Sunset State Beach features pine trees, mountainous sand dunes, and oceanside picnic spots. Bordered by large agricultural fields west of the city of Watsonville, the beach is a year-round destination for thousands of visitors.

FEES: Registration fees are required upon entry. Campsites hold a maximum of eight people and three vehicles. The camping fee includes one primary vehicle and one towed in, licensed vehicle or trailer. Additional vehicles will be charged an extra vehicle fee.

VEHICLES: All vehicles must remain on the pavement at all times, with the exception of the Pine Hollow Loop and the dirt overflow parking area directly across from the Dunes Loop. If extra vehicles will not fit in the campsite parking area, the vehicles must be parked in one of the overflow parking lots located outside the Dunes and South Camp loops.

QUIET HOURS are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite, regardless of the time of day. Generators may only be used from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SPEED LIMITS are posted and strictly enforced. Remember, children and adults frequently cross the roadways. Please drive carefully.

CHECK-OUT TIME is at 12 p.m. (noon). Your camping permit provides day-use entrance to other state parks and state beaches until sunset. If you wish to extend your stay, you may re-register at the entrance station on a night by night basis, provided that camping spaces are available. Re-register no later than 12 p.m. (noon).

DOGS must be on a leash (6 ft. maximum in length), picked-up after, and controlled at all times. Do not leave your dog unattended at the campsite and keep your pets inside at night. Dogs are permitted on paved roads, in day-use areas, and in campgrounds. Except for service dogs, dogs are not allowed on Sunset State Beach, due to environmentally sensitive areas.

CAMPFIRES: Fires must be confined to camping stoves, state park fire rings, or state park day-use grills. Fires are not allowed in makeshift rock fire rings, on tables, on the ground, or in sand.

SHOWERS: Pay showers have been installed to help conserve water resources. Showers operate with payment of quarters only. Two quarters will provide two minutes of heated shower time. Change is not available at the entrance station of the park.

WILD ANIMALS: For your safety, do not feed the wild animals. Wild animals can be aggressive, dangerous, and may carry disease.

WASTE WATER: No water or effluence may be discharged onto the ground. Payment of camping fees at Sunset State Beach qualifies registered vehicle(s) to utilize the dump station at New Brighton State Beach (1500 Park Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010).

WOOD: Please do not gather wood. Wood may be purchased at the entrance station or through the Campground Hosts. The purchase of wood supports Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, which contributes to California State Parks interpretive programs.

RESPECT PARK PROPERTY: Help us maintain the park’s natural beauty by respecting California State Park property. Please do not cut, carve, or drive nails into tables, posts, day-use areas, or trees.

WARNING: Campsites are vulnerable to theft at any time. Secure valuables and equipment in your vehicle and report any suspicious activity to park staff.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: You may make camping reservations by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275). To make online reservations, visit our website at www.parks.ca.gov.

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