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California State Parks Welcome Visitors for Holiday Weekend

Officials Remind the Public Fireworks Prohibited at State Parks and Historic Sites

SACRAMENTO — California State Parks expect to be busy this Fourth of July weekend. The majority of state park campgrounds are already sold out, particularly along the coastal areas and at many historic sites.

This year's reservations for the Fourth of July holiday are already up from last year. According to the California State Parks reservation system, operated by Reserve America, as of July 1, 2013, 10,548 reservations have been made for 25,861 nights. These numbers are up about 1 percent over 2012. Of the 280 state parks, only 24 have available reservations for the Fourth of July weekend.

With fabulous parks and historic sites across the state, Californians have great options for celebrating the Fourth of July holiday, and State Parks wants to remind them to be safe, and familiarize themselves with some do's and don'ts. Check out our [list of the top 15 Fourth of July tips](#) for park visitors.

People searching for campsite availability should look inland to some of California's state parks and reservoirs. Available sites for this popular weekend can be viewed on the department's [website](#).

Visitors to California's state parks and historic sites are reminded that fireworks are not allowed on parklands and historic-site properties. Parks staff will be monitoring units for compliance. Also, campsites are required to have quiet hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

For more information on Fourth of July events at parks and historic sites across the state, visit our Calendar of Events at www.parks.ca.gov/events/.

There are 280 State Parks in California, with 115 of them offering camping. There are roughly 15,000 state park campsites in California, with about 11,000 of those on the reservation system. The rest are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. An average of 70 million people visits California state parks every year.

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