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Prescribed Burns Planned at Salt Point State Park in Sonoma County this October

JENNER, Calif. — California State Parks in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection (CAL FIRE) are planning prescribed burns in [Salt Point State Park](#) later this month. The earliest burn that could be implemented is this Friday, Oct. 19. The prescribed burn is expected to take one day to implement and several days of patrol will occur afterwards.

These burns are part of the prescribed fire program for vegetation management, grassland conservation, hazardous fuel load reduction, wildlife habitat improvement, and other ecological benefits. This treatment will enhance the health of the grassland by removing invading woody species, restoring essential nutrients to the soil, and reducing the chance of a catastrophic wildfire.

In grassland and scrub areas, fire will be reintroduced as a component of the ecosystem on a rotational basis. The prescribed burns will also help in reducing dangerous fuel loads throughout our wildland areas.

The prescribed burns are planned and coordinated with the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (NSCAPCD) in order to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities. All burning depends on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If conditions including weather or vegetation are not conducive for burning, the burns will be rescheduled.

Some public trails near the burn area will have partial closures the day of the burn. Notification of trail closures will be posted at camp kiosks, trailheads and the district office in Duncan's Mill's. People traveling near the prescribed fire areas may see smoke from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day of the burns. In the unlikely event you smell smoke, Sonoma County officials urge you to take precautions and use common sense to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting outdoor activities.

Prescribed burns produce significantly less smoke than a wildfire does. If you see or smell smoke in your surroundings, officials recommend avoiding strenuous outdoor activity and

remaining indoors as much as possible. These precautions are especially important for children, the elderly and people with respiratory and heart conditions. **Please use extreme caution while driving near prescribed fire operations due to fire personnel and equipment in the area.**

About Salt Point State Park

Located about 90 miles north of San Francisco, Salt Point State Park rests majestically on one of several jutting promontories off State Highway 1. This 6,000-acre park, which includes one of California's first underwater areas, has breathtaking views of offshore rocks, a thundering, boisterous surf and unforgettable sunsets. Activities at the park include camping, picnicking, fishing, free diving, kayaking, scuba diving, horseback riding and hiking.

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