

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



**MONTEREY DISTRICT
Closed Areas**

March 19, 2026
Monterey District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS ORDER NO. 720-26-001

1. Areas of Monterey District park units not designated for public use are closed to entry or occupancy at all times. Closed areas may be denoted using fencing, metal rod and cable, barricades, and/or signs reading "Authorized Vehicles Only", "Authorized Personnel Only", "Area Closed", "Do Not Enter" or other language or barrier reasonably indicating the area is not open to public use or entry.

These areas may be closed to preserve the natural and cultural resources and/or protect the public from dangerous areas or conditions.

2. All features within California State Parks are protected and shall not be disturbed or removed, including but not limited to wildlife, plants, driftwood, and any geological, historic, or archaeological features.

Any violation of this Posted Order could also be a violation of one or more of the following California Code of Regulations Sections:

- a. CCR 4305, Animals Protection
 - b. CCR 4306, Plants and Driftwood
 - c. CCR 4307, Geological Features
 - d. CCR 4308, Archaeological Features
 - e. CCR 4319, Dangerous Games or Activities
3. Any violation of this Posted Order is a violation of the California Code of Regulations Section 4326(a).
 4. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All Exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Monterey District, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, California

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5. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private contract or property rights.
6. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

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Daniel Shaw

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District Superintendent

3/20/2026

Date

Authority:

State of California Public Resources Code, Sections 5003 and 5008
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4300, 4326, and 4662
Copies of this order have been filed with the Central Division Chief's office.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER NO. 720-26-001

I hereby declare that on March 19, 2026, District Superintendent's Order No.720-26-001, hereto attached, was posted at the office of the Sector and parks where it is to be in effect, as well as at other locations which were determined necessary by the Superintendent of the Monterey District.

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

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District Superintendent
Monterey District

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Date

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



**MONTEREY DISTRICT
Emergency Closure Order**

March 20, 2026
Monterey District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS ORDER NO. 720-26-002

1. All park units or a portion of a specific park unit within Monterey District may be subject to closure in the event of emergency conditions. These conditions may include but are not limited to severe weather conditions, dangerous environmental conditions (fires, high wind, precipitation, dangerous river & ocean conditions, hazmat issues, etc), park infrastructure damage, public safety, environmental or maintenance incidents requiring closure of an area.
2. Any violation of this Posted Order is a violation of the California Code of Regulations Section 4326(a).
3. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All Exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Monterey District, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, California 93940.
4. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

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Dan Shaw Date
District Superintendent

Authority:

State of California Public Resources Code, Sections 5003 and 5008
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4300, 4326, and 4662
Copies of this order have been filed with the Central Division Chief's office.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER NO. 720-26-002

I hereby declare that on March 20, 2026, District Superintendent's Order No.720-26-002, hereto attached, was posted at the office of the Sector and parks where it is to be in effect, as well as at other locations which were determined necessary by the Superintendent of the Monterey District.

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

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**District Superintendent
Monterey District**

3/20/2026

Date

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Monterey District

District Superintendent's Order No. 720-26-003
Title: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve (SNR) and Point Lobos SNR Underwater Reserve

"A rocky promontory on the shore of the Pacific, crowned by a grove of picturesque, wind-blown Monterey cypress, backed by slopes and meadows rich with associations of plant and animal life relatively undisturbed environment, Point Lobos has long been recognized as an area of rare natural beauty and exceptional scientific interest."

Auberry Drury, August 1954.

1. All lands and facilities of Point Lobos SNR (including the surrounding Point Lobos SNR Underwater Reserve) are hereby closed to public use, entry, or occupancy except during posted open hours. Hours are posted at the entrance and vary throughout the year based on hours of daylight.
2. To preserve the natural and cultural resources of Point Lobos SNR and Point Lobos SNR Underwater Reserve, all portions are hereby closed to public use, entry, or occupancy at all times except the following:
 - a. Improved areas such as designated roads, trails, parking lots and public use facilities
 - b. The rocky shoreline between Sandhill Cove and Weston Beach
 - c. The shoreline known as The Pit to the northernmost boundary of Point Lobos SNR
 - d. Bluefish Cove
 - e. Whalers Cove
3. To preserve the natural and cultural resources of Point Lobos SNR, entering or exiting the Reserve other than through the signed front entrance gate is prohibited. Climbing over or through fence line's, entering through Gibson Creek Canyon, or climbing over the rocks at the north boundary adjacent to Carmel River State Beach (Monastery Beach) constitutes illegal entry.
4. To preserve the natural and cultural resources of Point Lobos SNR and Point Lobos SNR Underwater Reserve all features are protected and shall not be disturbed or removed, including but not limited to wildlife, plants, driftwood, and any geological, historic, or archaeological features.
 - a. CCR 4305, Animals Protection – No person shall molest, hunt, disturb, harm, feed, touch, tease, or spotlight any kind of animal or fish, or so attempt.

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- b. CCR 4306, Plants and Driftwood – No person shall willfully or negligently pick, dig up, cut, mutilate, destroy, injure, disturb, move, molest, burn, or carry away any tree or plant or portion thereof.
 - c. CCR 4307, Geological Features – No person shall destroy, disturb, mutilate, or remove earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of caves.
 - d. CCR 4308. Archaeological Features – No person shall remove, injure, disfigure, deface, or destroy any object of archaeological, or historical interest or value.
5. No person shall bring a dog, cat, or any other pet animal into, permit to enter, or remain, or possess with or without a leash, pet carrier, or any other device used to restrict or control movement, in any portion of Point Lobos SNR.
 - a. This Order shall not apply to trained “service animals” so as long as the service animal is providing the service it is trained to provide.
6. No person shall launch a boat, kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board (SUP) or any other water vessel from Point Lobos SNR without first registering to launch at the entrance station.
 - a. Recreational launch permits are to be limited to four (4) hand launchable vessels (kayak, canoe, SUP, and similar) on any one day (**excluding those being used by registered divers**).
 - b. Exceptions may be approved through a DPR-approved Permit or in writing by the District Superintendent.
7. To protect marine mammals and bird nesting areas along cliffsides, no person shall operate a boat, kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board (SUP), or any other water vessel within the state parks offshore boundary as identified on the map found on page four (4), other than at Bluefish Cove and Whalers Cove.
 - a. Exceptions may be approved through a DPR-approved Permit or in writing by the District Superintendent.
8. No person shall enter Point Lobos SNR with the intent to dive or engage in underwater activities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 4664 (a) and (b):
 - a. Without first making an online reservation.
 - b. Less than two hours prior to the Reserve's posted closing hour.
 - c. Without having in their immediate possession, the following items:

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- i. A valid diver certification card from a recognized organization (for SCUBA only) AND
 - ii. A device capable of obtaining and maintaining positive buoyancy (for SCUBA only).
- 9. Diving permits are to be limited to ten (10) teams on any one day, excluding those approved through a DPR-approved Permit. Diving alone is not permitted. Permits are valid only for the date on which issued. Dive team members must be present at the time of registration. A team may include up to three (3) divers.
- 10. No person may enter or leave the Point Lobos SNR Underwater Reserve to engage in or terminate from water activities except at the Whalers Cove Dive Ramp as shown on the attached map.
 - a. Diving may only occur at Whalers Cove and Bluefish Cove.
 - b. Exceptions may be approved through a DPR-approved Research/Scientific study permit.
- 11. All instruments or implements which are designed to take, capture, injure, or kill marine life, including but not limited to spears, irons, underwater guns, projectiles, nets, firing instruments, harpoons, gaffs, and tridents may not be brought into Point Lobos SNR.
- 12. Exceptions to this Order may only be granted by a DPR-approved Permit or in writing by the District Superintendent, Monterey District, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
- 13. Nothing herein shall affect any existing contract or property rights.
- 14. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

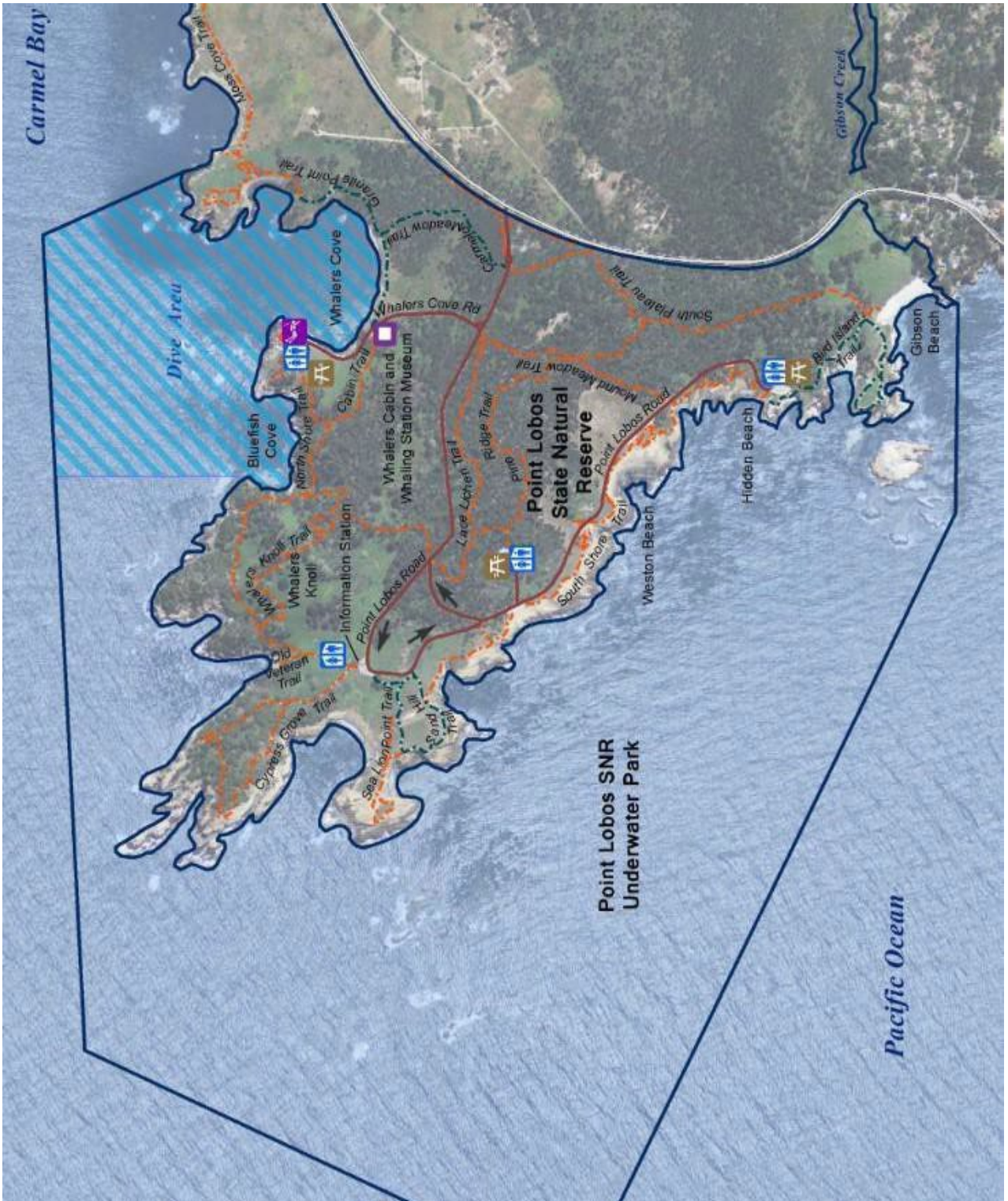
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 District Superintendent

Authority: State of California Public Resources Code Sections 5003, 5003.05, and 5008(a)
 Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 4301(i), 4305, 4306, 4307, 4308, 4326(a) and (b), 4331, 4355(a), 4660(b), 4664(a) and (b), and 632(b)(81)(C).

Copy of this order has been filed with the Park Operations Central Division Chief per CCR 4301(i).

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