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City Reopened Simpson Park to Public Access

Hemet, CA – January 21, 2021. In concert with Riverside County Fire lifting closure at seven hazardous fire areas surrounding Simpson Park, the City of Hemet is pleased to announce the reopening of Simpson Park effective today, January 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm to all public access.

The following Fire Hazard Fire Areas have also been reopened:

- Avery Canyon (Gibbel Road east of State Street in Hemet)
- North Mountain and Indian Canyon (San Jacinto area)
- Whitewater Canyon (Cabazon, north of Palm Springs)
- Nuevo/Lakeview (east of Menifee Road and San Jacinto Avenue)
- Minto (Sage)
- Reinhardt Canyon (north of Highway 74 and California Avenue in Hemet)
- Ramona Bowl and Bautista Canyon (southeast Hemet)

We understand the frustration members of the public may feel when they aren't able to visit their favorite trails, and we apologize for any inconvenience the closure may have caused. The Hemet Fire Department remains committed to cooperating with Riverside County Fire and doing everything we can to keep our community safe," said Hemet Fire Chief Scott Brown. The community is encouraged to continue abiding by COVID-19 safe practices by wearing face coverings and social distancing while in the park.

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