Four miles of broad, sandy beaches stretch out to welcome visitors to Half Moon Bay. Half Moon Bay State Beach offers day-use parking lots and restroom facilities at Francis, Venice, Dunes, Roosevelt, and Cowell Ranch Beaches.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES: Francis Beach has 53 developed campsites for family camping. All sites have picnic tables and fire rings. Forty of the campsites have electrical hookups. There is a seven-day camping limit from May 1 to October 31 and a 15-day camping limit the rest of the year. For those individuals hiking or bicycling up and down the California coast, a hike & bike area is also available for one night only. Campers arriving by vehicle are not eligible for hike & bike camping.

CAMPGROUND OPERATIONS: Reservations are highly recommended. Switching sites is not permitted. Unreserved sites may be available, but will only be rented one night at a time. To extend your visit, re-register at the entrance station between 10–10:30 a.m. Make your campsite appear occupied when you are not there, but do not leave valuables. “Campsite occupied” signs are available at the entrance station.

PARK FEES are due and payable upon entry into the park. The campsite fee covers one vehicle and one towed-in vehicle, if applicable. There are additional fees for extra vehicles. A maximum of three vehicles (including towed-in vehicles and trailers) is allowed per site.

OCCUPANCY: Each campsite may have up to eight persons (including children). One RV per site.

CHECK-OUT TIME is 12:00 noon. Please vacate your site by that time. Check-in time is 2 p.m.

FIRES: Beach fires are strictly prohibited. Collecting wood or driftwood is prohibited—the nutrients must be allowed to recycle back into the ecosystem.

ROPES, lines, swings, and hammocks may not be fastened to any tree.

GAMES that are disruptive to the other campers or to the environment are prohibited. Drones are prohibited.

VEHICLE PARKING: Vehicles may be parked only in your assigned campsite or in the extra-vehicle parking lot. They must remain on the pavement and must not extend into the roadway beyond the campsite number or limit line. Vehicles that do not fit properly in the site may be parked in the extra vehicle parking lot on the eastern side of the campground.

SPEED LIMIT: The maximum speed limit is 10 mph. When pedestrians, bicyclists, and children are present, even 10 mph might be too fast. Use good judgment.

NOISE: Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Generators must be off from 8 p.m. until 10 a.m. To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, please do not disturb other campers, regardless of the time of day or night.

DOGS must be kept on a 6-foot-maximum leash and may not be left unattended at any time. They must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Dogs are not allowed on the beach area of Half Moon Bay State Beach.

MAIN ENTRANCE GATES: The main entrance gates will be closed at sunset. The inbound side will be locked. The outbound side will be closed but left unlocked. When leaving and returning after sunset, please close the gate behind you. This will reduce the amount of unauthorized traffic into the campground.