

ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKS
California State Park System

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Department of Natural Resources
A Department of the Government of the State of California to be known as the Department of Natural Resources was created by an Act approved April 13, 1927.

Director
The Department is placed under the control of an Executive Officer to be known as the Director of Natural Resources, appointed by and to hold office at the pleasure of the Governor.

Division of Parks: Chief
The Act further provides that the Division of Parks shall be administered through a Chief of Division, to be appointed by the Director of Natural Resources upon nomination by the State Park Commission (created by the Act). General policies for the administration of the State Park System are to be determined by the Commission.

State Park Commission
Members:
Term of Office
The State Park Commission consists of five members, appointed by and to hold office at the pleasure of the Governor. Members of the Commission serve without compensation but are entitled to actual necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Control of State Parks
Under the Provisions of an Act of May 25, 1927, it is further provided that the Department of Natural Resources, through the State Park Commission, shall have control of the State Park System. Additional provisions of this Act, with amendments, follow:

What Constitutes State Park System
All parks, public camp grounds, monument sites, landmark sites, and sites of historical interest heretofore or hereafter created or acquired by the State, or which are under its control, shall constitute the State Park System, except the site and grounds known as Sutter's Fort property, and that known as the State Fair Grounds, in the City of Sacramento, and the park known as Balboa Park in the City of San Diego. (As amended June 4, 1931.)

Administration of State Park System
The Commission shall administer, protect, and develop the State Park System for the use and enjoyment of the public, and it shall have power to establish rules and regulations for the government and administration of the State Park System not inconsistent with law; to enter into contract with cities, counties, and other subdivisions of the State for the care and maintenance of park areas; and to expend all monies of the Commission from whatever source derived for the care, protection, supervision, extension, and improvement or development of the State Park System.

Make Annual Reports to the Governor
It shall be the duty of the Commission to gather, digest, and summarize in its annual reports to the Governor of the State information concerning the State Park System and the relation thereto of other available means for conserving, developing, and utilizing the scenic and recreational resources of the State.

Accept Gifts
of Land and
Money

The Commission shall have the authority, within its discretion, to accept any gift, devise, grant, or other conveyance of real property or any interest therein, including water rights, roads, trails, and rights of way, to be added to or used in connection with the park system; to accept by gift, donation, contribution, or bequest money to be used in acquiring real property or any interest therein; or improving the same, as a part of or in connection with the State Park System; or for any of the ~~above~~ purposes for which the Commission is created; also to receive and accept personal property in the same manner for purposes connected with the park system.

Acquire
Property by
Purchase and
Condemnation

The Commission, with the consent of the Governor and the Board of Control, may acquire by purchase or by condemnation proceedings such real property and personal property or any interest therein as it shall deem necessary or proper to the extension, improvement, or development of the State Park System.

Contract with
Cities, Counties,
etc., for Care
of Lands

Contracts may be entered into between the Commission and cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the State for the care, maintenance, and control for the purposes of the State Park System, by either party to such a contract, of lands under the jurisdiction of the other party to such a contract, and the expenses of such care, maintenance, and control may be paid from the general funds of such city, county, or other political subdivision of the State or from the funds of the Commission, as the case may be.

Police
Regulations

It shall be the duty of the Commission to protect the State Parks from damage and to preserve the peace therein.

Penalties

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the County jail not exceeding ninety days, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Police
Powers

The Commission shall have the power to confer on the Chief of the Division of Parks and such other employees as they may designate, the full authority and powers of peace officers for said parks.

Park Roads

The above Act also provides that whenever jurisdiction over any highway within a state park has been relinquished to the authority charged with the management and control of such park, the State Highway Department may construct, improve, or maintain such highway, such construction, etc., to be subject to the approval of the park authority.

Construction
and
Maintenance

The Act further provides that the construction, improvements, and maintenance of highways in state parks are to be paid from the State Highway fund.

Easements
over State
Park Lands

The Director of Natural Resources is authorized, upon application by proper authorities and on such terms and conditions as the State Park Commission may prescribe, to grant easements for public highways over and across State Park lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources and the State Park Commission. (Act of May 8, 1933).

Fees and
Rentals;
State Park
Maintenance
Fund

The Commission, whenever in its judgment it is practicable to do so, shall collect fees, rental, and other return for the use of all State Park areas. The amount of such fees shall be determined by the Commission and shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Park Maintenance Fund. Said Fund shall be available for

construction, improvements, equipment, and maintenance of State Parks in such amounts as may be appropriated by the Legislature. (New section added June 12, 1933).

Closing
Camping Areas
in State Parks

The Director of Natural Resources, with the consent of the Governor, may also declare closed to camping any area in any State Park or forestry area when, in the judgment of the Director, such declaration is necessary in the interest of public peace or safety.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK SYSTEM

All of California's state parks have been established for the purpose of preserving examples of Nature's handiwork, for future generations, whether it be Redwood groves, beaches, or other areas set aside for the use and enjoyment of all of the people.

That this enjoyment may not be destroyed it is necessary that certain restrictions governing the use of the parks be effected.

In order to preserve the natural beauty of the parks so that the public may enjoy them, please observe the following:

To Preserve the Beauty of the Park:

1. No person shall pick flowers, foliage, or fruit; or cut, break, dig up, or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, turf, railing, seat, fence, structure, or any other thing, in any of said parks; or cut, carve, paint, mark, or paste on any tree, stone, fence, wall, building, monument, or other object therein, any bill, advertisement; or inscription.
2. No person shall dig up or remove any dirt, stones, rock, or other thing whatever; make any excavation, quarry any stone, or lay or set off any blast; or cause or assist in doing any of said things, within any park, without the special order or license of said Commission.
3. No bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper, or other rubbish shall be left in any state park, except at such place or places as may be specially designated by the Commission, or by a sign marked "Public Dump".
4. No horse shall be hitched to any shrub or tree in any state park in a way to damage such tree or shrub.
5. No person, unless by authority of the Commission, shall light, kindle, or use any fire in any state park, as the risk of destructive fires is always present without such regulations. Fire permits are obtained from the park warden or custodian.

To Protect the Wild Life which adds to the Interest of the Park:

6. No domestic animal shall be permitted to enter or go at large in any state park, either with or without a keeper.
7. No person shall carry or have firearms in any state park, and no firearms shall be discharged from or into any park.
8. No person shall disturb or injure any bird, bird's nest or eggs, or any squirrel or other animal within any state park.

ain Peace, Quiet, and Respectability so that the Park may be Enjoyed to the
Those who come with Serious Intent to ENJOY It:

threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting, or indecent language or gesture
ll be used in any state park. Nor shall any oration, harangue, or other public
onstration be made.

person shall discharge or set off, on or within any state park, any fire-crackers,
pedoes, rockets, or other fireworks.

ect Life and Limb, and Assure an Atmosphere in Keeping with the Park Surroundings,
Regulations of Automobile and other Traffic are Necessary and will be Enforced:

person shall ride or drive on any road within any state park, except State,
ounty, and otherwise posted highways at a faster speed than fifteen miles per hour;
is shall apply also to the use of cycles.

automobiles or other vehicles shall be taken into or driven upon roads not public
highways in any state park except upon such drives and subject to such regulations as
ne Commission may from time to time especially designate.

o cart, wagon, drag, truck, or other vehicle, carrying lumber, stone, brick, or
ny other goods, merchandise, or articles of freight, or which is commonly used for
arriage thereof shall, except in the service of the Commission or with special per-
mit of the Commission, enter any part of any of said parks, except such public high-
ways as existed before same was established as a park.

ntain as high Standard as possible in serving the public on the part of licensed
ties and to protect visitors from impositions:

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of soliciting, selling,
or peddling of any liquids or edibles for human consumption or to distribute circulars,
or to hawk, peddle, or vend any goods, wares, or merchandise of any kind, in any state
park except where otherwise provided by law.

s applying especially to beach parks:

No person shall erect, maintain, use, or occupy on any state beach any tent, lodge,
shelter, or structures, unless such tent, lodge, shelter, or structure shall have
two sides thereof entirely open, and unless there shall be an unobstructed view from
the outside thereof on at least two sides thereof.

No guy wire, guy rope, or exterior brace or support shall be connected, fastened, or
maintained between any such tent, lodge, shelter, or structure, or any part or portion
thereof, and any structure, stake, rock, or thing outside of such tent, lodge, shelter,
or structure.

It shall be unlawful for any person to: (a) dig, take, or carry away any earth, sand,
or stone from public beach, or maliciously tear down, damage, or destroy any sign,
signboard, or notice placed upon or affixed on any public beach; (b) maliciously
mutilate or deface any buildings, or life-saving equipment, or other structure
erected on any public beach for protection and safety of public.

No fires shall be built, lighted, or maintained on any public area, owned, managed,
or controlled by said State and fronting upon or adjacent to any area, except in a
fireplace provided, maintained, and designed for such purpose, or within confines of
a plot, area, or circle set apart, designated, and marked for such purpose.

It shall be unlawful for any person to give a signal or transmit, or for any person or persons to cause or permit to be given, signalled or transmitted, in any manner, any false drowning alarm.

Horseback riding on State beaches is prohibited.

Disrobing on State beaches is not permitted and clothing sufficient to conform to common standards must be worn at all times.

These rules and regulations are promulgated in accordance with mandatory provision Chapter 763, Statutes of 1927, which reads in part as follows:

"Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the State Park Commission to protect the state parks from damage and to preserve the peace therein.

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the State Park Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the County jail, not exceeding ninety days, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Person Defined: The word "person" whenever used in these rules shall be construed to mean and include natural persons, firms, co-partnerships, corporations, clubs, and all associations or combinations of persons whenever acting for themselves, or by a servant, agent, or employee.