Religious Retreat

Monterey County, offer a multitude of outdoor recreational opportunities.

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Star Gazing

For centuries people have turned to the night sky for calendar development, global positioning and even predicting the future. As long as humans have been walking California’s lands, the sky has been something to appreciate. Among the popular times to watch the sky is when meteor showers happen. Almost every month of the year a meteor shower can be seen.

How can I help?

Each year, thousands of pounds of trash are hauled off public lands. Helping to make sure these lands stay clean is up to everyone using them. Pack out all garbage and do not litter. It is illegal to polute or dump trash on any public lands or waters. If you see anyone pollute or dump trash, please do not approach. Instead, call 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258) twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

In California on any public lands to report the polluting or trashings of lands, water bodies, habitat, or the poaching of wildlife. Want to volunteer on your public lands? Anyone over the age of 16 years can volunteer. Youths must volunteer with a parent/guardian or be a part of an organized school, civic or church group with written consent. To become a volunteer, apply at Volunteer.gov and/or contact the Volunteer Coordinator in the Central Coast Field Office 831-582-2200.

Camping

Established in 2010 with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, a campground with seven facilities exist. Camping is limited to 14 days within any 28 day period at a particular site on all BLM public lands. Primitive, dispersed camping opportunities are also available but vehicles are restricted to designated routes and there is no camping within 200 yards of any wildlife water improvement.

Tips for Responsible Recreational Shooting

Never shoot if you do not have a clear view of your target and beyond.

- Shooting sites should have high dirt berms free of rocks and vegetation
- Don’t shoot upon or across roads, waterways or trails
- Don’t shoot glass or other objects that can shatter
- Remove your target materials, shells and trash
- Don’t shoot at trees, cactus or other living things
- Don’t shoot household appliances or other objects dumped
- Practice target shooting only in areas open to recreational shooting
- Report unlawful activity to authorities by calling 9-1-1

Don’t let target shooting end with a wildfire

- Steel core ammunition is prohibited
- Incendiary or tracer rounds are prohibited
- Exploding targets are prohibited

Other Local Resources

Fort Hunter Liggett
20 miles south of King City
Jolon, CA 93930
US Army
(831) 385-3310

Lake San Antonio Recreation Area
2091 New Healy Rd, Bradley, CA 93426
Monterey County Parks Dept
1 (800) 588-2267

Lake Nacimiento County Park
16 Miles NW of Hwy 101 in Paso Robles, CA 93446
Monterey County Parks Dept
(831) 385-1484

Los Padres National Forest
Monterey Ranger District Office
406 S. Mildred St., King City, CA 93930
US Forest Service
(831) 385-5434
RESTRICTIONS

- No shooting zone within 150 yards of any developed area.
- There is no night hunting.
- Vehicles are restricted to designated routes.
- Park within 15 feet of designated routes.
- Off-highway Vehicles (OHVs) are permitted.

The Ten Essentials

Packing these items whenever you venture into the backcountry, even on day hikes or drives, is a good habit. On a routine trip you may only use a few of them. Yet you’ll probably never fully appreciate the value of the Ten Essentials until you really need one of them:

1. Map
2. Compass
3. Sunglasses and Sunscreen
4. Extra Clothing
5. Headlamp/Flashlight
6. First Aid Supplies
7. Firestarting Material
8. Matches
9. Knife
10. Extra Food & Water

As more people use parks and recreation facilities, LEAVE NO TRACE® guidelines become even more important for outdoor visitors. Leave No Trace is a plan that helps people to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for future generations. Leave No Trace applies in the frontcountry as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry).

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Heritage Resources

Please respect both prehistoric and historic archeological sites by observing the following guidelines:

- Treat all rock art sites, historic structures and buildings, and archeological sites with respect;
- Do not damage historic structures or archeological sites. Avoid moving things around, touching or climbing on the roof or walls of any site, building, or structure;
- Enjoy rock art features by viewing, sketching, or taking photographs of them. Never chalk, trace or touch the art;
- Do not make camp or build fires in, on or near an archeological site.
- If you discover an artifact or fossil, leave it in place for others to enjoy and report your find to the BLM. Collecting without a permit is illegal. Please report any known or suspected looting or vandalism of archeological or paleontological sites to the BLM or other local law enforcement authority.

Rules Regarding Fire Use

Campers are required to have a Free California Campfire Permit for any fire outside of designated fire rings. Permits can be obtained from the Central Coast Field Office and are generally not issued during the dry season (summer). Additional requirements include carrying water and a shovel to make sure the campfire is dead out before leaving the area. Never attempt to build a campfire during a windy day or leave the campfire unattended.

Restrictions on Lead Ammunition

In order to prevent the accidental poisoning of California condors, lead ammunition has been banned for most kinds of hunting.