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Sand Harbor State Park to open at 6 a.m. over Labor Day weekend (Saturday - Monday) to help protect public safety, reduce traffic congestion

In anticipation of a surge in visitors over Labor Day weekend, Sand Harbor State Park will open two hours early to help reduce traffic congestion and protect public safety.

(Lake Tahoe, NV) - Lake Tahoe’s renowned Sand Harbor State Park is one of Nevada’s most popular recreation destinations, attracting thousands of area residents and tourists from all over the world every year. This summer amid the COVID-19 pandemic, visitation remains at an all-time high, creating severe traffic congestion along Hwy 28 and causing public safety concerns.

In anticipation of a surge in visitors this Labor Day weekend, Sand Harbor State Park will open two hours early (6 a.m.) on Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7, to help protect public safety by reducing traffic congestion and related impacts during peak hours. Visitors may access the park on a first-come, first-served basis. Aligning with COVID-19 restrictions, Sand Harbor State Park will close when the parking lot reaches 50% capacity, and vehicles will not be allowed to enter the park until it reopens, which is usually around 5 p.m. Please be advised that walk-ins and parking along Hwy 28 near Sand Harbor State Park are prohibited. Effective Tuesday, September 8, Sand Harbor State Park will resume regular hours of operation (8 a.m. to sunset).

As always, the health and safety of all Nevadans is the number one priority of the Nevada Division of State Parks. We appreciate the public’s support and understanding during these trying times, and we’d like to wish all Nevadans a happy and healthy Labor Day weekend.

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The Nevada Division of State Parks plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of more than 3.3 million visitors a year. The division was established in 1963 by the Nevada Legislature to form a new state park agency within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The division manages and maintains 23 parks, historic sites and recreation areas in Nevada.