

United States Department of the Interior NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes, CA 94956



In Reply Refer to:
W22 (PORE-VRP)
Closure Order #20-005

April 10, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

<u>Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area</u>: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the follow park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

• Pierce Point Road at the intersection with "L" Ranch Road to its terminus at Pierce Point Ranch

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

<u>Notice</u>: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Point Reyes National Seashore including park visitors, concession employees, park residents and stakeholders, except as follows: Essential government employees, park and ranch residents, utility providers, and contractors conducting essential government work.

<u>Finding</u>: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following CDC guidance, recommendations from state and local health authorities in consultation with NPS Public Health Officers, and are in response to the following:

- March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom
- March 16, 2020 County of Marin Order to Shelter in Place issued by the Marin County Health Officer
- March 19, 2020 California State Shelter in Place order issued by the Governor of the State of CA
- March 23, 2020 CA Governor Newsom's requirement to close all state park parking lots
- March 24, 2020 County of Marin "Order Of The Health Officer of the County of Marin Directing All Parks, Campgrounds, and Open Spaces to Close Motorized Access"
- March 31, 2020 Order of the Health Officer of the County of Marin Directing All Parks,
 Campgrounds, and Open Spaces to Further Close Motorized Access
- April 9[,] 2020 County of Marin Emergency Order on Fines for Parking

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

This closure is consistent with the guidance by the County to shelter in place, that states the intent that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. The other park site closures are primarily beach destinations where the limited park staff can no longer ensure resource protection, safe cleaning of restrooms and trash collection per CDC guidance, nor ensure park visitors maintain safe social distancing and no group gatherings per State and County orders.

On April 9th, 2020 the Director of Emergency Services established an emergency parking resolution to help curb non-essential travel to parks and open space areas in Marin County. The resolution, which applies to unincorporated areas of Marin County, designates no parking zones around multiple areas within our jurisdiction. Specifically areas where parks and open space are accessed. Parking within these areas, which will be clearly identified with signage, will be a violation of Marin County Code 15.36.060.

All portions of the road within the closure area for Pierce Point Road are within the jurisdiction of Marin County. Implementation of this closure has been coordinated with the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and will be modified or removed when conditions warrant.

Approval:	_/s/*	
• •	Superintendent	Date

^{*} The signed Determination of Temporary Closure is on file at park headquarters.