

- The use of powered devices to drill or fashion rock to facilitate climbing is prohibited.
- Travel to and from climbing areas is limited to designated trails marked by a sign with the symbol of a carabiner.
- There is a maximum party size of 12 people each at Uppercrust, Lowercrust, Toprope Wall, and Tourist Trap.

Climbing gear and ropes create a tripping hazard and block trails used by other visitors.

There has been significant impact to Uppercrust, Lowercrust, Toprope Wall, and Tourist Trap due to heavy use. Party size limits are an effort to mitigate resource damage.

Bear Gulch Cave Closures

All or portions of the Bear Gulch Cave system will be closed according to the following schedule:

July 15 through May 15:	Upper 1/3 of the cave closed
May 15 through July 15:	Entire cave closed
0-4 weeks mid spring (March):	Entire cave may be open
0-4 weeks mid fall (October):	Entire cave may be open
High water events	Entire cave closed

This schedule is subject to modification based upon monitoring the bat colony by Pinnacles National Monument resource management staff. The opening is based upon bat populations and the closing is set on the last day of the month in March and October.

To provide protection for a nesting colony of Townsend’s Big-Eared Bat, the Bear Gulch Caves are open on the preceding schedule. The schedule is subject to modification based upon monitoring the bat colony by Pinnacles National Monument resource management staff.

Balconies Caves

Entry during high water events is prohibited. Balconies Cave gates may be closed during periods of heavy rain or high water as a safety precaution.

Off Trail Hiking and Rock Climbing:

Off trail hiking and rock climbing may be restricted in areas so designated for protection of park resources. These areas will be posted with signs and printed material will be made available to visitors at the entrance station, visitor centers and website (www.nps.gov/PINN).

When it has been determined by the park’s resource staff that there is a need to protect raptors during critical periods of the nesting season specific areas will be restricted to visitor use. This is not an actual closure – just an advisory!

Stock Use

All trails are closed to stock use except for park stock for administrative use.

It has been determined that using stock on the current trails at PNM creates conflict with other users as the trails are not designed to meet the demands of hikers and horse users safely, helps minimize the introduction of non-native invasive plants, and reduces trail degradation.

Fishing

All park waters are closed to fishing.

Condor Release Site

The following areas are closed to prevent unnecessary human interactions with the endangered California condor. The size of the area, about a one-half mile radius around the site, provides a visual and aural buffer from human disturbance for the animals.

The following areas, based on the Mount Diablo Meridian, San Benito County, and within the boundaries of Pinnacles National Monument, CA, are closed to public access, use of fire, and smoking:

- 1) Township 17 South, Range 8 East, Section 5, approx. 651 acres.
- 2) Township 17 South, Range 8 East, Southern 3/4 of Section 6, approx. 480 acres.
- 3) Township 17 South, Range 8 East, Northern 1/4 of Section 7, approx. 160 acres.
- 4) Township 17 South, Range 8 East, Northern 1/4 of Section 6, lands 1200 feet above sea level altitude and southeast of Highway 146, approximately 140 acres.
- 5) Township 16 South, Range 8 East, Southern 3/4 of Section 31, lands 1200 feet above sea level altitude and southeast of Highway 146, approximately 150 acres.

These areas are discernable on the USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps North Chalone Peak, CA and Topo Valley, CALIF. See Appendix 1 for a map of these areas.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
Cutting, collecting, and transporting firewood from designated wood lots when an excess of downed wood is declared by the Superintendent.
- § 2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals).
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - Unless permitted by the Superintendent, all areas of Pinnacles National Monument are closed to overnight parking and camping.
 - The purchasing of a campsite within Pinnacles Campground is considered a permit to camp, but only within the site purchased.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas.
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
 - (a)(3) Delivery of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft.

- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):
 - 36 CFR, Part 71, §71.13(d) Organized tours or outings conducted for educational or scientific purposes, pursuant to a permit or “fee-waiver” issued by the superintendent.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51, §2.52).
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possession, storage, or transport of explosives, or blasting agents.
 - (b) Use or possession of fireworks or firecrackers.
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event pageant, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events.
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter allowed with a permit provided that the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising.
- §2.60(b) Livestock use.
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands.
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director).
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation.
- §4.11(a) Exceeding established vehicle load, weight, and size limits.
- §5.1 Advertisements – (Display, posting, or distribution).
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television.
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The Superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, paths, structures, etc.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Using or possessing wood gathered within the Monument is prohibited.

(b) Leaving a designated trail to shortcut between portions of the same trail, or to portions of another trail or area, is prohibited.

(c)(1) The superintendent may designate certain fruits, berries, nuts... which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption...upon a written determination that gathering or consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

Nothing is designated for collection at this time.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of the Monument are closed to viewing of wildlife with an artificial light without a permit. This includes the use of infrared lighting/beams.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Camping is allowed for not more than a total of 30 days in any calendar year provided that during the period from February 1 through June 1, inclusive, camping is limited to not more than a total of 14 days.
- The 30 days can be waived for employees in active employment status. This waiver must be obtained by a written request to the Chief Ranger and a signature of the Superintendent.
- Pinnacles Campground is the only authorized camping in the Monument
- When a person pays a camping fee, occupies a campsite, or registers in a campground, the conditions established in this section of the compendium are in effect as the conditions of a camping permit. Under 2.10(b), violating these conditions is prohibited, and under 2.10(c), the permit may be suspended or revoked for violating these terms.

[Note: Camping is defined in 36 CFR 1.4)

- Check out time in the campground is 11:00 AM on the day of departure.
- In addition to the above limits, the following restrictions also apply:
 1. Camping waste water must be dumped into utility sinks at rest room units when provided. It may not be dumped on the ground in the campsite.

2. A maximum of two vehicles, per site is allowed in the family sites of Pinnacles Campground. Extra vehicles **MUST** be left in the overnight parking lot. Groups are not permitted to park motor homes, trailers, campers, or other recreational vehicles in the Group Camp parking area.
3. Where parking pads are provided, vehicles must be parked with all wheels on the pad, and may not extend into the traffic lane or into the campsite.
4. Reserving or holding campsites operating under a first come first-served is prohibited. Campsites must be paid for within 30 minutes of occupant's arrival.
5. Generator use is prohibited (due to the availability of electric hook ups in specified sites).
6. Food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must not be left unattended and must be kept sealed in a vehicle or in a container that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material. These storage conditions are in effect in all parts of the Monument.
7. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnic table availability is first-come, first-served and may not be set aside for later use, or “reserved” in any manner.
- Picnicking is permitted within certain designated campsites, however picnickers must yield campsites to persons who wish to camp.
- Conditions for the storage of food, as noted in section 2.10a, are in effect in all picnic areas.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Moses Springs, Peaks View, and Chaparral picnic areas.
- Employee residential housing areas.
- Pinnacles Campground

Receptacles Allowed:

- Government-provided grills.
- Visitor-provided gas stoves, hibachis, or portable barbecues.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- During periods of high or extreme fire danger, the Superintendent may designate limitations or prohibition of charcoal and/or wood fires, or require the use of gas stoves only.
- Hot contents of fire pits (charcoal, wood, etc.) must not be disposed of in trash receptacles or on the ground.
- Only charcoal, wood, or gas stoves may be used.

- Peaks View Picnic area: fires in visitor-provided gas stoves, charcoal hibachis, or charcoal barbecues only. No wood fires.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All fires must be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining. If a portable barbecue grill is used, all ashes/coals must be thoroughly extinguished and cooled.
- Fires will be considered out when all burnable materials are cold to the touch.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- Park employees in park housing or authorized contractors, in trash facilities approved by the superintendent.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- Pets are restricted to picnic areas, paved park roads, and the campground.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Pets must not be left unattended and/or tied to an object in the park. Please note exception listed in section 2.15(e).
- Pets must not be left unattended in the open bed of a pickup truck.
- Pets may not be left unattended in a vehicle during the months of April through September or anytime when outside temperatures exceed 75 degrees F.
- Unattended pets left in a vehicle during the months of October through March must have food and water if unattended for more than 3 hours.

When outside temperatures exceed 75 degrees F temperatures inside vehicles can often exceed 100 degrees or higher, thereby endangering the lives of pets left in a vehicle. Temperatures usually exceed 75 degrees from April through September and occasionally during the winter months. Unattended pets will often create a disturbance by barking when left alone in a vehicle.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement must be collected and deposited in trash receptacles.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Monument residents may keep pets in accordance with the established Pet Policy, within the Housing Management Policy, for Pinnacles National Monument.
- Pets may be tethered during daylight hours. They must have water provided to them. This is an exception to section 2.15(a)(3).

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Sledding, innertubing, tobogganing and similar winter sports are not allowed on park roads, parking areas, and hillsides, during times of snow accumulation.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All park structures, caves, and fuel/hazardous materials storage areas. The exception to smoking in structures is if you reside in a permanent, single occupancy residence.
- The superintendent may prohibit smoking along Monument trails and other areas during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- By written permission of Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- Pinnacles National Monument is an established fee area and is posted as such at the east and west entrances.
- Entrance fees for both sides are \$5.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 per person (over the age of fifteen) on foot, on a bicycle or motorcycle.
- Campground fees are set by the Concession and approved by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- All areas of Pinnacles National Monument are closed to the use of fireworks and firecrackers.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- Bear Gulch Reservoir.
- Any natural body of water.

Swimming and bathing may negatively affect sensitive species habitat.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- Pinnacles Campground.
- East Entrance road.
- Chalone Creek road.
- HQ/Moses Spring road.
- West Entrance road between park boundary and Chaparral Ranger Station.
- Unpaved roads within Pinnacles Ranch area is restricted to specific administrative use, or by permit as an easement/access for local landowner.
- Unpaved South Wilderness road, from East Entrance road to Shooting Range and beyond to include Grassy Canyon Road (administrative use only).
- Unpaved road from “Double Gates” (located on the West Entrance road, 1.0 mile from the West Entrance) to the west boundary (administrative use, and by permit as an easement/access for local landowners).
- North Chalone Peak road (administrative use only).
- Condor Gulch service road (administrative use only).
- kAll water tank service roads (administrative use only).

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 10 mph Pinnacles Campground
- 15 mph in the Chalone Creek Housing/Maintenance Area.
- 15 mph from the Chalone Creek Housing Area access road to Old Pinnacles Trailhead.
- 15 mph on the Chalone Creek Bridge.
- 15 mph from Bear Gulch to Moses Springs.
- 20 mph in the West District Developed Area.
- 25 mph on all other Monument roads.