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# Park Operations Update

## Summer 2022



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**SONOMA**  
**COUNTY**



# What is park operations?

## 3 Park Districts

- River District
- Coastal District
- Mountain Valley District

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COAST

valleys  
+VIEWS

RUSSIAN RIVER

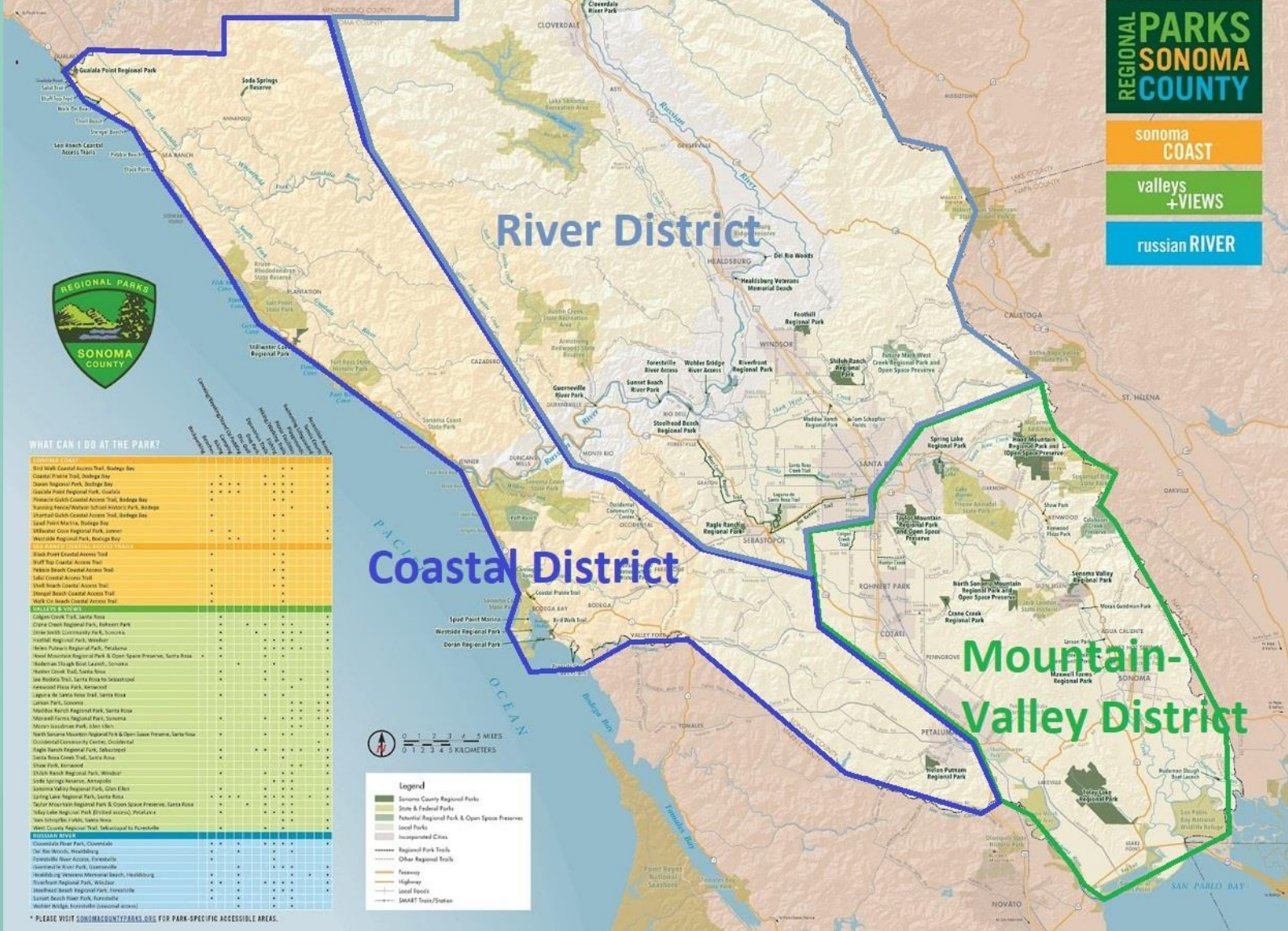


### WHAT CAN I DO AT THE PARK?

SONOMA COUNTY	AMADOR COUNTY	SUTTER COUNTY	YUBA COUNTY	COLUSA COUNTY
<b>ADULTS</b>				
Wild Coast Access Trail, Sadrage Bay				
Coastal Forest Trail, Sadrage Bay				
Darien Regional Park, Sadrage Bay				
Gevada Point Regional Park, Gevada				
Messiah Creek Coastal Access Trail, Sadrage Bay				
Sanaging Forest/Walker School History Park, Sadrage Bay				
Springside Coastal Access Trail, Sadrage Bay				
Shell Beach Marina, Sadrage Bay				
Wilburton Cove Regional Park, Jenner				
Mechanics Regional Park, Sadrage Bay				
<b>CHILDREN</b>				
Shell Beach Coastal Access Trail				
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<b>BIKERS</b>				
Collage Creek Trail, Santa Rosa				
Crocker Regional Park, Sebastopol				
State Beach Community Park, Sonoma				
Tomball Regional Park, Sebastopol				
Wagon Pulver Regional Park, Petaluma				
Wood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve, Santa Rosa				
Haleman Slough Boat Launch, Sonoma				
Hawden Creek Trail, Santa Rosa				
Jay Bridge Trail, Santa Rosa by Sebastopol				
Kenwood Hill Park, Kenwood				
Logans de Sisto River Trail, Santa Rosa				
Larkin Park, Sonoma				
Mudlow Ranch Regional Park, Santa Rosa				
Murphy Farm Regional Park, Sonoma				
Muir's Goodwin Park, Glen Ellen				
North Sonoma Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve, Santa Rosa				
Occidental Community Center, Occidental				
Ranger Ranch Regional Park, Sebastopol				
Santa Rosa Creek Trail, Santa Rosa				
Shore Park, Kenwood				
Shiloh Ranch Regional Park, Sebastopol				
Sinks Springs Reserve, Annapolis				
Sonoma Valley Regional Park, Glen Ellen				
Tarting Lane Regional Park, Santa Rosa				
Taylor Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve, Santa Rosa				
Timber Lake Regional Park (Bridled access), Petaluma				
Town Square Park, Santa Rosa				
West County Regional Trail, Sebastopol to Firestoneville				
<b>ADULTS</b>				
Cloverdale River Park, Cloverdale				
The Old Barns, Huntington				
Zaner/River Access, Forestville				
Gevada River Park, Gevada				
Headquarters Veterans Memorial South, Huntington				
Wheatfield Regional Park, Windsor				
Wheatfield South Regional Park, Healdsburg				
Sunset Beach State Park, Forestville				
Walden Bridge, Forestville				
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Legend  
 Sonoma County Regional Parks  
 State & Federal Parks  
 Potential Regional Park & Open Space Preserves  
 Local Parks  
 Incorporated Cities  
 Other Regional Trails  
 Regional Park Trails  
 Freeway  
 Highway  
 Local Roads  
 SMART Transit Station



# REGIONAL PARKS SONOMA COUNTY



# Who are we?

- Principal Park Ranger (1)
- Supervising Park Rangers (3)
- Park Ranger II (3)- currently 1 vacancy
- Park Ranger I (10)- currently 2 vacancies
- Operations Assistant (3)-*In Process*
- Park Ranger Assistant (6)
- Park Aide (7)
- Extra Help (12-45, depending on the season)

# What do we do?

We work to keep parks:

- Safe
- Clean
- Welcoming

# Summer Trends

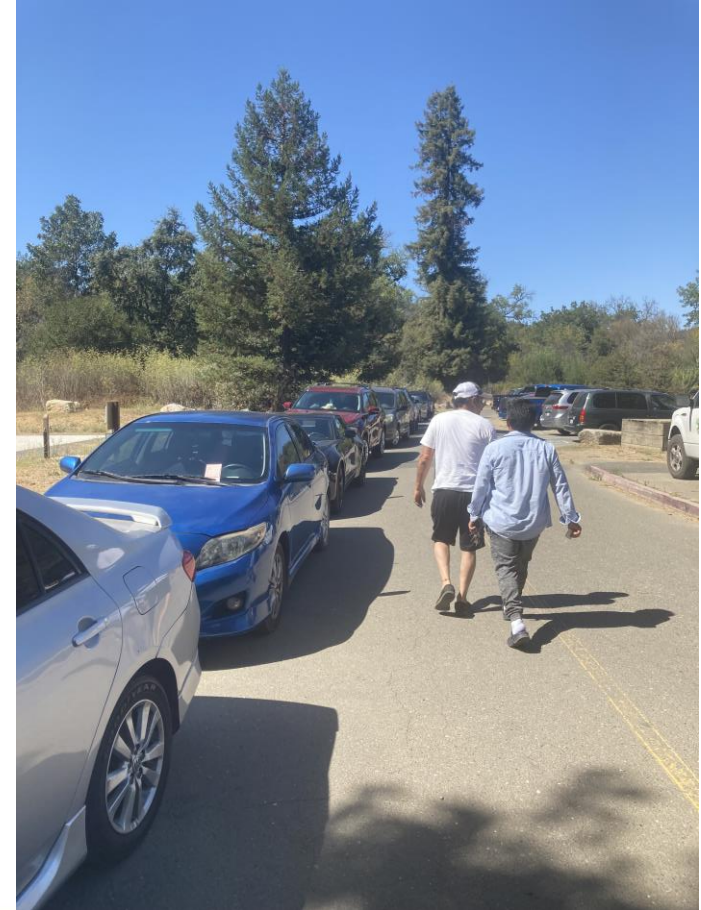
- Encampments
- Visitation
- Trash and Leave No Trace
- River Shuttle
- Staffing Levels
  - Creative Solutions

# Encampments

- Outreach
- Posting of Notices
- Enforcement
- Debris removal
- Storage



# Park Visitation









# Park Ranger Summer Medicals and Incidents River District (May- September)

- 9 Medicals
- 33 Incident Reports
- 394 Parking Citations
- Daily JRT patrols and illegal encampment contacts.
- Miles of foot patrols
- 2 Jr Ranger Programs



# Trash and Leave No Trace



# River Shuttle



# Staffing Levels

- Despite full funding, lower staffing levels this Summer meant:
  - Unstaffed kiosks
    - Low level of complaints
  - Parks left open at night
  - Reduction in services
    - Trash
    - Restrooms
  - Finding creative solutions!



# Low staffing levels led to adaptive management plans



## Russian River Beaches & fishing access

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**Legend:**

- Swimming/wading
- Life guard on duty (summer only)
- Hand boat launch
- Vehicular boat launch
- Fishing
- Life jacket loan station (summer only)
- Picnic tables
- Restroom
- Accessible areas (see website for details)
- Hiking/walking

**Map Locations:**

- Cloverdale River Park:** 31820 McCreary Road, Cloverdale
- Del Rio Woods:** 2568 S. Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg
- Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach:** 13839 Old Redwood Hwy., Healdsburg
- Riverfront Regional Park:** 7921 Eureka Road, Healdsburg
- Sunset Beach River Park:** 11403 River Road, Forestville
- Guerneville River Park:** 13811 Hwy. 116, Guerneville
- Wahler Bridge Fishing Access:** 9265 Wahler Road, Forestville
- Steelhead Beach Regional Park:** 9000 River Road, Forestville
- Forestville River Access:** 10584 River Drive, Forestville

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Scan Code to Buy Tickets for Regional Parks River Shuttle

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., departing every 30 minutes.  
 Tickets: All-day shuttle tickets are \$5. To purchase, scan the QR code above with your smartphone.

	BY KAYAK	BY CANOE	BY TUBE
Wahler Bridge Fishing Access	1.5 - 2 hours	3.5 - 4 hours	NR
Forestville River Access	4 - 6 hours	6 - 8 hours	NR
Sunset Beach River Park	2 hours	3 - 4 hours	4.5 hours
Forestville River Park	4 - 5 hours	6 - 7 hours	NR
Del Rio	1.5 hours	3.5 hours	NR
Wahler Bridge in Jenner	3 - 4 hours	5 - 6 hours	NR

Allowed at Steelhead Regional Park, Forestville River Access, Memorial Beach and

- Pack out your trash, including pet waste, to keep the river clean. Discarded fishing lines and hooks harm birds and other wildlife.
- Take your raft or tube home with you. When left behind, rafts, tubes and other floats harm wildlife and the river ecosystem.
- Cell phone reception is limited or non-existent at some beaches. Calling 911 is not always possible, so be extremely cautious around the water.
- Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach has lifeguards on duty regularly in the summer. Lifeguards patrol other beaches intermittently on summer weekends.
- Wear a life jacket. Borrow a free life jacket Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day at Del Rio Woods, Steelhead, Sunset, and Forestville River Access beaches. Just return it when you leave.
- Directly supervise children around the water - keep children within arm's reach.
- River conditions can change from year to year. Watch for hazards like snags, fallen trees, brush, bridges and pilings.
- Stay sober when in, on, or around the water. Both alcohol and cannabis use impair balance, judgment and reflexes.
- No fires, including bonfires and BBQs, on all Sonoma County beaches.
- Keep dogs on leash, even while they're swimming.
- Use a restroom! Human waste in rivers causes contamination and harm to wildlife. The Russian River is a water source for many.
- While Boating: Carry a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for every person in the vessel. Children under 16 must wear one.
- Before Fishing: Know the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations, including those specific to the Russian River. Learn more: [wildlife.ca.gov](http://wildlife.ca.gov)

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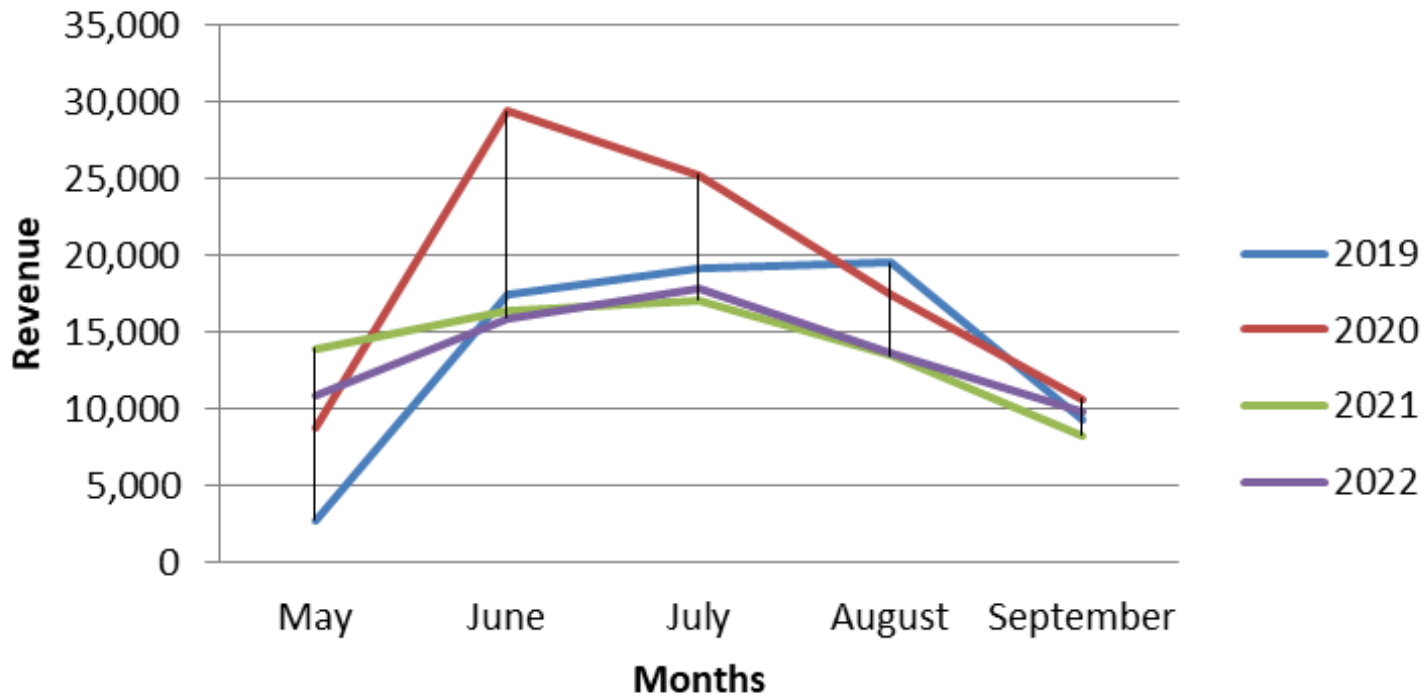
# Streamlined Waste Disposal

- Removed ~35 cans from River parks
- 2020- 157 cases of trash bags
- 2021- 101 cases of trash bags
- 2022- 85 cases of trash bags
- More projects to come.



# Non-staffed entry stations

## SHB Summer Revenue 2019-2022



# Hybrid models moving forward

- Continue to use dumpsters
- Move pay stations for streamlined entry
- Additional strategic use of maps, signage, and marketing
- Increased use of shuttle services

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