

**California Code of Regulations
Title 14. Natural Resources
Division 5.6. State Coastal Conservancy**

**Chapter 5: Use of Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County
(§ 13770 to § 13796)**

Article 1: General Regulations

§ 13770 Definitions

As used in Chapter 5 (Use of Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County):

- (a) “Division 21” means Public Resources Code, Division 21, governing the State Coastal Conservancy (commencing with section 31000).
- (b) the “Conservancy” means the State Coastal Conservancy.
- (c) “Board Members” means a member of the Conservancy’s seven-member governing board.
- (d) “board meeting” means an open and noticed meeting, convening the Conservancy’s governing board.
- (e) “Executive Officer” means the Conservancy’s Executive Officer and any Conservancy employee designated by the Executive Officer to act on the Executive Officer’s behalf.
- (f) “authorized representative” or “authorized representatives” is an individual, people, or agency with written authorization to carry out a specific act or set of actions.
- (g) “Chapter 5” means the California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Natural Resources, Division 5.6 State Coastal Conservancy, Chapter 5 Use of Pedro Point Headlands in San Mateo County.
- (h) “designated area” is a location on Pedro Point Headlands that permits or restricts use or activity.
- (i) “designated trail” is a trail marked by Conservancy signage.
- (j) “official hours” is the period of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset year-round.
- (k) “person” means any individual, corporation, operation, club, entity, or other association of persons.

- (l) “Pedro Point Headlands” means the area in San Mateo County, California, currently owned by the Conservancy or the State of California on behalf of the Conservancy, including easements; and any real property over which the Conservancy has management authority through a current lease or similar document.
- (m) “property closure” means an area on the Pedro Point Headlands that is closed to the public or subject to limited or specific use by the public for safety or to further Division 21.
- (n) “Smoke” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, weed, plant, or other combustible organic or chemical substance, the smoke from which is specifically designed or intended to be inhaled or drawn into the nose or mouth. This includes any vapor device, of any product name or descriptor, which releases gases, particles, or vapors into the air because of combustion, electrical ignition, or vaporization intended to be drawn into the nose or mouth (excluding any United States Food and Drug Administration approved nebulized medication).
- (o) “written authorization” is a license or other form of approval or agreement issued in writing by the Executive Officer before commencement of the use, event, or activity that is the subject of the written authorization.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31002 and 31103, Public Resources Code.

§ 13771 Chapter 5 Application

The provisions of Chapter 5 apply to the management, operation, use, and enjoyment of the Pedro Point Headlands.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13772 Notice and Signs

- (a) The Executive Officer may erect or post signs or notices on Pedro Point Headlands to identify a designated area, regulations, or applicable law, or post temporary signs or notices for emergencies or maintenance. Each sign or notice shall include the Conservancy’s logo and a citation.
- (b) No person entering, using, visiting, or otherwise within the boundaries of the Pedro Point Headlands shall remove or damage a Conservancy sign or notice.
- (c) The Executive Officer shall notify the public of designations and restrictions by one or more of the following methods:
 - (i) Board meeting announcements.

- (ii) Signs posted at conspicuous locations, such as normal points of entry and reasonable intervals along the boundary of the affected area.
 - (iii) Maps available on the Conservancy website or other places convenient to the public.
 - (iv) Conservancy website announcements.
 - (v) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area.
 - (vi) Other appropriate methods, such as the removal of signs; use of electronic media or park brochures, maps, or handouts; or within Chapter 5.
- (d) Notice for a property closure or e-bike classification will adhere to sections 13775 (Property Closure), 13784 (Bicycles), and 13791 (Horses), respectively.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13773 Compliance

- (a) Any person entering, using, visiting, or otherwise within the boundaries of the Pedro Point Headlands shall abide by these regulations, the provisions of any sign or notice posted or erected pursuant to these regulations or applicable law, the terms and conditions of any written authorization, the lawful order of a peace officer, the laws of the State of California, and applicable Federal law.
- (b) The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to Conservancy Board Members, officials, and employees acting within the scope of their authorized duties. However, when on the Pedro Point Headlands, Conservancy Board Members, officials, and employees shall abide by the laws of the State of California and applicable Federal law.
- (c) All Conservancy licensees, lessees, contractors, consultants, grantees, and agents, and their respective contractors, subcontractors, and volunteers, shall abide by all provisions of these regulations unless the provision conflicts with a written lease, contract, or other agreement with the Conservancy. When a conflict occurs, the conditions of the written lease, contract, or other agreement with the Conservancy shall prevail. When on the Pedro Point Headlands, lessees, contractors, grantees, consultants, agents, shall abide by the laws of the State of California and applicable Federal law.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13774 Official Hours

No person shall enter or remain on Pedro Point Headlands before or after “official hours.”

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13775 Property Closure

- (a) The Executive Officer may designate Pedro Point Headlands or locations on Pedro Point Headlands as closed to the public or as restricted to limited or specific use by the public when deemed necessary for public safety or to further Division 21.
- (b) The Executive Officer shall post notice of any property closure on the Conservancy website and at the area where the property closure applies and report the property closure at the next regular board meeting. The notice shall identify the area closed, reason for the property closure, and an approximate closure period.
- (c) No person shall use Pedro Point Headlands inconsistent with a notice of property closure.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13776 Parking

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle on Pedro Point Headlands. For purposes of this section, a “vehicle” is defined as any vehicle authorized by the California Department of Motor Vehicles to operate on public roads and highways on lands that are open and accessible to the public.
- (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles operating within the scope of official use or Conservancy-authorized vehicles necessary to further Division 21.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13777 Trail Speed Limit

- (a) The Executive Officer may assign trail speed limits to protect the public, environment, and wildlife.
- (b) Unless a sign or notice indicates otherwise, the maximum speed for trail use is 5 miles per hour.
- (c) All trail users shall comply with trail speed limits.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13778 Off-Trail Use

- (a) The Executive Officer may designate areas on Pedro Point Headlands as “off-trail” when the Executive Officer deems necessary for public safety or to further Division 21.
- (b) No person shall enter or remain in an area designated as off-trail.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13779 Dogs and Other Animals

- (a) No person shall have a dog on Pedro Point Headlands that exhibits, or has exhibited, dangerous behavior, including attacking, biting, or causing injury to a person or animal.
- (b) The person responsible for a dog shall crate or restrain a dog on a leash that does not exceed six feet in length, except for service animals, emergency search and rescue animals, and law enforcement dogs in the performance of their official duties. A “leash” includes a self-retracting leash locked in a position not to exceed 6 feet and excludes electronic or other invisible leashes. “Service animals” are dogs individually trained to do work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities.
- (c) The person responsible for a dog shall deposit the dog’s excrement in a designated receptacle or remove the dog’s excrement from Pedro Point Headlands.
- (d) No person shall leave an animal unattended in a vehicle where food, water, shade, ventilation and other basic needs are inadequate.
- (e) No person shall engage in commercial dog walking.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13780 Smoking

No person shall smoke on Pedro Point Headlands.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13781 Real or Personal Property Damage

No person shall deface, damage, or destroy any real or personal property belonging to the Pedro Point Headlands or an authorized representative.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13782 Firearms and Other Weapons

- (a) No person shall carry, possess, or discharge across, from, or onto any portion of Pedro Point Headlands any firearm, ammunition, missile, paintball gun, BB gun, air gun, or similar device.
- (b) No person shall carry, possess, discharge across, from, or onto any portion of Pedro Point Headlands any unit of any weapon, spear, bow and arrow, trap, net, or device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or capturing any animal, or damaging any public or private property.
- (c) This section shall not apply to the lawful possession of any firearm or ammunition by a peace officer authorized by their agency to carry a firearm.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13783 Written Authorization

- (a) A person wishing to participate in an activity prohibited under these regulations shall submit a written request and obtain written authorization. To request authorization, a person shall provide a written request to the Central Coast Regional Manager, identifying the activity and explaining consistency with (b)(ii)-(iii) of this section.
- (b) The Executive Officer shall approve or deny the request or request additional information.
 - (i) The Executive Officer shall reply to a request within 60 working days.
 - (ii) The Executive Officer may only provide written authorization for a restricted activity if the: (a) Conservancy has adequate staffing and resources to review the request; (b) authorization furthers Division 21; (c) authorization does not have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment; and (d) Executive Officer considers safety, infrastructure, staffing, and capacity to support the activity.
 - (iii) In a written authorization, the Executive Officer shall state how Division 21 is advanced, the authorized representative(s), the scope, the location, the duration of the authorization, an estimate of the number of people expected to attend, and a statement of equipment and facilities to be used. The Executive Officer may state conditions or restrictions aligned with (b)(ii)-(iii) of this section, such as equipment use or nighttime noise restrictions to avoid disturbing wildlife. No written authorization is indefinite, unless explicitly stated.
 - (iv) The Executive Officer may request additional information if necessary to comply with (b)(ii) or (b)(iii) of this section.

- (v) The Executive Officer shall deny a request if authorization would cause damage to park resources; unreasonably interfere with interpretive, visitor service, or other program activities, or with administrative or land management activities; unreasonably impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility maintained in the natural environment; present a clear and present danger to public health or safety; substantially impair the operation of public use facilities; or result in significant conflict with other existing uses or land management activities.
- (vi) The Executive Officer shall state the basis for denial of a request for written authorization.
- (c) Any person who obtains written authorization, or person in their party, shall show the written authorization, upon request, to a person authorized to enforce these regulations or act on behalf of the Conservancy.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

Article 2: Recreational and Other Uses

§ 13784 Bicycles

- (a) No person shall operate or propel a conventional bicycle or electric bicycle (e-bike) on the Pedro Point Headlands, except where Conservancy signs expressly authorize conventional bicycles or a specific e-bike classification for a designated trail.
- (b) The Executive Officer may authorize use of conventional bicycles or e-bikes and designate e-bike classifications for a designated trail, speed limits, and/or bicycle group sizes if the approval is consistent with Division 21; and based on safety, protection of natural resources, as well as infrastructure, staffing, capacity, and public access developments or improvements to support the activity.
- (c) If the Executive Officer authorizes use of e-bikes on a trail within the Pedro Point Headlands, the Executive Officer shall erect a sign at or near the trail, designating permissible e-bike classifications.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13785 Camping

No person shall camp, except shade and wind tents are permitted during official hours.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13786 Climbing, Slacklining, and Ziplining

- (a) No person shall climb or rappel on any rocks, boulders, caves, cliffs, any other geologic formations, facilities, structures, or trees.
- (b) No person shall slackline or zipline on or across any portion of Pedro Point Headlands.
- (c) No person shall place any anchors or bolts in rock, soil, trees, or other natural or manmade features.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13787 Drones

No person shall launch, land, or operate drones or other unmanned aircraft system from, on, or over Pedro Point Headlands.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13788 Fires

No person shall start or maintain a fire.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13789 Fireworks

No person shall possess, discharge, set off, release, or cause to be discharged, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or any item propelled by a spark or open flame.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13790 Harvesting, Collecting, or Planting

- (a) No person shall cut, destroy, injure, burn, or remove, any tree, shrub, bush, or other vegetation on Pedro Point Headlands.
- (b) No person shall take or cut wood on Pedro Point Headlands, including downed wood and driftwood.

- (c) No person shall plant, cultivate, harvest, or attempt to plant, cultivate, or harvest any plant or agricultural crop on the Pedro Point Headlands.
- (d) No person shall perform trail maintenance on existing or decommissioned trails or create new trails.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13791 Horses

- (a) No person shall ride or lead a horse on Pedro Point Headlands, except where Conservancy signs expressly authorize equestrian use for a designated trail.
- (b) The Executive Officer may designate horse group sizes to protect the public, animals, natural resources, and the environment.
- (c) The Executive Officer may authorize a designated trail for equestrian use if the approval is consistent with Division 21; and based on safety considerations, such as trail width, visibility, and slope; protection of the environment; and infrastructure, staffing, capacity, and public access developments or improvements to support the activity.
- (d) If the Executive Officer authorizes equestrian use, the Executive Officer shall erect a sign at or near the trail, designating areas for permissible equestrian use.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13792 Hunting, Fishing, or Disturbing Animals

- (a) No person shall hunt, pursue, molest, disturb, injure, tease, trap, snare, take, net, spotlight, view by artificial and infrared light, poison, or harm any mammal, bird, or other wild or domesticated animal or part of an animal. This subsection refers to living and dead animals and the taking of any part of an animal.
- (b) No person shall attempt an action in subsection (a) of this section.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13793 Livestock

No person shall keep, raise, maintain, or allow cattle, horses, sheep, or other livestock on Pedro Point Headlands.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13794 Other Vehicles and Devices

No person shall operate, propel, leave standing, or park on Pedro Point Headlands any motorized vehicle or device operated exclusively off public roads and highways, including “dirt bikes,” except mobility assistance devices used by people with disabilities, such as wheelchairs.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13795 Rolling, Coasting, Sledding, or Sliding Devices

- (a) No person shall roller skate; in-line skate; segway; or use self-propelled, electric powered, or motorized devices on Pedro Point Headlands, except where Conservancy signs expressly authorize use of that activity.
- (b) The Executive Officer may allow activities described in subsection (a) of this section if there are public access developments or improvements to Pedro Point Headlands and based on safety, infrastructure, staffing, and capacity to support the activity. Under no circumstances will such activities be authorized on any bench, sea wall, stairs, stairway, or railing.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.

§ 13796 Special Events

- (a) No person shall engage in special events, games, or recreational activities that endanger the safety of people, property, or resources.
- (b) No person shall host a wedding, ceremony, or other special event without prior written authorization, except events with fewer than 20 people.
- (c) No person shall charge for an event on Pedro Point Headlands.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Section 31102, Public Resources Code; and Reference: Sections 31053, 31104.1, 31105, 31162, 31119, 31251, 31400, and 31400.1, Public Resources Code.