

## More Information

Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District  
Office: (707) 937-5804

CalTIP: 1 (888) 334-2258

Reports can also be made through the  
CalTIP app for smart devices

FAA: 1 (866) 835-5322, [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)

As of December 12, 2017 all drones  
(commercial and hobby) must be  
registered with the FAA.

For additional information please visit  
the websites below:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Drones>

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?  
page\\_id=29229](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29229)

[knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org)

### Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument:

Drones are also prohibited from flying  
near the offshore rocks that are a part of  
the California Coastal National  
Monument.

[https://www.blm.gov/programs/  
national-conservation-lands/  
california/california-coastal](https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/california-coastal)

- Drones mimic the behavior of predatory birds and frighten wildlife.
- A hovering drone on the coast can cause seals to alter their natural behavior during pupping season and may frighten mother seals into abandoning their pups.
- Drones may cause nesting seabirds and shorebirds to abandon their nests, leaving their eggs and chicks vulnerable to real predators.
- A drone hovering nearby can feel intrusive and threatening.
- Drones can capture photographs and video without someone's permission
- The noise and sight of drones can alter people's enjoyment of nature.

For these reasons, the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District of California State Parks does not allow launching, landing, or operating drones on State Parks property.

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[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

# Drones

## Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District



## NO DRONE ZONE

These rules were put in place to protect our shorebirds, seabirds, and marine mammals, as well as for the safety and privacy of our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your assistance.



## District Superintendent's Order - No. 651-24-002

### Model Aircraft/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

**Whereas:** The dramatic growth and popularity of UAS (or “drones”) within the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District (SMCD) has numerous negative impacts to the special resources, park operations, and the unique visitor experiences provided by the District. UAS are an emergent technology generally inconsistent with the park experience. UAS can have negative impacts on the regional wildlife and can be intrusive to natural soundscapes and vistas. Further, UAS can interfere with emergency rescue operations.

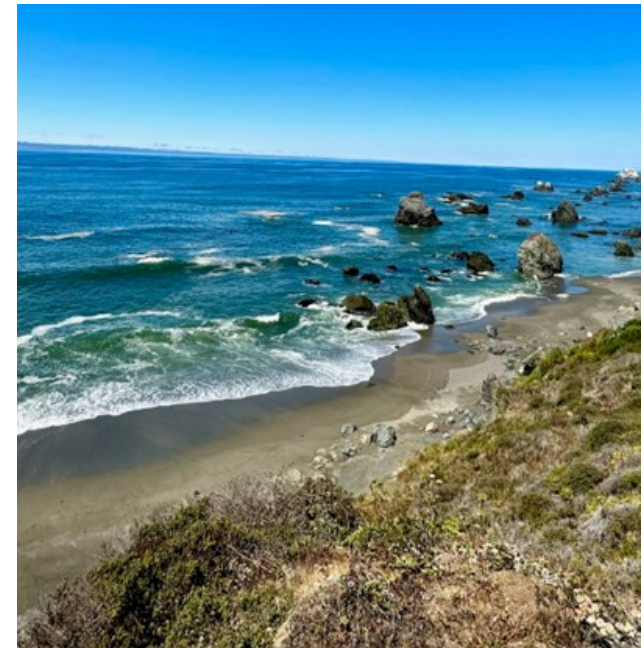
*“park units in the SMCD are closed to the use of Model Aircraft, UAS, and gliders in flight”*

#### Therefore:

1. To protect wildlife and cultural resources and for the safety and welfare of visitors and staff, the park units in the SMCD are closed to the use of Model Aircraft, UAS, and gliders in flight.
2. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife, and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting:  
***District Superintendent  
Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District  
12301 N. Highway 1  
Mendocino, CA 95460***

3. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, and residential or property rights
4. This order shall remain in effect until otherwise posted.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts, or property rights previously granted.
6. This order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4326 (a) and 4301(i).

Thank you for your cooperation.



*Photo of Sonoma Coast State Park from Mark Anderson*