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Hearst Castle® Closed Today, December 22

SAN SIMEON: Hearst Castle® was closed today, December 22, due to an earthquake in the local area. There were no injuries reported at the Castle nor was there any visual damage to the buildings. People were evacuated from the castle and visitor center as a precautionary measure.

Currently, a team is assessing the buildings for any structural damage.

California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman said, "It is our mission to protect and preserve California's natural and cultural resources. Because of our high standards as museum curators and stewards of this property, damage to the Hearst Castle® art collection was minimal."

Anyone who was on a tour of Hearst Castle® or had purchased tickets for a tour for the remainder of the day may obtain a refund by contacting ReserveAmerica, P.O. Box 1510, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741.

Based on current information, the park will be open for business on Tuesday, December 23.

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