



State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
Order No. 683-25-015

TAHOE STATE RECREATION AREA SUPERINTENDENT ORDER

Food Storage Requirement / Bears: The campgrounds, park offices, and residence areas within the park have been designated as “bear proof food storage areas” in accordance with California Code of Regulations Title 14 (CCR) section 4323(b). Campground areas require additional food storage compliance, as posted, by use of a State approved bear proof food locker and/or storage device.

Bicycles: CCR 4360 states that “unless designated by the Department, all trails are open to pedestrians and closed to all other uses.” As such, bicycles are only allowed to be operated in a safe and controlled manner on the following areas of this park:

- On the paved bicycle trail through the park
- Paved Park roads, parking areas and campground roads

Charcoal and Fire Restrictions: Charcoal fires/grills and wood fires are prohibited at this park with the exception of designated campsites. Only gas camp stoves may be used in any other area of this park, and then only used at developed picnic table locations, in the parking lot, or on the sandy beach. Fire closures may be posted at any time where Department officials have made a finding of extreme fire hazard (CCR 4311). Closures include charcoal grills/barbeques and/or wood campfires periodically as appropriate. Only gas camp stoves will be permitted during full closures. Factors influencing my decision to restrict fires may include, but are not limited to:

- Periods where “red flag” conditions (or other severe weather conditions, to include excessive heat) are forecast
- Periods when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is significantly elevated.
- Periods when fire danger is “Very High” or “Extreme.”
- During periods when fire incidents have caused strain on firefighting and public safety resources.

Park Hours: Other than those areas designated for camping, all facilities, roads, beaches, and trails, etc. are closed from sunset to sunrise daily. Exceptions may include permitted special events, or guided park-led Interpretive activities.

Campground Occupancy: Camping occupancy in the total of Sierra District Parks (specifically including Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point SP, DL Bliss SP, Emerald Bay SP, Donner Memorial SP, Tahoe SRA, Grover Hot Springs SP, Plumas Eureka SP, Malakoff Diggins SHP) for park visitors is limited to 30 nights in total per calendar year per individual visitor, regardless of Park unit. Consecutive-night occupancy is limited to 15 nights in succession and must include a 2-night absence prior to another period of camping occupancy. The purpose of this regulation shall be to maintain fair recreational access for all.

“Hike and Bike” Camping: Certain campsites within designated units of the California State Park System have been designated for use by pedestrians and bicyclists travelling recreationally through California. The hike-and-bike camping policy for this park is as follows:

- Maximum consecutive length of stay is two (2) days.
- Following the two-day stay, there must be a 48-hour vacating period from 12 noon of the checkout day to 12 p.m. of the second day following.
- Due to the purpose of the camping being enroute, maximum length of stay in any calendar year is 4 nights.
- Individuals may not be dropped off in the campground by vehicles, in the spirit of maintaining this section as truly for enroute pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Maximum occupancy is determined by unit rangers pursuant to CCR 4323(a) and may include campers occupying a site with occupants from a different traveling party.

This order also shall allow Rangers the discretion to allow one-night, self-contained camping in day use areas under the provisions of CCR 4457. Allowances shall be for public safety or resource protection reasons. Standard camping fees shall apply.

Juvenile Curfew: For the protection of juveniles and others and for the safety and welfare of the general public, the following curfew is hereby established for juveniles within the Sierra District, California State Parks.

Juveniles may not enter or remain in the campground or day use areas of this park between the hours following sunset and proceeding sunrise except as follows:

- One who is accompanied by a parent or guardian (or who had documentation of being an emancipated minor).
- One who is part of an organized group permitted to occupy a unit or portion thereof and who is supervised by at least one responsible adult for each fifteen juveniles.
- One who is lawfully camping, having furnished to the department written consent of and the full name, residence number, and telephone number of the juvenile’s parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the unit involved.

Vessel Mooring: Mooring is subject to the following conditions:

No vessel may beach, weigh anchor, or moor between the hours of sunset to sunrise daily. Vessels that are associated with overnight camping, including personal watercraft, are allowed overnight storage for the duration of the campground stay when anchored offshore. Small human powered watercraft such as paddleboards and kayaks may be beached for the duration of the campground stay. Vessels, including human powered, may not be secured to vegetation (trees or shrubs) or Park improvements (picnic tables, etc.) at anytime per CCR T-14 4660.

Model Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Systems

Model aircraft and Unmanned (unoccupied) Aerial Systems (UAS or “drones”) are an emergent technology that can have a negative impact on Park resources and public safety and are generally inconsistent with the park experience. Due to the dramatic growth and popularity of model aircraft and UAS, and based on concerns related to wildlife, aesthetics, visitor safety and privacy, and fire hazards, the following lands and facilities located within the Sierra District are restricted as follows:

No person shall launch, land, or operate a powered unmanned (unoccupied) aircraft or unmanned (unoccupied) aerial system (UAS) within **any** State Park unit owned or operated as part of the Sierra District of California State Parks.

I the District Superintendent, or my specifically named designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined to be necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, and resources. Exceptions to this order **may** include:


- Use by trained law enforcement for public safety purposes
- Use by media outlets
- Non-commercial use upon completion of the park unit's special event permit application and applicable FAA compliance
- Scientific research with appropriate FAA registration and Park unit permits

If any exception is granted, as described above, all UAS/Drone equipment must be made available for inspection of safety compliance at the time of application. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent.

I, the District Superintendent, or my specifically named designee, may grant exceptions to this order as determined to be necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of visitors, employees and resources. All exceptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing by the Sierra District Superintendent at P.O. Box 266, Tahoma, CA 96142.

Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.

These orders have been posted pursuant to the California Code regulations, Title 14, Section 4301(i).

Signed:  Date: 5/9/2025
Rich Adams
District Superintendent
Sierra District

Authority: California Public Resources Code Sections 5003 and 5008, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4326, CCR 4300, 4301, CCR 4323, CCR 4326, 4317, 4360, 4455, 4457, 4358, 4660