



## How to Obtain Day-Use Permit for Willow Creek addition to Sonoma Coast State Beach

Thank you for your interest in a “Special Event Permit” for day-use at the new Willow Creek State Park property. This permit will allow you to hike, bike or horseback ride on the property at your leisure, subject to State Parks ‘terms and conditions’ (see attached sheet).

As you may be aware, this beautiful 3,387-acre property has been added to the Sonoma Coast State Beach, purchased with funding from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, California Coastal Conservancy, California Wildlife Conservation Board and State Parks. LandPaths has been asked to oversee permitted public access to the property for hiking, biking and equestrian use. This non-profit / State Parks partnership represents an innovative approach to the purchase and management of public lands. Without this partnership, the purchase may not have been possible.

An application for the “Special Event Permit” is attached (also available by calling 707.524.9318, emailing [willowcreek@landpaths.org](mailto:willowcreek@landpaths.org), or visiting [landpaths.org](http://landpaths.org)). Please mail the **completed and signed** application to the address below OR you can simply bring the application with you to the orientation.

***You must then attend an orientation in order to receive a permit. Check our website ([www.landpaths.org](http://www.landpaths.org)) or call 707.524.9318 for an updated schedule and to RSVP.***

Orientations are held monthly at the new park and take only about 45 minutes. The orientation will cover parking, access, and will give you an opportunity to ask questions about the program and the property.

LandPaths has agreed to open Willow Creek for the public with only 10% of the funds required for a traditional state park! The seed funds providing for public access at Willow Creek have been provided by the California Coastal Conservancy. Your assistance, too, is key to helping us manage access to this park. One important way to help is by respecting private property boundaries that border all sides of Willow Creek. We also encourage you to fill out an “Outing Report” each time you visit the property. The information collected in these reports helps us to monitor the property, address problems, and provide a better user experience. There are also many Willow Creek volunteer opportunities, as part of our Trail Watch or Road and Trail Crew or helping in our office. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering.

***Once you fill out and sign the enclosed application, please mail it to LandPaths at the address below OR simply bring it to an orientation.*** To RSVP for an orientation, to volunteer, or if you have further questions or comments for us, contact LandPaths at: **707.524.9318 or [willowcreek@landpaths.org](mailto:willowcreek@landpaths.org).**

Thanks for your interest in the Willow Creek permit program. We look forward to seeing you on the land!

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Special Event Permit  
Willow Creek Unit Day-Use  
Terms and Conditions

Special Event Permits, when approved, shall be issued subject to the following provisions:

1. All activities and arrangements for use of the above mentioned property shall be at the direction of the District Superintendent or authorized representative.
2. Rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation unless specifically exempted or otherwise noted shall be observed by the permittee, employee, agents, or contractors.
3. The only special activities granted permittee herein are those listed in writing on the permit.
4. Vehicles under the authority of the permittee will be parked in designated areas and vehicle shall display the issued parking pass.
5. Permittee will be responsible for any and all damage to the park unit or any State property that was a result of permittee's activities. The State will be sole judge of the extent of the damage and the extent of repairs required to remedy the damage. All repairs will be performed to the satisfaction of the State.
6. The hours of operation for this permit will be 8:00 am to Sunset; all vehicles will be removed from designated parking areas ½ hour after sunset.
7. The property will be open to public use from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of November. Closure dates may be altered based on weather, road conditions, trail conditions, operational need, etc.
8. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following: possession of firearms, overnight camping, fires, off road vehicle use, and dogs on trails.
9. Permittee must attend an approved Department of Parks and Recreation orientation prior to accessing the property.
10. Permit must be renewed each year through LandPaths.
11. It is your responsibility to apprise LandPaths of your change of email, phone, and address. This is necessary in order for you to receive timely updates on the property, including seasonal openings / closures, gate combination changes, etc.