

County Prepares to Close Some Vehicle Access Points to American River Parkway

Pedestrians in these sites urged to protect the environment and pack out any trash

A half dozen entrances to the American River Parkway will be closed to vehicular traffic starting September 14 because of county budget troubles, Sacramento County Regional Parks Director Janet Baker has announced.

"Given the extraordinary budget situation we find ourselves in, reducing services in these areas will help retain park ranger and maintenance services in the more popular areas of the parkway," the director said.

The closures only affect parking areas. Because there will be no routine ranger and maintenance services at these locations, pedestrians that access these sites are asked to protect the environment and pack out any trash.

Closed access area include:

Access Points	Location	Alternate Access
Sailor Bar/Olive Avenue	Near old town Fair Oaks	Upper/Lower Sunrise Recreation Area
Sailor Bar/Illinois Avenue – partial closure of some parking area	Near Winding Way and Hazel Avenues	Upper/Lower Sunrise Recreation Area; Hazel Avenue River Access
Northgate	On north side of river, along Hwy 160	Discovery Park
Gristmill	Near Folsom Blvd and Butterfield Drive	River Bend Park
Waterton	Near La Riviera and Folsom Blvd.	Watt Avenue River Access
SARA Park	Rogue River Drive, near La Riviera and Folsom Blvd.	Watt Avenue River Access

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