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McGrath State Beach to Close Temporarily Due to Flooding

Oxnard, Calif. — [McGrath State Beach](#) will temporarily close on January 5, 2018, until further notice due to the recent increased flooding caused by the Santa Clara River Estuary. The beach will close for the security, safeguarding, and preservation of resources.

The flooding is caused when the waters backs up behind the naturally occurring sand bar blocking the mouth of the estuary until the estuary breaches with regular rainfall. Seasonally, McGrath State Beach enjoys cool summers and mild, wet winters.

Ventura Sector Superintendent, Tyson Butzke, said, “The park will remain closed until the floodwaters recede and cleanup and repairs to the entry road and campsites have been made.”

Hundreds of wildlife species live and raise their young in the nine separate ecosystems found at McGrath State Beach. The park is located five miles south of Ventura off Highway 101 via Harbor Boulevard and offers one of the best bird-watching areas in California, with the lush riverbanks of the Santa Clara River and sand dunes along the shore.

For the current conditions and status of this park, please call (805) 968-1033 or (805) 585-1850, or visit the [webpage](#).

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