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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE PARK COMMISSION

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The State Park Commission presents herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

This report covers progress made in acquiring lands, their development and operation to date. In the work of protection, improvement, and extension of the State Parks, it has consistently been the purpose of the Commission to create and build up an organization for the education of our citizens and future citizens that state parks are pleasures set apart for the recreation of the public and to promote its health and enjoyment.

While the public must be served, if it is to be served best and in the long run, the use of such recreation areas must be such that it does not use them up, and the determining factor to use is wise use -- use which leaves no slightest question but that the area will supply indefinitely this factor of scenic saturation. If it is within our power to do so, we must always try to keep our use of natural areas safely within the limit of scenic saturation. To accomplish these aims we must have good design and the greatest fundamental questions of public need, recreational possibilities, and sound economics are the chief considerations on which a design must depend. However, no park plan or design is ever static.

A State Park exists for many purposes. It is a place in which to meet people or enable one to get away from people. It is a place for rest or exercise, for relaxation or stimulation as the individual need demands. It is a place for play and study. But its great underlying function is to be different, to get the indoor person out, to put its city dweller away from buildings and its sights and sounds, the strain and the stress of our intense civilization, to offer calm of natural conditions and the beauty of natural environment to modern mankind.

The State Parks of California are for the use and enjoyment of all our people and await every visitor with just this sort of an invitation. They include many of the most beautiful, natural and scenic features of the State. The visitor may find within them the out-of-doors in every phase of forest and stream, field and lake, mountain and ravine. There are within them appeal to and facilities for the hiker, the picnicker, the camper, the angler, the bather, for the searcher after amusement and companionship, for the student of nature, and the seeker after solitude.

To the millions who already know them, they are friends; for those who have yet to find them, they hold a revelation. These parks established and maintained by the State are an endowment, the richness of which will not be fully known or realized for years to come.

Our excellent system of State and County highways place these beauty spots and playgrounds within easy reach of all your people. The roads make easy access to our out-of-doors to those who come from elsewhere and all such visitors are wanted and welcome.

Regulations and restrictions are held at a minimum; they seek only to protect what nature has provided or to make park use convenient and safe. Fire is the arch enemy of the out-of-doors; everywhere and at all times let everyone be alert and careful to prevent the destruction of our parks by fire.

This report is submitted in order that everyone will know of the State Parks of California and their purpose. It is prepared in the belief and hope that many thousands of persons through this information will find a new enjoyment and a new appreciation of their State and their citizenship.

PARK COMMISSION

During 1939, Governor Culbert L. Olson appointed the following members to the California State Park Commission: Matthew M. Gleason, San Diego, Chairman; Isidore B. Dockweiler, Los Angeles; Reverend Francis J. Caffrey, M.M., San Juan Bautista Mission; Albert L. Nelson, Fortuna; Milton T. Vanderslice, Walnut Creek.

PARK USE

During the 1939 park season nearly 12,000,000 persons visited California's seventy State Parks and Historic Monuments. An unusually large number of out-of-state visitors stopped in many of the parks on their way to and from the Golden Gate International Exposition. Close to 10,000,000 persons enjoyed sea and sun bathing in the State Beach Parks of Southern California, particularly since the summer season was prolonged by extraordinarily warm weather. About 1,500,000 people sought beauty and relaxation in the cool redwood groves of northern California, while some 500,000 vacationists found pleasure and recreation in other State Parks.

REVENUES

Approximately \$57,000 was collected by the Division of Parks for services and the use of facilities in 1939, the largest income since establishment of the current system of service charges. (Service charges were established by the Park Commission as a step toward making the Division of Parks self-sustaining.) On July 1, funds accruing to the State Park Maintenance and Acquisition Fund from royalties paid for oil-drilling on state-owned tidelands became available for expenditure as provided in Governor Olson's budget for the biennium, 1939-41. Availability of these funds enables the Division of Parks to be placed on a self-supporting basis.

FACILITIES

New facilities, valued at approximately \$100,000, were added to the State Park System in 1939. Under the direction of the National Park Service five Civilian Conservation Corps camps completed new park roads, trails, and landscaping, as well as \$25,000 in new structures. The Division of Parks spent almost \$20,000 for structural repairs and reconstruction.

Outstanding among the new buildings turned over to the State Park Administration upon completion by the CCC are: Concession building in Big Basin housing lunchroom, grocery store, novelty studio, and post office; women's and girls' organization camp in Cuyamaca Rancho; and a large swimming pool in Pfeiffer Redwoods State Park at Big Sur.

ACQUISITION

Gifts of money and lands amounting to \$78,694 have been obtained for the State Parks during the year. In the same period, \$2,000 was expended for land acquisition from state funds. In other words, private contributions exceeded almost forty times the state expenditures for new park properties.

It is interesting to note that the private gifts to the state parks for the past three years were as follows:

1937	--	\$ 58,193.66
1938	--	64,605.05
1939	--	<u>78,694.00</u>
		\$201,492.71

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK SYSTEM

All of California's State Parks have been established for the purpose of preserving outstanding 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 whatsoever, 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 regulation. 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.

TO MAINTAIN PEACE, QUIET AND RESPECTABILITY SO THAT THE PARK MAY BE ENJOYED TO THE FULL BY THOSE WHO COME WITH SERIOUS INTENT TO ENJOY IT:

9. No threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting or indecent language or gesture shall be used in any state park. Nor shall any oration, harangue, or other public demonstration be made.
10. No person shall discharge, or set off, on or within any state park, any fire-crackers, torpedoes, rockets, or other fireworks.

TO PROTECT LIFE AND LIMB, AND ASSURE AN ATMOSPHERE IN KEEPING WITH THE PARK SURROUNDINGS, CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF AUTOMOBILE AND OTHER TRAFFIC ARE NECESSARY AND WILL BE ENFORCED:

11. No person shall ride or drive on any road within any state park, except State, county, and otherwise posted highways, at a faster speed than fifteen miles per hour, and this shall also apply to the use of cycles.
12. No automobile or other vehicle 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 the Commission may from time to time especially designate.
13. No cart, wagon, drag, truck, or other vehicle, carrying lumber, stone, brick, or any goods, merchandise, or articles of freight, or which is commonly used for carriage thereof, shall except in service of the Commission or with special permit of the Commission enter any part of any of said parks, except such public highways as existed before the same was established as a park.

TO MAINTAIN AS HIGH A STANDARD AS POSSIBLE IN SERVING THE PUBLIC ON THE PART OF LICENSED UTILITIES AND TO PROTECT VISITORS FROM IMPOSITIONS:

14. 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 and vend any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, on any state park except where otherwise provided by law.

RULES APPLYING ESPECIALLY TO BEACH PARKS:

15. No person shall erect, maintain, use or occupy on any state beach any tent, lodge, shelter or structure, unless such tent, lodge, shelter or structure shall have two sides thereof entirely open, and unless there shall be an unobstructed view into such tent, lodge, shelter or structure from the outside thereof on at least two sides thereof.
 - (a) No guy wire, guy rope or exterior brace of 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.

16. 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 the public.
17. 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 designated for such purpose, or within confines of a plot, area, or circle set apart, designated and marked for such purpose.
18. 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.
19. Horseback riding on State beaches is prohibited.
20. 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 a mandatory provision of 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, copartnerships, corporations, clubs and all associations or combinations of persons whenever acting for themselves or by a servant, agent, or employee.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARK COMMISSION

By J. H. COVINGTON
Executive Secretary