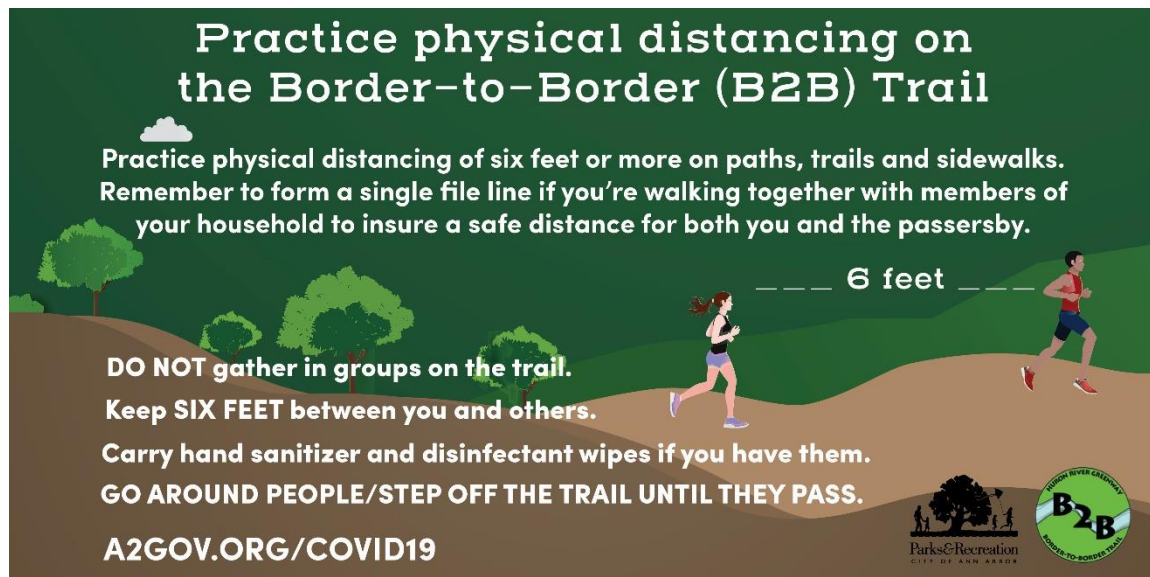


COVID-19 Parks and Recreation Operations

Updated May 5, 2020

A listing of park facilities, programs and amenities (in alphabetical order) and their current status as allowed by the State of Michigan Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order, follows, along with other relevant information. In order to reopen, park facilities have many important tasks that can only be completed once nonessential work is once again permitted. Once the stay-at-home order is lifted, significant preparatory work awaits, including: training seasonal staff, modifying operating procedures, preseason maintenance repairs and other operational duties. As activities are reintroduced, their success relies on the willingness of visitors and staff to follow current physical distancing guidelines and identified best practices.

Enjoy the parks responsibly!



ATHLETIC FIELDS

Athletic fields for organized team sports such as baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse remain closed. Individuals or members of a same household may use fields for recreational activities. Staff will continue to evaluate the use of these amenities as physical distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations are updated and when the stay-at-home order is lifted or amended.

BASKETBALL COURTS

Use of the basketball courts that follows social distancing guidelines, such as shooting baskets individually or with members of the same household, is allowed beginning Friday, May 8. No team game play is allowed. Basketball courts will be signed to reflect this change.

BOATING – ARGO AND GALLUP CANOE LIVERIES

The EO allows for boating in personal kayaks, canoes and watercraft. Under the existing EO, Argo and Gallup canoe liveries are not permitted to open. Staff is exploring operational changes that may enable the liveries to open in a modified manner later this summer.

BRYANT AND NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community Action Network operates these vital community centers on behalf of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation. Both centers are open for essential services such as food distribution, hygiene product distribution and educational home kits. At Bryant, food program participation has doubled. Nearly 1,000 families came through for groceries in April when the average is around 450-500. In the first four months of 2020, CAN has distributed about 6,000 meals at Bryant, which surpasses what was served at this location all of last fiscal year. CAN has also distributed a couple thousand educational kits and received/donated 200 arts and crafts kits from the Ann Arbor Art Center.

COBBLESTONE FARM

The Parks Customer Service remains closed, but staff is responding to emails and returning calls by working remotely. The public can contact parks at Parks&Rec@a2gov.org or by calling 734.794.6230 and staff will respond to you as soon as possible. Rentals of Cobblestone Farm and special events in the parks are currently closed. Customers may cancel existing reservations at no penalty. Staff will contact any existing reservations 60 days prior to their event and the physical distancing guidelines in effect at that time will determine if the event may move forward. Contact staff at 734.794.6230 to discuss existing reservations or to ask questions about future dates.

DAY CAMPS

Staff is reviewing day camp procedures and working collaboratively with colleagues from across the profession to see if there is a safe, fun way to provide our day camps. Unfortunately, many departments across the country have already cancelled summer day camp. Staff hopes to make a final decision on camps by mid-May. If camps are cancelled all registrants will receive a full refund.

DISC GOLF

The disc golf courses at Bandemer and Mary Beth Doyle Parks will reopen Friday, May 8, provided physical distancing guidelines are followed.

DOG PARKS

Dog parks will reopen Friday, May 8, provided social distancing guidelines are followed. Visitors should wear gloves when entering and exiting at the admission gates.

FARMERS MARKET

Per the EO, farmers markets can operate and sell certain items, The Ann Arbor Farmers Market reopens Saturday, May 9 to provide essential food and other permitted items to customers. We are taking precautions to ensure staff, vendor and customer safety by opening with a phase 1 and phase 2 timeline. Phase 1 will include preorder only with walk in or curbside pickup. Phase 2 will keep the first model but add on-site sales as well. Vendors will be spaced out within the market area per physical distancing guidelines and signage will inform customers how to shop under these new guidelines. Visit our [website](#) for the list of participating vendors taking pre-orders.



PHASE ONE
A2 Market
reopens for
PRE-ORDER
PICK-UPS
on May 9

Ann Arbor
**farmers
market**

The Ann Arbor Farmers Market is reopening in phases with protocols put in place for your safety.

Order your goods directly from your favorite market vendor and pick up using our walk-in or curbside pick-up options.

For more details and to order, visit a2gov.org/market

FOOT GOLF – HURON HILLS

Foot Golf will be open, provided social distancing guidelines are followed, the week of May 18. Visitors must bring their own soccer ball.

GIVE 365 PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All events through May have been cancelled. Independent volunteer and household projects preapproved by Adopt-A-Park can resume after May 1, provided they meet social distancing guidelines. Stay tuned for additional individual and household volunteer opportunities.

GOLF – HURON HILLS AND LESLIE PARK GOLF COURSES

Per the EO, golf is now a permitted recreational activity. Huron Hills and Leslie Park Golf courses opened for play on Friday, May 1. The clubhouses remain closed and golf carts are only available for disabled customers. New procedures are in place to facilitate social distancing and limit the potential

of shared touch points. Additional information on new procedures can be found [online](#). You can now rent golf carts on a limited basis at both courses.

GOLF IS BACK: Book a tee time online and pay in advance!

Leslie Park (LP) and Huron Hills (HH) golf courses are open. Book your tee time online today. Please visit our website to view a complete list of safety protocols we have put in place. Thank you. **a2golf.org**.



a2gov.org/LPGCteetimes
734.794.6245



a2gov.org/HHGCteetimes
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Questions? Please visit a2golf.org

NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION (NAP) PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All events through May have been cancelled. Independent and household volunteer projects preapproved by NAP can resume after May 1, provided they meet social distancing guidelines. Stay tuned for additional individual and household volunteer opportunities.

OUTDOOR POOLS – BUHR, FULLER & VETERANS MEMORIAL

Traditionally, the outdoor pools open Memorial Day Weekend. On April 30, Governor Whitmer passed Executive Order 2020-69 - Temporary restrictions on the use of places of public accommodation. The order closes "places of amusement" through May 28.

"Place of public amusement means a place of public accommodation that offers indoor services or facilities, or outdoor services or facilities involving close contact of persons, for amusement or other recreational or entertainment purposes. A place of public amusement includes an amusement park, arcade, bingo hall, bowling alley, indoor climbing facility, skating rink, trampoline park, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities."

Due to both EO's it will not be possible to open the pools on Memorial Day Weekend this year. Significant changes to social distancing and the ability for public gatherings to take place will have to occur for the outdoor pools to open safely. The level of public congregation that takes place at aquatic facilities and the number of staff required to operate these facilities will make it extremely difficult to open and manage them safely this summer. Some park departments across the country have already decided not to open their outdoor pools at all this season. Parks staff is participating in webinars, speaking to colleagues around the country, and working hard to investigate scenarios under which the pools could open safely at a later date. A further update on outdoor pools will be provided by May 20.

PLAYGROUNDS

Playgrounds remain closed. Staff will continue to evaluate the use of these amenities as social distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations are updated and when the stay-at-home order is lifted or amended.

SENIOR CENTER

Under the current EO the Senior Center remains closed. Staff is exploring other ways to bring programs to members of the Senior Center. Staff will continue to evaluate reopening the Senior Center as social distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations are updated and when the stay-at-home order is lifted or amended.

SHELTERS AND PAVILIONS

Shelters and pavilions remain closed. Staff will continue to evaluate the use of these amenities as social distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations are updated and when the stay-at-home order is lifted or amended.

SKATEPARK

The Skatepark remains closed. Staff will continue to evaluate the use of this popular park as social distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations are updated and when the stay-at-home order is lifted or amended, but at this time the congregating of crowds and multiple shared use touch points do not allow for its reopening.

TENNIS COURTS

Tennis courts across the park system are reopening. Staff will be reinstalling tennis nets at courts and hope to have them in place by Friday, May 8. Tennis and pickleball play can resume, provided social distancing guidelines are followed, but no doubles play is allowed.