COVID-19 Information for Visiting State Parks
Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends getting outside during this time.

- Spending times outdoors is a great way to stay active and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s important that all guidelines from state and local health officials, such as social distancing and practicing good hygiene, are still followed.

- In response to the developing public health situation with COVID-19 and the Ohio Department of Health’s Stay At Home Order, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will be closing campgrounds, cabins, golf courses, restrooms, shower houses, playgrounds, and state park marinas at all ODNR properties effective March 24, 2020 to protect the health of both visitors and staff.

- Public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, wildlife areas, forests, and nature preserves including trails, dog parks, non-marina docks, and ramps remain open at this time, but visitors should use common sense and follow guidance from the National Recreation and Park Association for staying safe.

- To help protect the public against the spread of COVID-19, multiple Ohio Department of Natural Resources lodges and Ohio State Park offices have been closed.

- State Park Lodges have closed:
  - Burr Oak Lodge and Conference Center (Morgan County)
  - Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center (Pickaway County)
  - Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center (Preble County)
  - Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center (Lucas County)
  - Mohican Lodge and Conference Center (Ashland County)
  - Punderson Lodge and Conference Center (Geauga County)

For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov
- Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center (Guernsey County)
- Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center (Scioto County)
- Lake Hope Dining Lodge (Vinton County) – Limited availability, including carry-out

- Employees will still be available by phone and email at local park offices 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.

- To reschedule or cancel current reservations, or to make new reservations, visit www.reserveohio.com or call 866-644-6727.

- Visit https://www.nps.gov/state/oh/index.htm for information on national parks in Ohio.

- Even when you’re outside, remember to practice safe and proper social distancing. Try to stay at least six feet away from others in the parks.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1.800.985.5990 (1.800.846.8517 TTY), connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line – text the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741, or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1.877.275.6364 to find resources in your community.

Additional Resources:
Ohio Department of Natural Resources: http://ohiodnr.gov/
STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK

GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)

DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES

CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN

CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

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