

## COVID-19 Checklist for Visiting State Parks and Other Recreation Areas Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends outdoor activity to stay physically and mentally healthy. Take the following precautions to keep yourself and others safe.

- Do not visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- Visit parks that are close to your home, refraining from travel that requires you to stop often along the way or be in close contact with others.
- Check with the park in advance to be sure you know which areas or services are open, such as bathroom facilities, and bring what you need with you. Plan to carry out any trash at the end of your visit.
- If a parking lot is full, move on. Do not park in grass or on roadways.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Bring hand sanitizer to use if soap and water are not available.
- Even when outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others (social distancing). Do not visit crowded parks or crowded areas where you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 people.
- Share trails. Warn others of your presence as you pass; step aside to let others pass.
- Do not use playgrounds, which have been ordered closed in Ohio.
- Do not participate in organized or group activities or sports that involve high contact.
- Review guidance from the [National Recreation and Park Association](https://www.nrap.org/).

## Information on Ohio's state parks

- The [Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#) (ODNR) is reopening many deluxe Ohio state park cabins June 1 and all Ohio state park lodges June 5.
- Reservations are being accepted for overnight stays, meetings, and weddings at the lodge and conference centers located at Burr Oak, Deer Creek, Hueston, Maumee Bay, Mohican, Punderson, Salt Fork and Shawnee state parks. To learn more about these sites, visit [www.greatohiolodges.com](http://www.greatohiolodges.com) or call 877-496-9224. Deluxe cabins, golf courses, and marinas at these locations are open.
- Visitors also are able to make reservations for deluxe cabins at Buck Creek, Cowan Lake, Dillon, Lake Hope, Mohican, and Pike Lake state parks. Cedar cabins at Geneva State Park will open June 5, and the cabins at Pymatuning State Park will open June 15. To make reservations for Ohio State park's overnight facilities, please visit [reserveohio.com](http://reserveohio.com) or call 866-644-6727.
- The lodge and cottages at Geneva State Park also will open on June 5. Guests may contact the lodge at [www.thelodgeatgeneva.com](http://www.thelodgeatgeneva.com) or call 866-806-8066 to make lodge room or cottage reservations.
- Most public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, wildlife areas, forests, and nature preserves — including trails, dog parks, docks, fishing piers, and boat ramps — are open.
- Some park facilities remain closed including: visitor centers, playgrounds, fire towers, shower houses, and group facilities, including group rentals, and group camps. Naturalist programs, hikes, and special events at ODNR properties are suspended through July 15.
- Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitor Center (Erie County) is closed. Much of Hocking Hills State Park remains closed. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is closed and boardwalk trails at Maumee Bay and Punderson state parks are closed.
- Visitors must practice social distancing at all open facilities.
- For questions regarding local facilities and reservations, please contact the local state park office. Contact information is available at [ohiostateparks.gov](http://ohiostateparks.gov).
- For the latest information on ODNR Operations during the coronavirus outbreak, visit <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr-core/home/resources/corona-virus-operations>.
- Visit <https://www.nps.gov/state/oh/index.htm> for information on national parks in Ohio.

For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

## PREVENTION

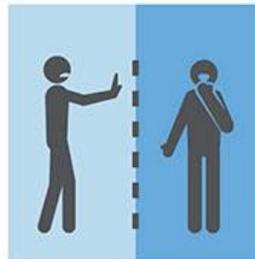
For additional information call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH or visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).



STAY HOME EXCEPT FOR WORK AND OTHER NEEDS



WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN GOING OUT



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM OTHERS



SHOP AT NON-PEAK HOURS



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



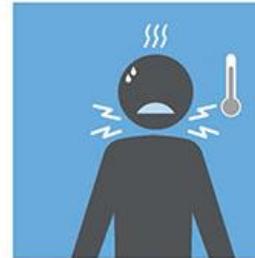
AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES



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



CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN



DON'T WORK WHEN SICK



CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

For more information, visit: [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)