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# El Capitan State Beach to re-open June 26, 2015

El Capitan State Beach has been cleared by the California Department of Parks and Recreation to re-open, Friday, June 26, 2015.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation and members of the Unified Command completed a site assessment of El Capitan State Beach and deemed it safe for the public, Thursday, June 18, 2015. While the beach will be open June 26 for camping and day use, State Parks personnel requests that campers do not check in until 12:00 p.m.

Reservations at Refugio State Beach have been cancelled until July 9. Additional reservations may be cancelled depending on the progress of the clean-up operation. State Parks staff will continue to monitor the cleanup and re-evaluate the closures. Any affected reservation holders will be notified by e-mail and voicemail of future cancellations. Campers with reservations that experienced additional impacts from the Refugio crude oil release should call the toll-free claims line at [1-866-753-3619](tel:1-866-753-3619).

Please monitor the State Parks webpage for status updates at <http://goo.gl/ZwWU6d>.

All other beaches in the Santa Barbara area are open to the public.

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