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Prescribed Burn at Mount Tamalpais

MARIN COUNTY, Calif. – Prescribed burn operations may begin as early as tomorrow, Thursday, October 10, in Mount Tamalpais State Park, which could result in visible smoke in the area. Burn planners ask the community to refrain from calling 911 if they see smoke from the burn area. California State Parks with the support of the Marin County Fire Department will manage the operation throughout the week.

People traveling near the area and in adjacent communities may see smoke from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of the burns, with some minimal smoke produced for up to 2-3 days following ignitions. Exact days of the burn are weather dependent and could fluctuate throughout the week of October 7.

In the event you smell smoke, officials urge you to [take precautions](#) to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting outdoor activities. Prescribed burning produces significantly less smoke than a wildfire does.

Portions of the Dipsea Trail and Deer Park Fire Road (downslope of the junctions with the Ben Johnson trail) will be temporarily closed on the day of the burns. For access to Coast View Trail and the upper portions of the Deer Park Fire Road and Dipsea Trail above the burn areas, please use Ben Johnson or Heather Cutoff trails.

Please use extreme caution while recreating near prescribed fire operations due to fire personnel and equipment in the area.

These burns are part of California State Park's Wildfire and Forest Resiliency Program. This work is aimed at maintaining the grasslands and coastal scrublands in a portion of the park that has been stewarded through past prescribed burns and years of invasive plant management. Strategic efforts to manage these areas to preserve native plant communities, and the animals that depend on them, have been ongoing since the creation of Mount Tamalpais State Park.

Prescribed burns are planned only on permissible days as determined by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in order to minimize smoke impacts on surrounding communities. All burning

depends on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If the conditions, such as weather or staffing are not conducive for burning, the burns will be rescheduled.



Marin County Fire Department Staff Conducting a Prescribed Burn in China Camp State Park in 2023.

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Bay Area District Prescribed Fire Frequently Asked Questions-
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