

# News Release



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## **After More Than Four Decades, Mount Tamalpais State Park's Bootjack Campground Opens to the Public**

Fifteen historic campsites at Mount Tamalpais State Park opened to the public last month, more than four decades after their closure. The campsites were renovated in a year-long project, and in partnership between California State Parks, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) and the Tamalpais Conservation Club (TCC), and expand camping opportunities for visitors.

The historically significant Bootjack site was originally established in the early 1920s by the TCC, and the Civilian Conservation Corps further refined the campground facilities in the 1930s. Showing substantial signs of overuse, the campground was closed by State Parks in 1969 and over time was used only as a picnicking area by park visitors.

All work was undertaken to comply with state historic preservation standards so that the campground retains its historic character. To accurately reflect the workmanship in the original campground furnishings and landscaping, MMWD donated 1930s era stone quarried by civilian corps members for use in the rehabilitation of rock retaining walls. California Conservation Corps members performed the painstaking restorative work guided and supervised by State Park's Statewide Trail Crew.

Bootjack Campground is located 1/8 mile east of Pantoll Ranger Station and all sites are available on a first-come, first served basis. Two sites meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards in an effort to expand accessibility to all visitors.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony, scheduled for spring 2014, though visitors can enjoy the Bootjack Campground campsites throughout the fall and winter months.

Funding for the Bootjack restoration came from diverse sources including the State Park's Revenue Generation Program, established by AB 1478 and SB 1018. A grant from the local California Alpine Club Foundation provides facilities for a volunteer camp host to manage the campground. State Park volunteers and staff, crews from California Conservation Corps, TCC volunteers and corporate sponsored volunteers gave considerable time, effort and expertise to

restore the campground.

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