

For Your Enjoyment

- Obey all Danger/No Trespassing signs and barricades. Do not touch items that might be discarded military munitions.
- 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 leash your pet when around other visitors.

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. Unsigned trails are closed trails too.



Trails are Shared Access

Some trails can be heavily used. Please be considerate of other visitors!



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Fort Ord National Monument

Trail Map & Guide

Fort Ord National Monument brings together outdoor recreation such as hiking, biking, and horseback riding with wise land management for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

This expansive landscape near the Monterey Bay provides 86 miles of rugged trail. The monument covers approximately 14,650 acres and is jointly administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Army. The BLM currently manages 7,200 acres, and an additional 7,450 acres will come under BLM administration following the completion of appropriate environmental remediation by the Army.

Fort Ord is loved for its beauty and rich biodiversity—including one of the largest remaining expanses of maritime chaparral composed of shrubs like manzanitas, wild lilac, and chamise that supports numerous plant and animal species.

In an Emergency

- Call 9-1-1
- Monterey County Regional Fire District is located on Portola Drive near Highway 68
- Presidio of Monterey Fire Department is located on General Jim Moore Boulevard



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 facility from 1917–1994.

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.



