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REGULATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS IN UPPER BIDWELL PARK

With the summer season almost upon us, visitors to Upper Bidwell Park will encounter friendly reminders from the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) regarding park rules and safety. Information checkpoints will be set up on both graduation and Memorial Day weekends. Safety topics will include the importance of staying hydrated, keeping on trails, and sunscreen use. Park visitors are asked to remember that alcohol, smoking and glass containers are prohibited in the park. In addition, dogs are not allowed in swimming holes.

Due to the drought conditions, water flows are currently at late-summer levels. Swimmers should exercise extreme caution when jumping from rocks. Upper Park Road is open to motorized vehicles on Fridays and Saturdays only. The gate at the Diversion Dam is closed indefinitely due to road damage. Upper Park visitors are encouraged to carpool and to park in designated lots only.

Along with the VIPS, Park Rangers will also be in the area to ensure safety and compliance. Park visitors are encouraged to talk to Park Watch members if they need information or have questions about the park. For more information please call the Park Division at 530-896-7800.

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