For Your Enjoyment

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- Keep to open, signed roads and trails.
- Motorized use (vehicles, motorcycles, etc.) is prohibited.
- Shooting, hunting and possession of weapons is prohibited.
- Fort Ord is open from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- Campfires and fireworks are prohibited.
- Control and clean up after all dogs. Please observe posted leash restrictions.

Know the Signs

Single Track—popular for hikers and bikers. Watch your speed and avoid when wet.

Administrative Roads—most are graveled; a few are paved. More durable for wet use. These are open for public non motorized use.

Closed Trails—undergoing restoration. Unscheduled trails are closed trails too.

Military Heritage

Fort Ord is cherished for its link to the heroism and dedication of the men and women who served our nation and fought in the major conflicts of the 20th century. This area remains undeveloped thanks to its role as a U.S. Army training center throughout most of the 20th century. The area now serves as the principal training area for U.S. Army Reserve units in Vietnam and Gulf War training. This area was called Camp Ord in 1917, Camp Merritt Jones in 1941, and Camp Pendleton in 1944. The name was changed to Fort Ord in 1950. Fort Ord played an important role in the Vietnam War, training and deploying American troops.

In an Emergency

- Call 9-1-1
- The Monterey County Regional Fire District assists with EMS from stations near State Route 68 and another near Reservation Road.
- Presidio of Monterey Fire Department is located on General Jim Moore Boulevard.

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In 1991, Fort Ord was closed as a U.S. Army facility. The area was turned over to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in 1994.

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Trails Are Shared Access

Some trails can be heavily used. Please be considerate of other visitors.
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Closed Trails—undergoing restoration (high signs indicate trails closed). These are open for public use. Some trails can be narrow. Watch for speed and avoid when wet.

In an Emergency

• Call 9-1-1
• There are five fire stations near the National Monument that are shown on the trail map
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For Your Enjoyment

• Please observe posted trail restrictions.
• Campers and backpacks are prohibited.
• If you are hiking, never leave children unattended
• Speeding, hunting and possession of weapons are prohibited.
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Fort Ord’s origins date back to 1917, when the U.S. Army purchased land near the Monterey Bay to use as a training ground for field artillery and cavalry troops stationed at the nearby Presidio of Monterey. The area was named Camp Ord after Major General Edward O.C. Ord—a distinguished Civil War veteran.

Through the 1930s, Fort Ord’s primary purpose was cavalry training. In 1940, Camp Ord was re-designated Fort Ord with the 7th Infantry Division occupying the post. For the next 30 years, Fort Ord served as the primary facility for basic training in the U.S. Army. In its heyday, Fort Ord covered more than 28,000 acres and, at one time, was home to 50,000 troops. During the Vietnam War, it served as a leading training center and deployment staging ground. In total, as many as 1.5 million American troops trained at Fort Ord.

In 1991, Fort Ord was selected for decommissioning and the post formally closed in 1994.