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Dear Memorial Park Campers,

We’re excited to welcome you back to San Mateo County’s historic Memorial County Park campgrounds.

A lot has happened in the park since the park closed in 2019 for renovations. Upon your arrival you’ll experience repaved roads, refurbished picnic tables and fire rings throughout the day use and camping areas. In addition, new accessible restroom and shower buildings with water fountains have been constructed in Sequoia, Redwood, Tanoak and Wurr areas.

What hasn’t changed? The towering old-growth redwoods, miles of hiking trails, the beauty of Pescadero Creek, the camp store and staff-led activities.

Watch our “Welcome Back to Memorial” video before your visit: https://parks.smcgov.org/press-release/welcome-back-improved-memorial-park-may-28

Checking In

The easiest and quickest way to settle into your campsite is to be prepare beforehand for the check-in process. Please have the following items with you when you arrive:

- The name on the campsite reservation and the campsite number
- Your vehicle license plate number

You are allowed to have a total of two cars per campsite. If you plan to have a second car, we ask you to pay the additional $10 fee in advance by calling (650) 363-4021, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. This will speed up your check-in. Only cash payments are accepted at the park.

Members of your party who check-in separately at the park gate house must provide a copy of the reservation and their vehicle license plate number. A vehicle fee of $10 (cash only) is required at check-in unless a receipt showing payment is provided.
Be COVID-19 Safe

When visiting San Mateo County Parks, please follow California State COVID-19 safety guidelines.

**Unvaccinated**: Face coverings required outdoors when 6-feet of distance can’t be maintained. **Vaccinated**: Face coverings **not** required outdoors unless attending a crowded outdoor event.

- Masks are required at check-in.
- Maintain social distancing when around those not part of your group.
- Wash your hands frequently and carry hand sanitizer.
- Properly dispose of face masks in garbage receptacles.
- Any member of your group who does not feel well should not come to the park. If someone becomes ill while camping, they should return home immediately.
- Please clean the BBQ area before you depart.

Rules and Regulations

Please review all rules and regulations at https://parks.smcgov.org/memorial-park-regulations and be aware before you arrive that:

- Dogs or any pets are not allowed in the park or campgrounds.
- Smoking is prohibited as are portable BBQs.
- Amplified music or sounds are not allowed.
- Firearms of any kind are prohibited.

Pescadero Creek Park Update

Due to the CZU Lightning Complex fires that occurred in Pescadero Creek Park last fall, the park remains closed as are trails that connect from Memorial and Sam McDonald parks. Barricades with signs advising of closures are posted. Our staff continue to monitor conditions and still observe unstable ground and falling trees in the park. Hot spots in neighboring areas continue to flare up.

For your safety and that of park staff please adhere to trail closures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Watch this video to learn how the fire impacted Pescadero Creek Park and how the forest will recover: https://parks.smcgov.org/press-release/pescadero-creek-park-czu-lightning-fire