Two popular Central Coast campgrounds offer camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing, surfing, beach walking, bird watching, and whale watching. The San Simeon Creek Campground is located just a short walk from the beach. The more secluded Washburn Campground is located high on the hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Junior Ranger programs and interpretive walks on the San Simeon Nature Trail may also be available.

San Simeon Creek Campground
The San Simeon Creek Campground offers 134 campsites for tent camping or recreational vehicles and 2 hike-and-bike campsites. The maximum RV length is 35 feet. Each campsite has a fire ring and picnic table. Water spigots are available throughout the campground. Restrooms with flush toilets and coin operated showers, a sanitation station and water fill-up, and pay phones are also available.

Washburn Primitive Campground
This campground is approximately one mile inland from the beach on a plateau overlooking the Santa Lucia mountains and the ocean. Each campsite has a fire ring and picnic table. Water spigots, chemical flush toilets and a sanitation station and water fill-up are nearby.

PARK FEES are due upon entry into the park. Use the self-registration system if the entrance station is closed. The campsite fee covers one vehicle and one legally towed-in vehicle. Additional fees apply for extra vehicles.

OCCUPANCY: Eight people are allowed per family campsite. Reservation fees include one vehicle.

CHECK-OUT TIME is noon. Please vacate your site by that time. Check-in time is 2 p.m.

CAMPsites: Do not attach ropes or lines to any plant, fence or park structure. Tents and other equipment must be confined to the space assigned.

VEHICLE PARKING: Vehicles may be parked only in your assigned campsite. They must remain on the pavement and must not extend beyond the campsite or limit line. Three parked vehicles are allowed in each campsite at San Simeon Creek Campground. Two parked vehicles per campsite are allowed in the Washburn Primitive Campground. Pay extra-vehicle fees at the kiosk.

QUIET HOURS are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, please do not disturb other campers, regardless of the time of day or night.

GENERATORS may be operated only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

NOISE: Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite, regardless of the time of day or night. All amplified music must be off by 10 p.m.

DOGS must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and under adult supervision at all times. Dogs must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Except for service animals, pets are not allowed on any trails or the beach.

SPEED LIMIT: The maximum speed limit is 15 mph. When pedestrians, bicyclists and children are present, even 15 mph might be too fast. Use good judgment.

SHOWERS are available only for registered campers at the San Simeon Creek Campground.

WOOD: The collection of down or dead wood is prohibited. Firewood is available for sale from the campground host.

BICYCLES are allowed only on paved roads. Bicycle riders under age 18 must wear a helmet. Bicycles ridden after dark must have a light.
San Simeon Creek and Washburn Primitive Campgrounds

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