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Limited Park/Open Space Access during Easter Weekend April 11-12, 2020 *Agencies working to accommodate the public while complying with Shelter-In-Place Orders*

Parks throughout Monterey County are traditionally very popular spots for outings during the Easter Weekend. But with the specter of COVID19 dangers and critical Shelter in Place Orders now in place, there must be a balance between use and safety.

Monterey County Parks, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, State Parks and the Bureau of Land Management all plan to be open to the public Easter Weekend so residents can enjoy healthy, outdoor activities. Rangers will be monitoring group size requirements (10 people or less) and social distancing of six feet.

To help manage the facilities, there will be added restrictions for safety purposes such as a single point of entry, no barbeques, and no large bags or ice chests. In addition, we ask that parks users park in designated areas only, do not congregate in parking areas, and respect surrounding neighborhoods. Rangers will be on hand at all area parks and may close facilities that become too crowded or if patrons are not following social distancing requirements.

The County's Shelter in Place Order asks residents not to travel long distances to recreate, so please visit the park closest to you. If you are not sure about the Order or safety precautions that are needed to protect yourself and others from exposure to COVID-19, please visit the Monterey County Health Department COVID 19 webpage: www.mtyhd.org/covid19.

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