

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
San Diego Coast District
South Carlsbad State Beach

ORDER NO. 935-652-001

March 5, 2026

The following lands and facilities of South Carlsbad State Beach, San Diego Coast District of the Department of Parks and Recreation are hereby subject to the following provisions:

1. A closure shall be in effect for all public use, entry or occupancy from 2300 hours to 0600 hours daily. [CCR 4326(a), CCR 4358]
Exception:
 - a. South Ponto parking area, lands and restroom facilities are closed to the public from sunset to 0700 hours daily.
 - b. North Ponto parking areas, lands and restroom facilities are closed to the public from 2200 hours to 0700 hours daily.
2. All vehicles and equipment must be within the campsite limits, parked off the pavement, and behind posted campsite numbers. [CCR 4323(a), CCR 4355]
3. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall not exceed three vehicles. [CCR 4452]
Exception:
Campsites with designated dual hookups shall not exceed four vehicles.
4. Glass containers are prohibited, except within the campground. [CCR 4333]
5. All fires are prohibited. "Fire" is defined as the burning of any substance including but not limited to: wood, wood pallets, kerosene, oil, chemically treated wood, charcoal briquettes, fire logs, coffee based logs, fire starters, newspaper, books, and trees. [CCR 4311 (a)]
Exception:
 - a. The use of propane or butane burners are permitted on the beach if the device is self-standing and has a minimum clearance of 6" between the ground and bottom of the stove.
 - b. Treated wood and wood pallets are prohibited within State provided fire pits within designated campsites. [CCR 4311 (b), CCR 4310, CCR 4319]
 - c. Within designated campsites, charcoal or gas cooking stoves are permitted.
6. Skateboard and scooter riding is prohibited in the immediate vicinity of the park office, entrance station, camp store, restrooms, and dump station. [CCR 4319]
7. Skateboard and scooter riding at night (Sunset to Sunrise) is prohibited. [CCR 4319]

8. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. [CCR 4326(a)]
Exception:
 - a. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed within the designated campsites of the campground.
 - b. Special Event Permits with indication of alcohol distribution, possession or consumption may be permitted in limited and designated areas and only when the permittee has demonstrated ability to regulate the distribution, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
9. Token Operated Showers in Restroom Buildings are for Registered Campers Only. [CCR 4326a]
10. No person shall launch or beach a vessel or weigh anchor or cast off. [CCR 4657]
Exception:
Manually-propelled vessels, such as rafts and kayaks are allowed, except in areas where surf-riding is prohibited.
11. Surf-riding is prohibited where designated by signs/flags. [CCR 4654]
12. Rock hounding is permitted within the wave action zone. [CCR 4301 (v), CCR 4611]
Refer to CCR 4611 for conditions
13. The Department may close all or portions of Department land, including campsites, parking lots, roadways, day use areas, buildings, and/or beach, to visitors entirely, seasonally, or to specific activities or uses, or may limit the number of visitors entering an area, due to Special Events, maintenance, resource management activities, or natural occurrences, in order to protect resources, remove hazards, and/or ensure public safety. During such closures, all persons, vehicles, bicycles and other transportation implements shall not enter or remain therein. [CCR 4326 (a)]
14. Feeding of wild and/or feral animals is prohibited. [CCR 4305(e)]
15. All vehicles must be parked in parking lots on the pavement and within the marked lines of a single parking space. Day use vehicles (singular or in combination) over 25 feet in length or 9 feet in width are prohibited in the South Ponto and North Ponto parking lot. [CCR 4358]
16. "Tailgating" is prohibited in all parking lots. No awnings or slide outs may be erected or utilized. No chairs, tables, barbeques or other recreational equipment may be used in parking lots. [CCR 4323(a); 4358]
17. Parking spaces marked as AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY either through signage, curb markings, and/or pavement markings are reserved for marked DPR vehicles or privately owned employee vehicles displaying a current employee vehicle parking pass. All other vehicles may be cited under VC 21113(a).
18. All persons must stay off the cliff bluffs and maintain a minimum safe distance of 10' for setting up any recreational equipment. [CCR 4307 & CCR 4326(a)]
19. No unauthorized person shall be present on a lifeguard tower at any time. [CCR 4319]

20. Scavenging in trash and recycling bins is prohibited [CCR 4310, PRC 5003]
 - a. No person shall import or export any litter, domestic, agricultural, or commercial garbage or refuse, for the express purpose of disposing of such material in the State Park trash cans or dumpsters.
 - b. No person shall climb on or into trash containers, dumpsters, nor remove, separate, or dislodge the contents inside in total or in part.
 - c. No person shall place petroleum waste products, batteries or toxic substances in trash containers/dumpsters.
 - d. No person shall place ignited or smoldering materials or coals inside any trash container/dumpster.

21. Vehicle maintenance, service, repair or modifications are prohibited. No vehicle may be left standing or parked within the park unit for the purpose of maintenance, service, repair, modifications or similar operation except in an emergency. This prohibition includes changing oil, greasing, engine repair, drivetrain repair, brake repair, painting, etc. as well as washing or polishing a vehicle.

Exception:
An owner or operator of a vehicle or a mechanic may service or repair any vehicle which is temporarily disabled due to the extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping the vehicle within the park unit. Necessary repairs may be made in order to enable the vehicle to be safely moved or removed from the park so it can be fully repaired at a later time.

22. The following groups will be subject to Special Event and/or Concession permitting [CCR 4300] and are prohibited from utilizing state lands without first acquiring the required permit.
 - a. Any group categorized by CCR 4301(j)
 - b. Any group in excess of 25 persons
 - c. Any organized group using state lands for their meeting place.
 - d. Any persons filming or photographing state lands for monetary gain.
 - e. Any persons meeting on state lands for the express purpose of training or teaching others.

23. The maintenance area, designated by signs/fence, is closed to the public. [CCR 4326(a), CCR 4358]

24. All lands and facilities are hereby subject to a curfew for juveniles from March 1- May 1. The hours of this curfew shall be from 2000 hours to 0600 hours daily. Exceptions to this curfew order are enumerated in California Code of Regulations, Section 4317(c).

25. No person shall launch, land, or operate a powered unmanned vehicle or aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) [drone], or other remote controlled aerial device. Remote control gliders are permitted in the area known as "Dave's Beach" ("turnarounds") near Palomar Airport Road.

Exception:

 - a. Commercial filming with applicable FAA Certification of Authorization (COA), appropriate park unit permits, and California Film Commission approval.
 - b. Non-commercial use upon completion of the park unit's special use permit application and applicable FAA registration.
 - c. Scientific research with appropriate FAA registration and park unit permits.
 - d. Use by law enforcement under exigent circumstances with direct permission of the District Superintendent.

26. Authorized emergency personnel and vehicles as defined by Section 165 of the California Vehicle Code are exempt from this Order. Department of Parks and Recreation personnel, vehicles and equipment are also exempt from this order.
27. Exemptions to any of the above may be granted under a Special Event Permit and/or by the District Superintendent or designee, San Diego Coast District, 4477 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92110.
28. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, or property rights.
29. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

So Ordered.

Signed by:

Lisa Adams

3/5/2026

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Lisa Adams, District Superintendent – San Diego Coast District

Date:

Authority: California Public Resources Code Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5003 and 5008. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 3, Sections 4301, 4305, and 4326.

Copies of this order have been posted with the Chief, Coastal Division (Sacramento), at the San Diego Coast District Office as well as other locations as needed in accordance with the State of California, Public Resources Code, Title 14, Section 4301 (i).

DECLARATION OF POSTING

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER NO. 935-652-001

I hereby declare that on March 5, 2026, the District Superintendent's Order No. 935-652-001, hereto attached, was posted at the offices of the District and Park where it is to be in effect, and with the office of the Chief, Southern Division, as well as at other locations which were determined necessary by the Superintendent of the San Diego Coast District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: Signed by:
Lisa Adams
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Lisa Adams
District Superintendent

Dated: 3/5/2026