

News Release



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McGrath State Beach Closed Due to High Water

VENTURA – High water has forced the closure of McGrath State Beach southeast of Ventura, California State Parks officials announced today. It is not anticipated that the park will reopen until sometime in early January.

Campers who had reservations for the park will be offered the opportunity to camp at nearby Carpinteria State Beach, El Capitan State Beach or, if “self-contained” (those campers with their own water and bathroom facilities, such as in a travel trailer) at Emma Wood State Beach.

Reserve America, the company that contracts with State Parks to operate its reservation system, is attempting to contact all campers who had reservations during this holiday season to inform them of the situation. Refunds will be provided to campers with reservations who request their money back.

The high water, which has flooded parts of the entrance road to McGrath State Beach, has been caused by a variety of factors, including recent storms and a sand bar that has formed in the estuary.

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