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UPDATE: California State Parks Closes Vehicular Access at all State Parks

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California State Parks today announced it is temporarily closing vehicle access at all 280 state parks to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

On Saturday, many state parks once again experienced visitation surges that made it impossible for the public to implement appropriate social/ physical distancing practices. During this pandemic disease, every person has a role to play in slowing down the spread of COVID-19. Protecting individuals, families and communities comes down to common sense.

As such, the public is reminded to adhere to the following guidance:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Stay close to home when you get outdoors. This is not the time for a road trip to a destination park or beach.



such as temporarily closing all campgrounds, museums and visitor centers in the State Parks System; cancelling all events; and closing vehicular traffic at certain parks and beaches, and fully closing others.

California continues to issue guidance on preparing and protecting Californians from COVID-19. State Parks 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](#). Protecting visitors and all who take care of state parks from the exposure to the pandemic disease is a top priority for the State of California.

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

State Parks has developed a one-stop resource center--www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve--to find park safety and closure information, and messaging and graphics from the "Flatten the COVID-19 Curve at Parks" social media awareness campaign. Please check this webpage regularly, as it will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

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