



State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sierra District  
Order No. 683-24-015

**The following are my appropriately promulgated Sierra District Superintendent Orders, which shall be posted, and specifically pertain to Kings Beach State Recreation Area (Park):**

**Bicycles:** CCR 4360 states that “no person shall operate an operator or gravity propelled device in any unit” when the Department has posted an order prohibiting such activity. As such, bicycles are allowed to be operated in a safe and controlled manner as follows at this Park:

- On paved Park roads, bike trails, and parking areas.

**Park Hours:** All facilities, roads, beaches, and trails, etc. are closed from 9pm to one half-hour before sunrise daily. Exceptions may include permitted special events, or guided Park-led Interpretive activities.

**Alcohol:** In the interest of protecting public health and safety in the Park, and preserving the peace therein, no person shall consume any alcoholic beverage within or upon the lands of this Park with the following exceptions: Special Events for which a permit has been granted specifically describing terms and conditions related to alcoholic beverages.

**Glass:** No person shall possess or use any glass bottle, or container, empty or not, within or upon lands of this Park, except that persons may pick up glass containers left or discarded by others and remove or deposit in an approved receptacle.

**Mooring:** Vessels smaller than 30 feet and/or less than 5 tons in displacement are permitted to dock and moor at the pier at this Park, subject to the following conditions:

Vessels meeting the specified limits may dock and moor at the specified State-owned piers, between sunrise and sunset, and only for a period of time which to load and unload passengers and/or equipment.

**Charcoal and Fire Restrictions:** Charcoal fires/grills and wood fires are prohibited at this Park. Only gas camp stoves may be used at the Park, and then only used at 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). 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.

**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 these orders 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. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting me Robert W. Griffith Sierra District Superintendent, Sierra District, P.O. Box 266, Tahoma, CA 96142 or [robert.griffith@parks.ca.gov](mailto:robert.griffith@parks.ca.gov).***

***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: 4/25/2024

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Rob Griffith  
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**Robert (Rob) W. Griffith**  
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***

