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California State Parks, Monterey District – What is Open and Closed for the Labor Day Weekend?

Monterey, Calif. — California State Parks has fully closed a number of state parks and beaches due to the numerous wildfires burning across our state. Some parks/beaches are partially closed with limited resources available to visitors. California State Parks urges the public to avoid traveling to impacted areas/park units in Monterey County due to safety and health concerns for any visitors. Air quality remains poor throughout the state.

Current Park Closures

The following State Parks, including all campgrounds, day use areas, and hiking trails, are already closed due to fire and/or traffic concerns on Highway 1 in the greater vicinity of the Dolan Fire:

- Andrew Molera State Park
- Garrapata State Park – **Soberanes Canyon Trail, east side of Hwy 1 closed**
- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park
- John Little State Natural Reserve
- Limekiln State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Point Sur State Historic Park

Labor Day Weekend – September 4-7, 2020

California State Parks – Monterey District is working with neighboring agencies on beach closures for all Monterey County beaches for the upcoming Labor Day Weekend.

- California State Parks in partnership with local agencies in Monterey County are closing beaches for the Labor Day Weekend (September 4-7, 2020). **State Beaches will be closed to public access with exceptions for transiting across the beach to engage in recreational uses of the ocean, e.g., surfing, swimming, diving, fishing, etc.** Affected State Beaches include:

- Asilomar State Beach
 - Carmel River State Beach – **No Ocean Activities allowed**
 - Fort Ord Dunes State Park
 - Garrapata State Park – **Soberanes Canyon Trail, east side of Hwy 1 closed**
 - Marina State Beach
 - Monterey State Beach
 - Moss Landing State Beach
 - Salinas River State Beach
 - Zmudowski State Beach
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- All California State Beach parking lots will be closed.

California State Parks is asking for the public's cooperation at this time when our state is severely impacted by the multiple fires burning throughout the state, including fires in Monterey County and in the neighboring counties of Santa Cruz and San Benito. *Your assistance is appreciated!*

For additional information about the Dolan Fire, please see the below resources:

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