



# COUNTY OF VENTURA GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

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### **Status of Ventura County Park System *County Parks to Reopen 4/17/20, 5 pm***

Ventura, Calif. – The County of Ventura has announced they are reopening County Parks today at 5 pm. The parks have been closed to support the health of community members during the COVID-19 response efforts. Playgrounds, tennis courts, community centers, campgrounds and golf courses will remain closed at this time.

“Our parks and open spaces are wonderful places for our community members to enjoy. This is one step on the road to reopening. We are so grateful for the sacrifices made by so many during this time. We appreciate that those steps helped save lives and helped lead us to a place where we can now reopen these great facilities. We thank our community members for continuing to follow the guidance by the Public Health Department so that we can continue to reopen even more facilities throughout our County,” said Mike Powers, County of Ventura CEO.

“We are happy to be able to open the County Parks for day use for our community members to enjoy. We are able to do this because the residents of Ventura County have been very cooperative in complying with Public Health Officer, Doctor Robert Levin’s orders to stay well at home,” said Dave Sasek, Director of the General Services Agency. “County Parks will continue to assess park operations while providing access to healthy outdoor options. We’re asking the community’s help to keep these facilities open. When visiting our parks please remember to practice social distancing so that we can continue to work to stop the spread of COVID-19,” said Sasek.

The County of Ventura Parks Department is a department of the General Services Agency and is charged with the planning, development, maintenance, and operation of various recreational facilities throughout Ventura County. County parks are funded and operated with revenues received from user fees and grants. The department is not supported by local tax dollars through the County General Fund. All user fees are retained by the Parks Enterprise Fund for the continued maintenance and enhancement of its recreational facilities.

For more information on County parks and trails, please visit <http://www.ventura.org/general-services-agency/parks-department> or call (805) 654-3951.

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