

Determination to Change Pinnacles National Park Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Pinnacles National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change: Effective June 6, 2020, the area of the park consisting of the entire Teapot Dome (UTM 10 S 661119, E 4039475) and Ball Pinnacle (UTM 10 S 661056, E 4039521) rock formations is once again open to climbing. The 200-foot area arcing south around Teapot Dome and between the formation at the Tunnel Trail (UTM 10 S 661169, E 4039470) is once again open to visitor use (see attached map for specific locations).	
2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change: This order rescinds the previous emergency closure of the afore listed areas of the park which prohibited public entry into and climbing.	
3. Date of Adoption: June 6, 2020	
4. Reasons for change: The previous emergency closure to protect significant wildlife resources currently within this area is no longer necessary. The emergent conditions that prompted the closure no longer exist.	
5. Effective Date(s): Until further notice.	
6. Authority for adoption: Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5	
Superintendent, Pinnacles National Park	Date: 06/06/2020