

Beach Restrictions as of 4.1.2020, by order of Santa Cruz County Health Officer

“All beaches in the County will be closed from 11 :00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. However, during the times that beaches are closed, the ocean will remain open for water sports (e.g., surfing, boogie-boarding, swimming, paddle-boarding, kayaking, boating, etc.), and individuals may cross beaches in order to access and leave the ocean.

During the times that beaches are open, they are to be used only for running, walking, cycling, water sports, or other form of physical activity. **Sitting, lying, standing, sunbathing, sight-seeing, picnicking, and all other non-exercise, passive, or sedentary activities at beaches are prohibited.** In addition, the following items are prohibited for use or possession on beaches for the duration of this Order: umbrellas, shade structures, tents, barbeques and grills, coolers, beach chairs, or other conveyances for sitting or lying.

Beach parkways (defined as streets, sidewalks, esplanades, or parks immediately adjacent to or abutting beaches or shoreline areas) should remain open, subject to the discretion of individual facility managers to address over-use, but they may only be used for running, walking, cycling, or other form of physical activity. **Sitting, lying, standing, sunbathing, sight-seeing, picnicking, and all other non-exercise, passive, or sedentary activities on beach parkways are prohibited and may result in a citation.”**

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