

IN AN EMERGENCY:

Call 911. There is an Emergency Call Box on the beach at the Entrance to Sand Highway that connects the caller to State Park Dispatch for emergency assistance.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

You are responsible for knowing park rules and regulations. All provisions of the California Vehicle Code are enforced. The term OHV means “off-highway vehicle.” Any motor vehicle operated off-highway is an OHV. A street-legal vehicle is an OHV when operated off-highway. Vehicles having green stickers are OHVs.

Post 2 is one mile south on the beach from Pier Avenue and marks the beginning of the OHV area. All OHVs must be transported to this point before off-loading. Street-legal vehicles only north of Post 2.

Speed—The speed limit is 15 mph on the beach, in camping and developed areas, and around any persons. Never drive faster than is safe for conditions.

Alcohol—Open container and DUI laws apply off-highway just as they do on-highway. Don’t drink and drive.

Suspended or Revoked License—Anyone whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked is prohibited from operating any motor vehicle, on- or off-highway.

Whip and Flag—All off-highway and highway vehicles must have a whip and flag to operate in the dunes. Flags must be solid orange or red and extend at least 8-feet high from the ground.

Reach and Operate All Controls—All operators of off-highway vehicles must be able to reach and operate all controls.

Spark Arresters—All vehicles operating off-highway must be equipped with either a street-legal muffler or a spark arrester maintained in effective working order.

Registration—When operating an OHV you must display either a license plate or an OHV sticker. OHV stickers include “Green Stickers,” California Nonresident OHV Use Permits and OHV stickers from states that have an OHV program.

Vegetation—It is never legal to run over vegetation. Stay out of closed areas.

Trash at Post 2—Deposit all trash in designated trash receptacles. Encourage your community to keep the parks clean to support recreational opportunities.

Dogs—Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash at ALL times and physically under control. Please clean up after your dog.

Fire/Firewood Restrictions—Ground fires are allowed on the sand south of Grand Avenue. The max fire size is 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height. Clean wood must be used. Only wood and untreated wood products—free of metal, petroleum products, or other toxic substances—are permitted for campfires or beach fires. Burning pallets of wood, fiber or plastic is prohibited. Never leave an unattended fire burning. Do not bury coals in the sand when putting out your campfire; they will continue to be hot for long periods of time and could cause injuries to visitors long after you have left the area. Fires should be put out by dousing them with water.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) LAWS

- Helmets required while operating.
- Whip and flag required.
- Passengers only allowed on ATVs designed to carry a passenger.
- ATV Safety Certificates required.
- Children 13 and under must be supervised at all times.

RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (ROV) LAWS

- Helmets required while operating.
- Whip and flag required.
- Seatbelts required.

REMEMBER: VEHICLES YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS AND YIELD TO WILDLIFE. WILDLIFE HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY.

