



# Muir Woods Transportation Enhancement Highlights

## Comprehensive draft agreement reached between the County of Marin and National Park Service

- Memorandum of Understanding drafted with input from public meetings, community representatives and stakeholders

## Visitation experience will be improved and visitation levels limited

- To increase the quality of the visitor experience and in a way that reduces peak congestion and overall demand for parking (*see attached visitation charts*)
- Provides different experiences, accommodating busy summer weekends while ensuring quieter off season periods

## Public Transit serving Muir Woods will be increased

- Ongoing commitment to proven Muir Woods shuttle

## Commercial buses arrival will be managed and controlled

- Bus sizes will be limited to 35 feet
- Arrival will be via reservation only

## Parking enforcement capability will be upgraded

- National Park Service given authority to issue tickets along road, additional dedicated enforcement officers
- Physical barriers and new signage for unsafe parking will be installed to reduce peak roadside parking from 400+ to 110 spaces, with further reductions over time

## Creekside parking along the road eliminated

- Road shoulder parking along Muir Woods Road south of the concrete bridge that is closest to the creek will be completely eliminated over a number of years through a phased ramp down (*see attached map*)

## Watershed health improved

- Reduced shoulder parking and fewer vehicles near to creek
- Interim storm water management measures will be implemented in roadside parking areas
- Continued collaboration on habitat improvement projects along Redwood Creek

**Muir Woods National Monument** is a window in the complex world of nature and conservation...the monument is a contemplative setting where people discover the primeval redwood forest, within minutes of San Francisco



Muir Woods Transportation Enhancement Timeline as proposed in draft Memorandum of Understanding

Timeline:	Years				
	First months	1 and 2	3, 4 and 5	5, 6 and 7	7+
<b>Visitation Levels and Parking Demand</b>	Reservation system in design and preparation		Reservation system for visitors and parking up and running with managed, smoothed and limited visitation patterns		
<b>Parking Management</b>	New parking signs, authority granted to NPS to enforce	Physical barriers installed, additional officers	Parking by reserved permit only, heavily enforced		
<b>South of Bridge Creekside Spaces</b>	400+, incrementally moving down towards 80		No more than 80	No more than 40	0
<b>Watershed Health</b>	Interim storm water measures design and installation		Continued collaborative habitat enhancement projects		

Reservation System Launch



## Parking Management Map for Muir Woods Road

The **Parking Management Corridor** is where parking will be permitted and reserved for peak periods. A

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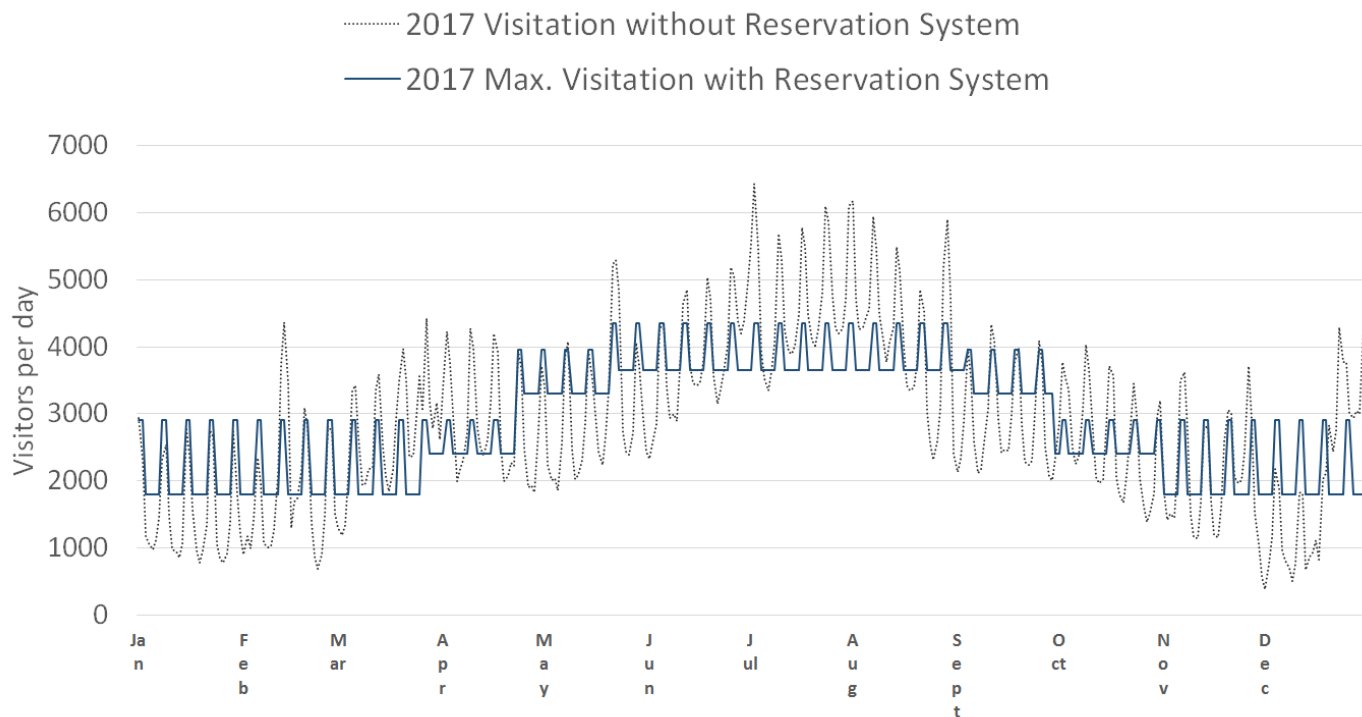
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The **Parking Enforcement Corridor** is where NPS and Marin County Sheriff will have enhanced parking enforcement.

## Projected Visitation Charts for Muir Woods

Under the NPS reservation system, visitation will be limited during peak hours and days. The below chart shows what daily visitation is estimated to be in 2017 (black dotted line) without a reservation system and the blue line would be the maximum visitation once the reservation system is implemented. In peak periods, daily estimated vehicle trips to Muir Woods would be reduced by 20-30%, and in peak hours, vehicle trips would be reduced by approximately 40-50%.



Public access to Muir Woods would remain with more intentional management. Under the reservation system, different visitation levels will occur at different times in the year. Over 50% of the year, visitation would be less than 3000 visitors per day, and around 30% of the year, visitation would be less than 2000 visitors per day. Peak periods (summer weekends) will accommodate high visitation but will be limited to under 4500 per day (down from current peak days of 5000-6500) with managed hourly arrivals to reduce congestion and to prevent the Woods and its parking from being overwhelmed.

