

Garrapata State Park Rocky Ridge Trail Project  
Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Approval

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>FROM:</b>
Office of Planning and Research 1400 10th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	California Department of Parks and Recreation One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Garrapata State Park Rocky Ridge Trail project

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**Project Approval**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the Garrapata State Park Rocky Ridge Trail Project (Project) on March 25, 2026.

**Project Location**

The 30.71-acre Project Site is located within Garrapata SP, Monterey County, and is located approximately 4 driving miles south of the City of Carmel-By-The-Sea on Highway 1.

Most of Garrapata SP is situated on the east side of Highway 1, rising steeply from the coastal bluffs and featuring trails through scrub and grassland covered hillsides and redwood-filled canyons. Parking for the SP is limited to the shoulders along Highway 1 with a small turnout on the east side that can accommodate approximately 10-15 cars. Trail access on the east side of the park includes the Rocky Ridge Trail and Soberanes Canyon Trail which connect near the east end of Soberanes Canyon and create a loop trail totaling approximately 4.25 miles.

**Summary Project Description**

The Garrapata State Park Rocky Ridge Trail (Project) is a proposed Class 2 pedestrian trail totaling approximately 5 miles of new, re-routed trail and 3 miles of decommissioned trail. The re-aligned trail will be longer than the existing trail since it will be constructed at a lesser grade but still maintain access to the top of Rocky Ridge and connect with the Soberanes Canyon Trail like the existing trail does.

State Parks, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described Project and has made the following determinations:

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There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted by State Parks which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of Project approval may be examined at the following website:

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=981](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981)

Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the proposed Project;

A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the proposed Project; and

A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration including comments and responses and record of Project approval is available to the general public at:

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=981](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981)

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District Superintendent

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