



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Pinnacles National Park
5000 Highway 146
Paicines, California 95043-9770

IN REPLY REFER TO:

10D (PINN-VRP)

Closure Order #: 20-14 (Covid-19 Closures and Restrictions)

December 16, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the follow park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Bear Gulch Nature Center and West Visitor Center remain closed.
- Shuttle services inside the park remain non-operational.
- ALL CAVES remain closed (Balconies and Bear Gulch Caves).
- The West Entrance of Pinnacles National Park is open for entry from 07:30 AM until 8:00 PM.
- Parking in the East and West units of the park will be limited to available and designated parking spaces. Once parking areas are full, entrance into the park will be suspended until parking spaces become available as other visitors leave.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the following activities are restricted in Pinnacles National Park, effective immediately, until further notice:

- On December 6, California Governor Newsom’s Regional Stay at Home Order took effect in San Benito County at midnight. The order will be in effect for a minimum of 21 days.
- Pinnacles Campground remains open, however, per this order, only “essential travel” visitors are permitted to stay in short term lodging which includes camping, RV camping and tent cabins.
- Visitors should review CA guidance to confirm eligibility to travel. See <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/> for the full order and guidelines. It is the visitor’s responsibility to confirm their eligibility. Per the guidance,

“Essential travel” includes, work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care, and safety and security.

- If you are traveling for essential purposes, all campground visitors must check in at the store upon arrival and sign a form stating that they are traveling for essential reasons.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)-(2)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Pinnacles National Park, including park visitors, government employees, concession employees, park residents and stakeholders, except as follows: trail, road, and area closures do not apply to park employees requiring access to perform essential operational functions and park residents accessing park housing and common areas.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following San Benito County, Monterey County, State of California and U.S. Government public health directives:

- San Benito County Public Health Services (<https://hhsa.cosb.us/public-health/covid-19/>)
- Monterey County Health Office (<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/response/covid-19>)
- State of California, (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency news and guidance (<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/>)
- Whitehouse Coronavirus Guidelines (<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>)
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Covid-19 Guidelines, (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)
- National Park Service, Public Health Update (<https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm>)

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. This order rescinds all previously issued park closure notices.

Approval: _____
Superintendent

12-16-2020
Date