

National Parks

<https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

NPS.gov 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

The National Park Service is modifying its operations on a park-by-park basis in accordance with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local public health authorities. While most facilities and events are closed or canceled, outdoor spaces in some parks remain accessible to the public. Before visiting, please check with individual parks regarding changes to park operations. If you choose to visit a national park, please ensure that you follow CDC and state and local guidelines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and practice Leave No Trace principles. Updates about the NPS response, including safety information, are posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

Ohio State Parks

<http://ohiodnr.gov/odnr-operations-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

ODNR Operations During Coronavirus Outbreak

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The Ohio Department of Natural Resources continues to operate in accordance to guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and Governor Mike DeWine in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Ohio. We want to assure our visitors that we are monitoring the situation closely and doing all we can to protect the public and our staff.

Discover the Outdoors Online with our Experts:

If you can't visit one of our properties in person, we have tools to connect you to the natural, historical and cultural assets of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Explore the links on our Digital Discoveries page to learn more about our properties and programs and take some time to plan your next adventure in Ohio's great outdoors.

What is open:

Public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, wildlife areas, forests and nature preserves remain open, including trails, dog parks, and docks with a few exceptions:

Hocking Hills State Park is closed. This closure includes Ash Cave, Cantwell Cliffs, Cedar Falls, Old Man's Cave, Rock House and Whispering Cave. This closure also includes Conkle's Hollow State Nature Preserve and several areas at the Hocking State Forest (trails, rock climbing and rappelling area, fire tower area, and day use bridle areas).

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is closed.

The boardwalk trail at Maumee Bay State Park and the boardwalk at Punderson are closed. We've assembled a list of beautiful hiking trails that may be new to you. If you head out, use common sense, adhere to social distancing guidance, and remember to plan ahead – restrooms and other facilities are closed at Ohio Department of Natural Resources properties statewide. Visit the [Statewide Trails Website](http://StatewideTrails.com) for more information.

What is limited:

Parking. If a parking area is full or a parking lot is blocked, move on. Cars parked on roadways or grass will be ticketed.

Nonresident Access. Non-resident fishing and hunting license sales have temporarily been suspended. Individuals who currently possess a non-resident hunting or fishing license may hunt or fish in Ohio if they abide by ODH guidance to self-quarantine for 14 days before they do so.

Trout stockings will continue this spring but events associated with stockings have been cancelled.

If you wish to access Army Corps of Engineers properties, please check their websites for the latest information. Some Army Corps properties are not accessible at this time.

Shooting Ranges. Class A shooting ranges are closed. All other shooting ranges are open at this time. Check details below

[Shooting Range Closure Details](#)

What is closed:

Restrooms and Shower Houses. Please plan accordingly.

State Park Lodges: Burr Oak, Deer Creek, Geneva, Hueston Woods, Maumee Bay, Mohican, Punderson, Salt Fork, and Shawnee State Park

All cabins

All campgrounds (including the campgrounds at Woodbury and Crown City Wildlife Areas)

All visitor centers

Golf courses

Playgrounds

Fire towers

APV areas

Horse camps

State park marina buildings

Naturalist programs, hikes, and special events at ODNR properties are suspended through May 15

Property Closures:

Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitor Center (Erie County) is closed.

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The boardwalk trail at Maumee Bay State Park is closed.

The boardwalk at Punderson State Park is closed.

ODNR office locations are closed, but ODNR staff is still here to assist you:

All Division of Forestry office locations and state forest office sites, including the

Mohican-Memorial Shrine are closed to the public until further notice. All fire towers, horse

camp, and APV areas are closed. Hocking State Forest closures additionally include all trails, rock climbing and rappelling areas, and day-use bridle areas. For more information visit forestry.ohiodnr.gov or call 1-877-247-8733.

All Division of Geological Survey office locations, including the Horace Collins Lab are closed to the public until further notice. For more information call 614-265-6576 Monday through Friday, 8am to 11:30am and 1:00pm to 4:30pm or email at geo.survey@dnr.state.oh.us.

All Division of Mineral Resource Management office locations are closed to the public until further notice. For more information call 614-265-6633 or email at minerals@dnr.state.oh.us.

All Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management offices are closed to the public until further notice. Staff is available by phone at (614) 265-6922 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. –5 p.m. or via email at oilandgas@dnr.state.oh.us.

All Ohio State Park and Watercraft offices, visitor centers, and nature centers are closed to the public. Staff is available by phone and email to respond to questions regarding local facilities, as well as current and new reservations. Visit ohiostateparks.org to find the park office number for each park.

All Division of Wildlife district offices, visitor centers, and wildlife area headquarters are closed to the public and all hunter/trapper education courses are to be cancelled until further notice. For more information visit wildlife.ohiodnr.gov.

Modifying or Cancelling your Reservation:

Ohio State Park Campground and Cabins: Reservations with an arrival date on or before May 14 will be cancelled automatically. Customers will receive a full refund for these reservations back to the original form of payment where possible. If we can't refund to the original form of payment, you will receive an Ohio State Parks e-gift card for use on a future reservation.

Lodge Rooms and Cabins: Overnight reservations with an arrival date on or before May 14 will be cancelled automatically. Customers will receive a full refund for these reservations back to the original form of payment where possible. If the refund cannot be processed to the original form of payment, lodge staff will contact guests directly to discuss an alternate form of refund. Customers with day-use shelter reservations will be notified by the park staff about their reservations.

Great Parks of Hamilton County

<https://www.greatparks.org/covid-19>

In the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Ohio, we want to assure our guests we are monitoring the situation closely.

Effective Thursday March 19, 2020, Great Parks is extending closures and cancellations through May 10, 2020.

We are waiving the Motor Vehicle Permit to make our parks more accessible so everyone can enjoy the outdoors.

As of Thursday, March 19, the following is open:

All 21 Parks and Preserves (restrooms are closed)
Passive Recreation including Trails, Disc Golf, Private Boat Access and Fishing Access

Effective Monday, March 23, the following is closed and canceled through May 10, 2020:

Basketball Courts
Boathouses
Camping at Lake Isabella, Miami Whitewater Forest and Winton Woods
Dog Parks
Easter Brunches
Ellenwood Nature Barn at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve
Events (on-site and off-site)
Food Service
Golf Courses
Golf Lessons
Group Camps
Highfield Discovery Garden
Horseback Riding Lessons
Indoor Playgrounds
Mother's Day Brunches
Mystery Dinners
Nature Center at The Summit
Nature's Niche Gift Shops
Organized Soccer and Softball
Parky's Farm
Picnic Tables, Areas, Shelters & Grills
Playgrounds and Fitness Equipment
Programs (on-site and off-site)
Reservable Areas (indoor and outdoor)
Restrooms
Spring Break Camps
Tournaments and Leagues
Visitor Centers and Exhibit Areas
Volunteer Events
Water Fountains

We are not reserving shelters or facilities through May 10, 2020. All existing reservations through May 10, 2020 have been canceled.

New Trails Open

We know our trails are popular, making it increasingly difficult to maintain social distancing. To keep you safe, we've closed select streets and converted them to trails for pedestrian and bicycle use.

Miami Whitewater Forest (Printable Map)

Sharon Woods (Printable Map)

Cincinnati Parks

<https://www.cincinnati-parks.com/how-is-covid-19-affecting-cincinnati-parks/>

09 Apr How is COVID-19 Affecting Cincinnati Parks?

Cincinnati Parks Response to COVID-19

In accordance with Governor DeWine's Stay at Home Order:

Users must observe social distancing recommendations of 6' from other persons at all times (unless people are direct family members, caregivers, or part of a couple).

No group gatherings over 10 people.

We recommend park visitors wear masks.

All playgrounds and play equipment are closed.

Tennis courts and volleyball courts are closed. Basketball courts and disc golf courses are closed.

Gates to Twin Lakes at Eden Park are closed to vehicular traffic. The park remains open.

McEvoy Park vehicular access is restricted, the park remains open.

All drinking fountains are closed.

Cincinnati Parks and trails remain open. Cincinnati Parks has signed a joint-statement with the National Recreation and Park Association, and more than 500 agencies, partners, and like-minded organizations supporting the continued use of our parks and open spaces during the COVID-19 outbreak. Please click here to read the statement.

<https://www.nrpa.org/about-national-recreation-and-park-association/press-room/NRPA-statement-on-using-parks-and-open-space-while-maintaining-social-distancing/>

Users should not use parks or trails if they exhibiting symptoms.

Users should follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trail.

Users should be prepared for no access to public restrooms in some locations.

Users should share the trails and warn other trail users of their presence as they pass.

Stay At Home Order Frequently Asked Questions

List of Open Restrooms:

Hand washing is key in preventing the spread of the disease and in keeping the safety of the public in mind, providing access to restrooms in our Parks is essential.

The following restrooms are open from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 7 days/week.

Smale Riverfront Park at Walnut Street

Twin Lakes at Eden Park

Ault Park Heekin Overlook

Burnett Woods Bandstand

Alms Park Pavilion

Mt. Echo Park Pavilion

Mt. Airy Entrance

Mt. Airy Dog Park

McEvoy Park

Washington Park (maintained by 3CDC, hours may differ)

Fountain Square (maintained by 3CDC, hours may differ)

The restrooms will be regularly cleaned with the last cleaning of the day around 3:00 p.m.

Additional Updates

All Cincinnati Parks events are canceled from now until May 11th in accordance with guidelines from the state of Ohio. Find a list below of any events that have been canceled or postponed in response to COVID-19 concerns. For more frequent updates, visit our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Any special use events or picnic shelters/wedding area reservations canceled due to Coronavirus concerns will be refunded. To cancel please call 513-357-2604 and leave a voice message.

When visiting our parks, all general rules still apply.

Daily Does of Activities

Looking for activities to do? Visit our Daily Does of Activities page for suggestions on adventures one can have in Cincinnati Parks. We'll update this page daily. Downloadable packets for home or on-the-go to come!

Closed to the Public

All in-person customer service at Parks office buildings are temporarily unavailable. Please visit our online messaging system to reach departments directly. They include:

-Parks Administrative Building at 950 Eden Park Drive

-Riverfront at 705 East Pete Rose Way

-Planning, Design & Facilities at 2625 Reading Road

-Bettman Natural Resource Center at 4 Beech Lane

Other Areas closed to the public:

- Tennis courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts, and disc golf courses
- Gates to Twin Lakes at Eden Park and McEvoy Park are closed to vehicular traffic
- Some park restrooms
- All playgrounds and play equipment
- All drinking fountains
- The ability to reserve picnic shelters, group picnic areas, and garden wedding areas
- All Cincinnati Parks Nature Centers
- Krohn Conservatory is closed until further notice
- Explore Nature! programs have been canceled through May 11
- Carol Ann's Carousel is closed until further notice
- Cincinnati Parks volunteer events have been canceled through May 11
- Riverfront events have been canceled through May 11

Important Links

For updates from our partners at the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, visit the Parks Foundation COVID-19 Event Preparedness Plan.

Please check back here as updates are made daily. Follow our social media pages at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more updates.

For general information about Coronavirus, please visit CDC's main web page and CDC's information on prevention of Coronavirus

For recommendations on visiting parks please click on the CDC's Recommendation for Park Visitors web page