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PUBLIC PARKING NEAR BLACK STAR CANYON TRAILHEAD REOPENS

Roadside parking restrictions along other canyon roads remain in place to maintain traffic safety.

The County of Orange lifted parking restrictions along Black Star Canyon Road today to once again accommodate trails users visiting the area. Roadside parking is once again available between the Black Star Canyon trailhead and Silverado Canyon Road.

While the public has enjoyed uninterrupted access to the trail, temporary parking restrictions were implemented along Black Star Canyon Road in late March. The temporary safety measures were implemented due to potential safety risks associated vehicles blocking public areas, parked vehicles encroaching into the roadway and a lack of social distancing due to the large crowds during the State and County Public Health Orders prohibiting large public gatherings due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

As public safety remains the County’s top priority, parking restrictions along other roads in unincorporated Orange County canyon communities of Silverado Canyon, Modjeska Canyon and Trabuco Canyon will remain in effect to maintain safe road conditions for residents, visitors, first responders, service providers, cyclists and other roadway users.

On Tuesday, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to reopen parking lot facilities at County-operated regional parks and wilderness areas to allow additional access to outdoor areas. Those parking lots and park restroom facilities will reopen to the public the morning of Saturday, May 16. While parking lots were closed earlier in order to encourage social distancing due to State and local public health orders, the County’s regional parks and trails remained open. For a list of Orange County Parks locations and hours of operation, visit www.ocparks.com

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