



State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Sierra District
Order No. 683-25-012

PLUMAS-EUREKA STATE PARK 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:

- Established service roads maintained for vehicular travel
- Paved Park roads, parking areas and campground roads

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.

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. 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.

Prohibited/Closed Areas: In the interest of preserving public health and safety, and protecting the natural and cultural resources within specified portions of park units, the following areas are closed to public use, entry or occupancy:

- The Mohawk Stamp Mill: The building and surrounding grounds at a distance from the building equivalent to the building’s height (120’).

Tour and Photography Protocols: During guided tours or historic presentations within the historic buildings and within historic grounds at this Park, the following shall apply:

- No person other than officers, employees of the Department, or other authorized tour guides in the course of duty shall touch, handle, or move any object or exhibit, nor modify any exhibit space.
- No person shall smoke in any building or during any tour or interpretive program.
- No person shall possess or consume food or beverage on any tour or in any building.
- No photography (including by cell phone) is to interfere with scheduled tours, and the time limits allotted them. No photographer is to leave the tour route, use any kind of artificial light (including by cell phone), tripod, or set any equipment on any surface without permission from an employee of the Department. Flash photography (including by cell phone) may be restricted as posted or instructed.

Horses: Per Title 14, CCR 4359, horses and other pack animals are limited to areas designated as allowed by authority of the Department. As such, all portions of the park are closed to equestrian use with exceptions outlined as follows:

- Established service roads maintained for vehicular travel
- Paved Park roads, parking areas and campground roads
- The trail from Jamison Mine to the park boundary along the trail to Grass Lake and Smith Lake.

Rockhounding: Rockhounding, except for recreational gold panning, is prohibited within this Park. Recreational/demonstrational panning is permitted only under the following terms and conditions:

- Tools, except pans to be used in gold panning, may not be used.
- Rocks may not be moved, carried away or damaged.
- Gold panning shall be confined to the beaches and gravel bars of Jamison Creek which are subject to annual flooding. 'High-banking' is prohibited. All other waters within park boundaries are closed to rockhounding.

Campground Occupancy and "Hike-and-Bike" Camping: 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.

This order also shall serve to give rangers the authority and discretion to allow one-night, self-contained camping in day use areas under 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 has 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.

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.

Glass bottles and containers: Pursuant to CCR 4333, no person shall possess a glass bottle or container on any of the park's beaches or shoreline areas (Eureka Lake, Madora Lake, Jamison Creek).

Boat Motors: Pursuant to CCR 4660, gasoline motors are prohibited from launching or operating on Eureka or Madora Lakes.

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: Rich Adams 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