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## Fire Ravaged Angel Island Reopens Monday

**ANGEL ISLAND STATE PARK** – Following a wildfire that burned nearly half of the park, California State Parks will reopen Angel Island State Park on Monday morning, with most of the property available to visitors for recreation and tours.

Perimeter Road will reopen, as will all activities that take place below the road, including visits to historic sites, the visitor center and museum, as well as tours by tram or segway and bicycle rentals.

Activities above Perimeter Road, however, will remain unavailable for the safety of visitors and the protection of cultural and natural resources. Refunds are being made to campers through October 27, when State Parks will reassess the situation.

The state park was closed Sunday night when a wildfire swept over it, interrupting power and leading rangers to evacuate its 50 campers. The blaze scorched nearly half of the island's 740 acres before it was fully contained. All historic structures were spared.

"We are grateful for the swift fire response from Marin County, CAL FIRE and others that saved the historic structures," said Dave Matthews, Angel Island Sector Superintendent. "It is to the credit of firefighters and our maintenance crews for ensuring our structures were well protected."

The successful fire fight was also to the credit of the State Parks LCM, Landing Craft-Mechanized, that was used to ferry fire trucks to the island. When the first fire trucks arrived on scene, flames were within a few hundred yards from the historic 1863 Camp Reynolds Civil War encampment.

Marin County Fire Officials, today, determined the cause of the wildfire was "human in nature." The fire department will continue its investigation to determine a specific cause of the blaze. Several firefighters will remain on the island to help clean and rehabilitate the burned areas. PG&E has restored power.

Additional information about the park can be obtained by calling 415-435-5390.

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