

# VISIT SANTA BARBARA THE AMERICAN RIVIERA®

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## Destination Update: Refugio Oil Spill

On Tues., May 19, authorities reported a land-based oil pipeline rupture near Refugio State Beach, located about 23 miles north of Santa Barbara and 13 miles north of Goleta, California. Federal, state and local authorities confirmed that the leak was contained the same day and no additional oil has spilled.

**The cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta have NOT been affected.** Regular beach-going and waterfront activities are taking place. All area hotels, restaurants and attractions are open for business. All beaches located in and around the city of Santa Barbara and Goleta-area beaches are open. (See list below.)

In the Gaviota area, Refugio and El Capitán state beaches and campgrounds are closed until further notice. Gaviota State Beach is open. (See list below.)

Area in relation to the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta:



## **GAVIOTA-AREA PUBLIC BEACHES**

Gaviota State Beach: Open

California state parks: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=606](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=606)

Refugio State Beach: **Closed until further notice**

California state parks: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=603](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603)

El Capitán State Beach: **Closed until further notice**

California state parks: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=601](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=601)

## **GOLETA-AREA PUBLIC BEACHES**

Haskell's Beach: Open

City of Goleta: <http://www.cityofgoleta.org/>

Ellwood Beach: Open

City of Goleta: <http://www.cityofgoleta.org/>

Coal Oil Point Reserve, UCSB: **Open, but some restrictions in protected areas of snowy plover nests**

UC Santa Barbara: <http://coaloilpoint.ucnrs.org/>

Devereaux Beach (aka "Sands Beach"): Open

UC Santa Barbara: <http://www.ucsb.edu/>

Campus Point, UCSB: Open

UC Santa Barbara: <http://www.ucsb.edu/>

Goleta Beach: Open

Santa Barbara County: <http://cosb.countyofsb.org/parks/parks02.aspx?id=7682>

## **SANTA BARBARA-AREA PUBLIC BEACHES**

Arroyo Burro Beach Park (aka "Hendry's Beach"): Open

Santa Barbara County: <http://cosb.countyofsb.org/parks/parks02.aspx?id=7942>

Mesa Lane: Open

City of Santa Barbara:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/parksrec/parks/features/beaches/mesa.asp>

Shoreline Park: Open

City of Santa Barbara:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/parksrec/parks/features/beaches/shoreline.asp>

Leadbetter Beach: Open

City of Santa Barbara:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/parksrec/parks/features/beaches/leadbetter.asp>

West Beach: Open

City of Santa Barbara:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/parksrec/parks/features/beaches/west.asp>

East Beach: Open

City of Santa Barbara:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/parksrec/parks/features/beaches/east.asp>

### **Additional Information**

**Impacted tourist areas** (updated 5/27/15): The area affected is limited to the 4-mile stretch of shoreline between Refugio State Beach and El Capitán State Beach in the Gaviota area. The beaches and campgrounds at Refugio State Beach and El Capitán State Beach are closed until further notice. Fishing and shellfish harvesting in the area from Cañada de Alegria to Coal Oil Point is restricted. Turnouts may be closed in the section of Highway 101 in the 4-mile area. El Capitan Canyon Resort and Ocean Mesa at El Capitan is open.

The Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health has been doing 24/7 testing and monitoring of water and air in the vicinity and determined that there are no public health risks.

**Spill information** (updated 5/27/15): Federal, state and local agencies have been working to contain, mitigate and assess the impacts of the spill. U.S. Coast Guard and response vessels have used booms to harness and remove oil from the water. An on-land clean-up effort has also been underway. The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management estimates a complete clean-up of the 4-mile shore area between Refugio to El Capitán beaches may take several weeks to months. The California Department of Parks and Recreation and Visit Santa Barbara will post information when these beaches and campgrounds are safely reopened.

Visit Santa Barbara continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates on its press releases webpage: <http://www.santabarbaraca.com/media/press-releases/>.

### RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFO:

Current, updated information related to the incident: <http://Refugioresponse.com>

Refugio State Beach: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=603](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=603)

El Capitán State Beach: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=601](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=601)

Camping reservations: ReserveAmerica, 1-800-444-7275

El Capitan Canyon Resort and Ocean Mesa at El Capitan: (866) 352-2729

Volunteer information: 1-800-228-4544

Claims number: 1-866-753-3619

### MEDIA:

Media requests related to tourism:

Karna Hughes, Visit Santa Barbara: (805) 966-9222 or [karna@santabarbaraca.com](mailto:karna@santabarbaraca.com)

Media requests related to spill incident:

Joint Information Center: (805) 696-1188 or <http://Refugioresponse.com>