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Half Moon Bay State Beach: Coastal Trail Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Crossing Pilarcitos Creek CLOSED

Sacramento, Calif. – The pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing Pilarcitos Creek on the California Coastal Trail between Venice Beach and Francis Beach (Kelly Avenue) is CLOSED. California State Parks determined the bridge was unsafe, and closed it to the public until further notice.

The public is urged to stay off the bridge, and follow signs posted by California State Parks until further notice. Listed below are alternate routes for bicycles and pedestrians:

Northbound:

Take Kelly Avenue east to Pilarcitos Avenue then north to Strawflower Village. Take the Naomi Patridge Trail paralleling the west side of Highway 1 to either Wave Avenue or Venice Boulevard. Take Wave Avenue or Venice Boulevard west back to the Coastal Trail northbound.

Southbound:

Take Venice Boulevard or Wave Avenue east to the Naomi Patridge Trail. Take the trail southbound paralleling the west side of Highway 1 to Strawflower Village. Take Pilarcitos Avenue south to Kelly Avenue westbound back to the Coastal Trail southbound.

Access is also available directly between Francis Beach and Venice Beach via the beach, but may require crossing water in the creek.

On Friday, upon inspection by California State Park's field staff, it was determined that several supports had rusted through, and posed a danger to the public. The department will be conducting a more thorough review of the bridge, and discussing short-and long-term fixes in the following weeks. The department had already been in the process of implementing a project to replace the bridge. The bridge is 20 years old. It is made of steel, and has been corroding due to the sea salt.



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