beach parking lots open with some restrictions
- Both active and passive recreation allowed if following distancing guidelines
- Bodega Bay coastal boat launch ramps and trailer parking areas may be opened by owners for the purpose of recreational fishing to provide food for participants
  - Each vehicle and boat shall include only members of the same household;
  - Vehicles and trailers may travel the limited extent necessary to the boat launch facility for the purpose of fishing;
  - Participants shall comply with existing health orders including distancing requirements;
  - All other licensing or other applicable regulatory requirements must be met.

**Marin County**

- 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 beach fire pits
    - Marin Headlands Visitor Center
    - Nike Missile Site
    - Point Bonita Lighthouse
    - Kirby Cove Day Use Area and Haypress and Hawk campgrounds
    - Battery Townsley interior is closed and no ranger/volunteer led tours are occurring
- Point Reyes National Seashore – National Park Service
  - Restrooms and picnic areas open
  - Visitor centers remains closed
  - There are also several beach, trail, and road closures not related to COVID-19. Check the PRNS website for latest details.
San Francisco City and County
- Beach goers 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
  - Sports courts and picnic areas closed
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area
  - Services and operations closed at the following sites:
    - All picnic areas
    - Ocean Beach fire pits (Fires are not permitted outside fire pits.)
    - Cliff House and Lands End Lookout Visitor Center and Café

San Mateo County
- Beachgoers must adhere to distancing guidelines and the county may restrict access if beaches become too crowded
- City of Pacifica
  - Parking lots and beaches open
  - Beachgoers should follow distancing guidelines
- City of Half Moon Bay
  - Parking lots, beaches, and restrooms open
  - Beachgoers should follow distancing guidelines
- Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay
  - Public access parking spots open
- San Mateo County Harbor District
  - Parking areas, boat launch ramps, public restrooms, and Johnson Pier at Pillar Point Harbor open. Picnic areas closed.
  - 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
- Beaches reopened, all other relevant health orders such as distancing and masks still in effect
- City of Santa Cruz
  - Beaches and beach parking open
  - Beachgoers should follow distancing guidelines
  - UCSC Coastal Science Campus closed to vehicles. Pedestrian and bike access still open.
- Santa Cruz Port District
  - Launch ramp open
- City of Capitola
  - Parking open

Monterey County
- Some parks and beaches may have restrictions on access or parking depending on crowding
- Moss Landing Harbor District
  - Access to Moss Landing North Harbor launch ramps open to recreational and commercial users
• City of Monterey
  o Beaches and beach parking open
  o No BBQs, gatherings, or other group activities allowed
  o City launch ramps open
• City of Pacific Grove
  o Beaches and beach parking open
• City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
  o Beaches only open for walking, running, swimming, and surfing
  o No coolers, umbrellas, shade structures, BBQs, tables, or chairs are allowed
• 17-Mile Drive – Pebble Beach Resort
  o Beaches reopened
• Los Padres National Forest
  o Group campgrounds and picnic areas are closed
  o Trail system and general forest area remain open to the public

San Luis Obispo County
• County Parks
  o Indoor facilities closed
  o Not accepting group reservations
• City of Morro Bay
  o Parking areas and launch ramp reopened
  o Restrooms at launch ramp open
• PG&E Diablo Canyon
  o Point Buchon and Pecho Coast trails remain closed
• Avila Beach
  o Pier closed
  o Use of fire pits temporarily banned
  o Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Fisherman’s Beach
  o Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Olde Port Beach
  o Beach remains open when distancing rules are followed
• Cave Landing
  o Access road and parking lot reopened
• City of Pismo Beach
  o Pier closed
• City of Grover Beach
  o Park facilities such as playgrounds, sports courts and skate park are closed

Santa Barbara County
• City of Goleta
  o Certain parking lots may have restricted access or a reduced number of parking spots
• City of Santa Barbara
  o Beaches and beach parking reopened
• City of Carpinteria
  o Playgrounds, playing fields, and barbecue areas are currently closed
Ventura County

- 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
  - 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
  - Ventura Harbor public launch ramp open with restrictions, check harbor website for latest rules
- Ventura Channel Islands Harbor (in City of Oxnard)
  - 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
  - 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 open 6am to 10pm with adjustments to allow distancing
  - Restrooms reopened, close at 7pm daily
  - Recreational and picnic equipment are closed
  - Parking Lot A and walkways are open
  - Solo water activities and beach cleanups are allowed
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Ventura portion)
  - Trails and parking lots open, visitor centers remain closed

Los Angeles County

- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Los Angeles County portion)
  - Trails and parking lots open, visitor centers remain closed
  - Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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

- 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 Cliffside 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
  - The following beaches have coastal accessways that are closed:
    - Lechuza Beach – Bunnie Lane beach accessway closed (East and West Sea Level Drive accessways are open)
    - Paradise Cove – Beach accessway closed
    - Escondido Beach – Geoffrey’s and Seacliff-Escondido beach accessways closed (Escondido Creek beach accessway open)
    - Latigo Beach – Beach accessway closed
    - Carbon Beach – East and West beach access ways closed (Zonker Harris beach accessway open)
    - Big Rock – Dolphin View coastal overlook and Maritime Rocks beach access closed (Big Rock stairway open)

- City of Santa Monica
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follow distancing guidelines
  - Santa Monica Pier has begun phased reopening, restrictions on number of visitors and some remain facilities closed
    - The pier bridge at Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue and all beach stairs will remain closed. The pier entrance and exit ramps are on Ocean Front Walk on the beach level.
  - Beach Parking Lots on Pier Deck, Lot 1-North (1550 PCH) and Lot 3-North (1150 PCH) remain closed
  - Muscle Beach and sports courts remain closed

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

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

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

- City of Hermosa Beach
  - Hermosa Beach Pier open
  - Parking in Lot A open, Lot B open for 15 min use, Lot C remains closed
  - Beach open for active and passive uses that follow distancing guidelines

- City of Redondo Beach
  - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follow distancing guidelines
  - Stairs at Avenue C accessway remains closed

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• Redondo Beach Pier open
  - City of Torrance
    - Beach parking lots open
    - Beaches open for active and passive uses that follow distancing guidelines
  - City of Palos Verdes Estates
    - Blufftops and parking reopened
  - City of Ranchos Palos Verdes
    - Parks and trails open
    - Beaches open for recreation that follow distancing guidelines
    - Parking restrictions at various city parking lots and public streets
    - Public trails open and public parking lots at Terranea Resort and Trump National Golf Club are open
  - 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
    - Beach parking lots open
    - Beaches, beach bikes paths, and pedestrian paths open for active and passive uses that follow 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 uses that follow distancing guidelines

Orange County
- County beach parking and restrooms generally open at all Orange County beaches
- City of Seal Beach
  - Beaches 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
  - 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
  - Coastal parking lots open at partial capacity with some restrictions
• City of Newport Beach
  o All beaches open for active and passive recreation 6am to 10pm, 7 days a week
  o Newport Beach Pier and Balboa Pier open
  o Beach parking lots fully reopened
  o Newport Harbor open for all normally allowed water activities
  o Bayside Beach open 6am to 10pm daily
• City of Laguna Beach
  o City beaches open for active and passive recreation that follows distancing guidelines
  o County-operated beaches in South Laguna Beach (Aliso, Table Rock, West, Camel Point and Treasure Island beaches) open for active and passive recreation 6am to 10pm daily
  o Thousand Steps Beach open 6am to 9pm daily
• City of Dana Point
  o Baby Beach open 5am to 10pm daily
  o Salt Creek and Strands Beaches open 5am to 12am daily
  o Capistrano Beach open 6am to 10pm daily
• City of San Clemente
  o Beaches and coastal trail open for active and passive uses that follow distancing requirements
  o Most beach parking lots open
  o Poche Beach open 6am to 10pm daily
  o Municipal Pier open for active and passive uses that follow distancing requirements
    ▪ Fishing is allowed

San Diego County
• All San Diego County Parks managed sports courts open to members of single household
• All recreational boating allowed only if participants are of the same household
• Cabrillo National Monument
  o Outdoor areas and restrooms open from 9am to 5pm daily
  o Indoor areas remain closed
• City of Oceanside
  o Beaches open for active and passive use
  o Group exercising and group games prohibited
  o Oceanside pier open
  o Pier Plaza Amphitheater closed
• City of Carlsbad
  o Beaches open for active and passive use from 6am to 11pm
  o Fishing only allowed from a kayak or boat
  o City beach parking and parking lots open
• City of Encinitas
  o 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.
  o All trails are open
  o All city beach and park parking lots are open
• City of Solana Beach

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○ Beaches open for active and passive use
○ Fletcher Cove open for access to and from beach
○ Tide Park and Del Mar Shores Stairs open only for one-way exiting from beach
○ Seascape Stairs open for one-way entry to beach
○ Parking lots remain closed

• City of Del Mar
  ○ City beaches open for active and passive use

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

• Port of San Diego
  ○ Parks around San Diego Bay are open for active and passive use that follows distancing requirements
  ○ 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
  ○ Parking lots open at Shelter Island, Harbor Island, Spanish Landing, Tuna Harbor, Rocco Park, Cesar Chavez Park, Pepper Park, Bayfront Park, Bayside Park, Marina View Park, and Tidelands Park.
  ○ Recreational boating, for members of the same household, is allowed on San Diego Bay
  ○ All boat launches on San Diego Bay are open – Chula Vista, Glorietta Bay, National City, and Shelter Island (launch parking lots are open)
  ○ Beaches are open for active and passive uses that follow distancing requirements

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

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

• City of Chula Vista
  ○ All parks and park parking lots open
  ○ Restrooms remain closed at Harborside and Lauderbach Parks

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

• Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
  ○ Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, parking lot, restrooms, and trails leading to the visitor center remain closed
  ○ Border Field State Park closed to hiking, biking, equestrian activity and vehicles
  ○ Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve- Trails on USFWS lands around the Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center remain closed

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