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## Wildfires Force Closures of Two California State Parks

*SACRAMENTO, Calif.* — California State Parks today announced the closure of two state parks due to wildfires in northern and southern California. Shasta State Historic Park in Shasta County and Mount San Jacinto State Park in Riverside County are both closed until further notice. The public is advised to avoid these areas.

The Carr Fire, which started on Monday, July 23, in Shasta County, has caused damage to buildings at Shasta State Historic Park, which is under a mandatory evacuation order. State Parks staff removed artifacts from the historic park and transferred them to a secure location. As of Friday morning, the fire has destroyed the state historic park's 1920s schoolhouse and damaged the brewery and cemetery. CAL FIRE reports the [Carr Fire](#) has burned more than 44,500 acres in Shasta County and is only three percent contained.

In Riverside County, the [Cranston Fire](#) has forced the closure of Mount San Jacinto State Park. The park is currently not on fire but fire conditions are constantly changing. As of Friday morning, the fire has burned 11,500 acres and is only three percent contained. The closure of the park includes the Idyllwild Campground, Stone Creek Campground, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, all wilderness campgrounds, Wilderness Permits and hiking. Reservation holders are being contacted about the closures. Individuals and/or groups with Wilderness Permits during the park closure will be honored at a later time.

For the latest fire conditions and evacuations, please visit CAL FIRE's website at [www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents).

### ***About [Shasta State Historic Park](#)***

Located six miles west of Redding, Shasta State Historic Park was once the "Queen City" of California's northern mining district. The ruins that exist today were businesses that served the area's townspeople during its heyday of the Gold Rush era. Among the historic buildings are 1920s and 1930s schoolhouses, the brewery, the blacksmith shop, the Litsch General Merchandise Store, and the County Courthouse that has been restored to its 1861 appearance.

The courthouse is home a visitor center and museum, as well as the gathered works of outstanding California artists.

**About [Mount San Jacinto State Park](#)**

This 14,000-acre park can be reached via Highway 243 from Idyllwild or by tram from Palm Springs. San Jacinto peak rises 10,834 feet above sea level. It's the highest peak in the San Jacinto Range and in California's state park system. Visitors can take a 15-minute tram ride, carrying them 2.5 miles from the Valley Station in Chino Canyon to the Mountain Station, on the edge of the Mount San Jacinto State Wilderness.

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