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High Fire Danger

Some State Park Areas Closing

Full service to visitors continues at most state parks, beaches and recreation areas, California Director Herbert Rhodes says.

Closures and restrictions in portions of some state parks and recreation areas have been made necessary because of high fire danger.

In the Big Sur area south of Monterey, all of Julia Burns State Park east of State Highway 1 is closed, except the McWay Canyon picnic area; and all of Andrew Molera State Park west of State Highway 1 and south of the Big Sur River is closed.

In the Gabilan Mountains area northeast of Monterey, restrictions have been imposed at three state park units.

At Henry W. Coe State Park, all of the park except the headquarters area and the headquarters campground is closed

from sunset to sunrise. No fires are allowed except in approved portable camp stoves in the headquarters campground. Smoking is permitted only in the headquarters area and at campsites in the headquarters campground.

At Fremont Peak State Park, no fires are allowed except in approved portable camp stoves, and smoking is permitted only in designated areas permitted only in designated campsites and picnic sites.

At Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area, no fires are allowed except in approved camp stoves, and smoking is permitted only in areas free of easily combustible materials.

All closures and restrictions will continue through the fire season as declared by the Cali-

fornia Department of Forestry.

Rhodes said other state park closures and restrictions are likely this summer because of increasing fire danger. He emphasized that "all park users should exercise extreme caution in use of campfires, cooking stoves, lanterns, cigarettes, and other smoking tobacco, and any other devices that use fire or may cause electric sparks."

Boats can still be launched at most state recreation area lakes.

Trailer boats can no longer be launched at Clear Lake State Park in Lake County; however, car top boats can still be launched there.

At Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 70 miles north of Sacramento, trailer boats can be launched at the Spillway and Bidwell Canyon temporary launch ramps and from the old

road at Foreman Creek.

Car top and small trailered boats can be launched at the Stringtown area, and car top boats can be launched at Dark Canyon. The Enterprise and Nelson Bar launch areas have had to be closed because of the declining water level.

Boat launching will continue normally all summer at Thermalito Forebay, below Oroville Dam.

At Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, 20 miles east of Sacramento, boats may be launched from the old construction road at Beals Point and from temporary ramps at the Marina at Brown's Ravine and at Dyke 8, and from permanent ramps at Lake Natoma between Folsom and Nimbus Dams.

Boat launching continues

normally at Lake Perris State Recreation Area southeast of Riverside, at Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area north of San Bernardino, at Millerton Lake, Turlock Lake, and San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Areas in the San Joaquin Valley, and at Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area north of Sacramento.

Most state park campgrounds remain on the state-wide computerized reservation system operated by Ticketron. Ticketron has an outlet at Sears. A few have had to be taken off the system because of water supply shortages, but most of those are still in use on a first-come, first-served basis.

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