

NEWS RELEASE

City of Half Moon Bay Closing City Beach Parking Lots

Half Moon Bay, CA - Following Governor Newsom's closure of parking lots at State of California beaches and parks, the City of Half Moon Bay has closed its parking lots at three beach access points – Poplar Beach, Redondo Beach, and Miramontes Point Road. Social / physical distancing is necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Over the past weekend, coastal beaches saw an influx of visitors creating an environment not conducive to virus mitigation. Everyone should stay close to home and avoid any crowded areas.

Many local neighborhoods are walkable or have trails nearby that are easily accessible by foot or bicycle. Avoid driving except for essential travel and stay close to home for fresh air and any outdoor activities. While tempting to enjoy a warm day at the beach, everyone should remain six feet from anyone not within their household. Please be respectful of private neighborhoods surrounding beach areas. We all need to do our part, stay close to home, and utilize the outdoor amenities that are walkable within our own neighborhoods. If everyone sacrifices in the short term, the days will return where the beach and coastal amenities can be enjoyed together by all.

Effective March 25, 2020, the following City beach parking lots will be closed:

Poplar Beach
Redondo Beach
Miramontes Point Road

Effective March 24, 2020, the following coastside State beach parking lots are closed:

Gray Whale Cove State Beach
Half Moon Bay State Beach
Montara State Beach
Pescadero State Beach
Pigeon Point Lighthouse
Pomponio State Beach
San Gregorio State Beach
Bean Hollow State Beach

As a reminder, the San Mateo County Health Officer's Order defines essential activities as necessary for the health and safety for individuals and their families. Essential businesses allowed to operate during the recommended action include health care operations; businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals; fresh and nonperishable food retailers (including convenience stores); pharmacies; child care facilities; gas stations; banks; laundry businesses and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence. In addition, health care, law and safety, and essential government functions will continue under the recommended action. For the full list, [please](#)

[see section 10 of the order](#) or [read the County's press release](#). The community's health and well-being continue to be the City's top priorities. You may visit www.hmbcity.com/covid19 for resources and updates on City-specific services.

Located 28 miles south of San Francisco, the City of Half Moon Bay is a community of about 12,500 people, situated on the peninsula between forested hills and some of the most beautiful coastlines that California has to offer. Its historic downtown is home to numerous shops, art galleries, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and other businesses, and its celebrated beaches and parks are wonders of nature, accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. With its many activities and events, beautiful natural scenery, old-town charm, and abundance of retail and commercial services, Half Moon Bay is a regional destination. The City's website is www.hmbcity.com.

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