San Mateo Campground
at San Onofre State Beach
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San Mateo Campground lies a short distance inland from the 3.5-miles of sandy beaches within San Onofre State Beach. A 1.5-mile Nature Trail connects the campground to Trestles Beach, a world class surfing site. San Mateo Creek flows just east of the campground outward towards the ocean creating key riparian and wetland habitats which host some rare and even endangered species. All campsites include a fire pit and picnic table. Hookup sites are available with electricity and water. Other amenities include an RV sanitation station, hot, coin-operated indoor showers, and flush toilets. Below are listed a few park rules that will assist you in having a fun and safe visit.

PARK FEES are due and payable upon entry into the park. Use the self-registration system if the entrance station is closed. The campsite fee covers one vehicle. There are additional fees for extra vehicles to be paid at the gate. Showers require a quarter to operate.

OCCUPANCY: Each campsite may have up to 8 persons (including children). Three vehicles maximum are allowed per campsite.

VEHICLE PARKING: Vehicles may only be parked in your assigned campsite. They must remain on the pavement and must not extend into the roadway beyond the campsite number or limit line. No more than three vehicles are allowed in each numbered campsite. Trailers and mortorhomes are considered a vehicle.

ANNUAL DAY USE PERMITS must park in the lot by the campfire center (do not park in numbered campsites). Day use hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m year round.

CHECK-OUT TIME: Please vacate your site by noon. Check-in is 2 p.m. The two hours between check out and check in provides maintenance personnel time to clean the campsite.

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. Do not drink and drive.

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

PETS/DOGS must be under control at all times and on a leash no longer than six feet. They are not permitted in buildings or on the beach (except for service dogs). Pets/dogs must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night and must not be left unattended.

ALCOHOL is allowed within the campsite in which you are registered only; no alcohol allowed in day-use areas or on trails. You must be 21 years of age to consume or posses alcohol.

JUVENILES: If you are under the age of 18 years old, you must provide the staff a written permission letter signed by your parent or legal guardian and proof of identification in order to camp at the park.

FIRES AND FIREWOOD: Please be cautious when building fires. Fires are allowed only in established fire rings or camp stoves. Do not build fires outside the fire rings or leave campfires unattended. Do not gather firewood in the park—the nutrients must be allowed to recycle back into the ecosystem.

BICYCLES: By law, children under 18 must wear a helmet (skateboards, roller skates, and scooters included). Adults should wear helmets as well.

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS / GOLF CARTS: must be street legal with a license plate and proper equipment to be operated within the park. The driver must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver license.

NOISE: Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite, regardless of the time of day or night.

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RESERVATIONS FOR CAMPING: You may make camping reservations up to seven months and no less than 48 hours in advance by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275). Reservations may be charged to VISA®, Discover® or Mastercard®. To make online reservations, visit our website at www.parks.ca.gov.
GAMES or activities that are disruptive to the other campers or the environment are strictly prohibited. Airsoft, pellet, or BB guns are strictly prohibited.

THEFT WARNING: Keep your vehicles locked and your valuables out of sight. Do not leave property out at night; report suspicious activity to a ranger or camp host.

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