



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV)

Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area features OHV opportunities including open sand dunes and several miles of beach. The coastal terrain at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area is characterized by

rolling dunes that appear gently sloped when viewed looking inland, but with sharp drop-offs, called “slip faces,” on their eastern sides. These slip faces can be as high as 100 feet, so vehicle operators should be alert. Please use caution while recreating in the dunes, and ride and drive within your capabilities.

While in an open area, it is against the law to operate a vehicle in a way that disturbs or damages plants, animals and cultural resources.

To access the park’s OHV and camping area, you may encounter a seasonal portion of Arroyo Grande Creek. If the creek is flowing, be cautious of stream flow conditions. In some extreme weather conditions, park staff may close the crossing to all vehicles.

Note: When leaving Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, if you have lowered your tire pressure, be sure to inflate your tires back up to the manufacturer’s recommended pressure. Please assist us in being a good neighbor and DO NOT block traffic on Pier Avenue.

Drive and Ride Safely—The beach is not exclusively used by OHVs but is shared by many others. Beach walkers, joggers, equestrians, anglers and campers share this space along with many species of wildlife. Showing courtesy to all visitors makes the park experience most enjoyable!

Use Required Safety Equipment—Know which gear is required for your type of recreation to prevent injury. Always wear protective gear, including a safe, well-fitting helmet.

All operators should thoroughly acquaint themselves with their vehicle before starting out.

Take a Training Course—All operators of an OHV should take part in a safety training course. State Parks’ Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division offers free safety courses: ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24928.

Drive and Ride within Your Limits—Minimize your chance of injury and maximize your fun by exercising common sense. Take time to evaluate the situation and consider your options. Do not attempt to exceed your abilities. Operate your vehicle intelligently and treat others with courtesy.



WILDLIFE HAS RIGHT OF WAY

Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area provides some of the most productive breeding habitat along the California coast for the federally listed western snowy plover and the state and federally listed endangered California least tern. Nesting season is from March 1-September 30. Pismo clams are subject to California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

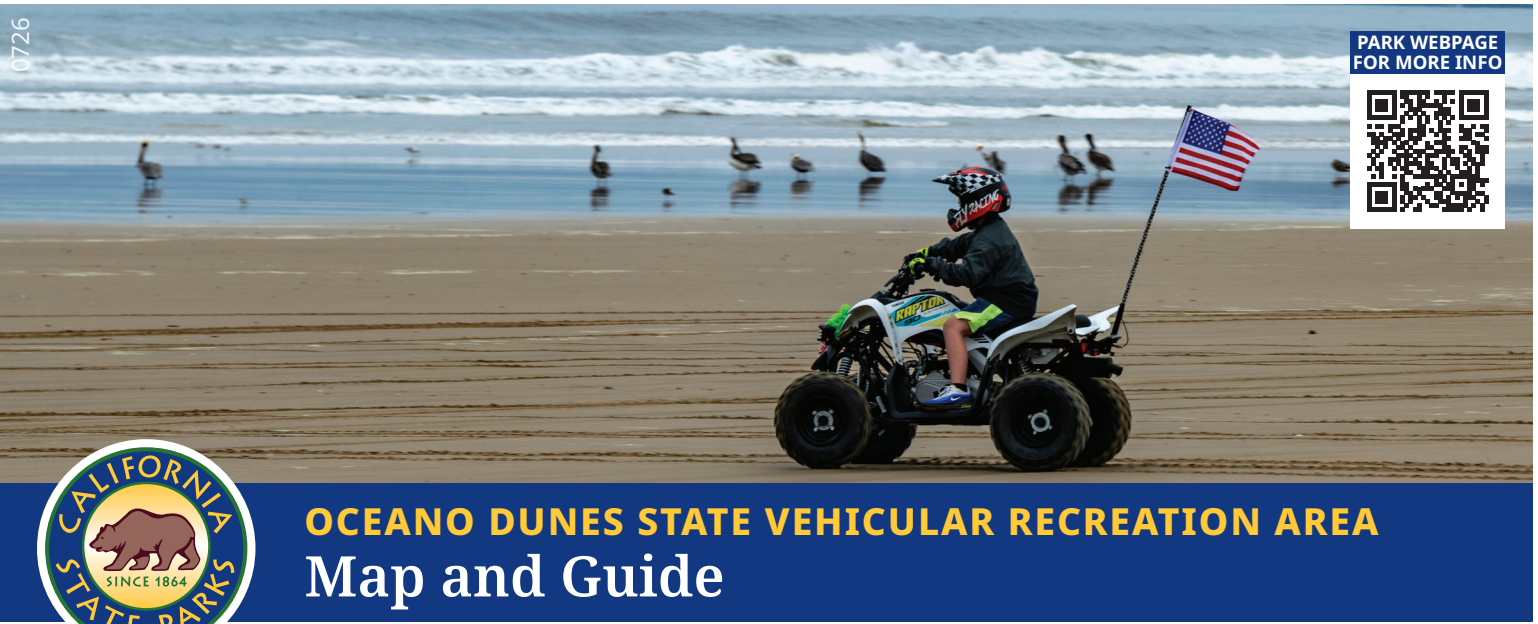
Hiking/Birdwatching—In addition to motorized recreation, Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area provides many non-motorized recreation opportunities. Visitors can enjoy a moderate hike and observe wildlife and native plants in the non-motorized Oso Flaco Lake by walking the one-mile-long ADA accessible boardwalk that leads out to the beach. Oso Flaco Lake is an important stopover for waterfowl traveling along the Pacific Flyway. Walking the trails around Oso Flaco Lake offers excellent opportunities for birdwatching.

Horseback Riding—Horseback riding is welcome in the park. There is an equestrian staging area located near the beach entrance on Grand Avenue.

Water Recreation—Surfing, boating, riding personal watercraft, kiteboarding and paddling are some of the recreational watersports available at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. Lifeguard services are available seasonally.

ACCESSIBILITY

Motor vehicles may be driven onto the beach for access by those individuals with disabilities. There are ADA accessible restrooms at Grand Avenue and Pier Avenue beach entrance ramps located at Pismo State Beach before you drive on the sand. Sand wheelchairs are available first come, first served at all park entrance stations. There is a one-mile-long ADA accessible boardwalk at Oso Flaco Lake. There is also an ADA accessible boardwalk with viewing platforms that begins at Grand Avenue and travels north along the beachfront. Please contact the park office if you or someone in your group has special needs. Several park concessionaires also offer ADA-accessible opportunities such as accessible OHV vehicle rentals and accessible Hummer® tours.



OCEANO DUNES STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA Map and Guide

WELCOME! Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area is on California’s Central Coast, within the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes complex. The park offers 3,600 acres of beautiful scenery along the Pacific Ocean, including the beach, coastal sand dunes, dune scrub, wetlands, lakes and riparian areas. The park is one of the only places in California where visitors can enjoy off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on the beach and coastal dunes. Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area has a temperate coastal climate. During the summer, morning coastal fog gives way to clear, sunny afternoons, which may be breezy. Fall transitions into clear skies, ocean breezes, and rain late in the season, while the cool, damp winters could bring storms, high surf, and occasional high stream flow in Arroyo Grande Creek. Springtime is mild, but can also produce some rainy and windy conditions and high surf.

Ranger Station
928 Pacific Blvd, Oceano, 93445
District Office
340 James Way, Suite 270,
Pismo Beach, 93449



 California State Parks supports equal access. For accommodation requests, including alternative formats, please contact 805-773-7170. For information about accessible features at this park, visit parks.ca.gov/AccessibleFeatures.

 **Day-Use Areas:**
7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

 **California State Parks Passes Accepted:** Disabled Discount, Distinguished Veteran, Explorer, Golden Bear, Senior Golden Bear, Golden Poppy, OHV, State Library

 **Day-Use Parking:**
\$5/day/vehicle
Entrance station at west end of Grand Avenue and Pier Avenue.

 **Ranger Station: 805-473-7220**
District Office: 805-773-7170
711, TTY Relay Service
ohv.parks.ca.gov/OceanoDunes

DAY USE

A limited number of vehicles are allowed on the beach at one time. Additionally, there are three parking areas off the beach for day use. The park entrances at Grand Avenue and Pier Avenue, located at the northern end of the park, provide access to the beach and off-highway vehicle area of the park. Restrooms and cold showers are available at both park entrances.

Oso Flaco Lake, located in the southern end of the park, is a day-use area which includes parking, restrooms, and access to the non-motorized area of the park. There is a one-mile ADA accessible beach boardwalk crossing Oso Flaco Lake that leads to the beach.

CAMPING

Camping reservations may be made year-round through Reserve California at 800-444-7275 or online at ReserveCalifornia.com. Reservations are required during peak season and holiday weekends.

Open/Primitive Camping—The park offers primitive beach and dune camping with no designated campsites. Facilities include vault and chemical toilets.

Developed Camping—Oceano Dunes District also operates Pismo State Beach, which neighbors the State Vehicular Recreation Area to the north and includes the North Beach and Oceano Campgrounds. These two campgrounds provide conventional amenities such as picnic tables, fire rings and restrooms equipped with hot water and hot showers for use by campers at Pismo State Beach campgrounds. Oceano Campground has both hook-up and tent camping sites. For more information, visit parks.ca.gov/Pismo.

Dump Stations—Visitors camping on the beach may use the fee-based dump station located on LeSage Drive in Grover Beach, just north of the Grand Avenue beach access.



IN AN EMERGENCY:

Call 911. There is an Emergency Call Box on the beach at the Entrance to Sand Highway that connects the caller to State Park Dispatch for emergency assistance.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

You are responsible for knowing park rules and regulations. All provisions of the California Vehicle Code are enforced. The term OHV means “off-highway vehicle.” Any motor vehicle operated off-highway is an OHV. A street-legal vehicle is an OHV when operated off-highway. Vehicles having green stickers are OHVs.

Post 2 is one mile south on the beach from Pier Avenue and marks the beginning of the OHV area. All OHVs must be transported to this point before off-loading. Street-legal vehicles only north of Post 2.

Speed—The speed limit is 15 mph on the beach, in camping and developed areas, and around any persons. Never drive faster than is safe for conditions.

Alcohol—Open container and DUI laws apply off-highway just as they do on-highway. Don’t drink and drive.

Suspended or Revoked License—Anyone whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked is prohibited from operating any motor vehicle, on- or off-highway.

Whip and Flag—All off-highway and highway vehicles must have a whip and flag to operate in the dunes. Flags must be solid orange or red and extend at least 8-feet high from the ground.

Reach and Operate All Controls—All operators of off-highway vehicles must be able to reach and operate all controls.

Spark Arresters—All vehicles operating off-highway must be equipped with either a street-legal muffler or a spark arrester maintained in effective working order.

Registration—When operating an OHV you must display either a license plate or an OHV sticker. OHV stickers include “Green Stickers,” California Nonresident OHV Use Permits and OHV stickers from states that have an OHV program.

Vegetation—It is never legal to run over vegetation. Stay out of closed areas.

Trash at Post 2—Deposit all trash in designated trash receptacles. Encourage your community to keep the parks clean to support recreational opportunities.

Dogs—Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash at ALL times and physically under control. Please clean up after your dog.

Fire/Firewood Restrictions—Ground fires are allowed on the sand south of Grand Avenue. The max fire size is 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height. Clean wood must be used. Only wood and untreated wood products—free of metal, petroleum products, or other toxic substances—are permitted for campfires or beach fires. Burning pallets of wood, fiber or plastic is prohibited. Never leave an unattended fire burning. Do not bury coals in the sand when putting out your campfire; they will continue to be hot for long periods of time and could cause injuries to visitors long after you have left the area. Fires should be put out by dousing them with water.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) LAWS

- Helmets required while operating.
- Whip and flag required.
- Passengers only allowed on ATVs designed to carry a passenger.
- ATV Safety Certificates required.
- Children 13 and under must be supervised at all times.

RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (ROV) LAWS

- Helmets required while operating.
- Whip and flag required.
- Seatbelts required.

REMEMBER: VEHICLES YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS AND YIELD TO WILDLIFE. WILDLIFE HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY.

