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Snohomish County Parks to Re-open for Day Use May 5

In alignment with Gov. Inslee's easing of outdoor recreation restrictions, Parks will open gates and most parking

EVERETT, Wash., May 1, 2020 – Today, Snohomish County announced the re-opening of county parks for day use on Tuesday, May 5, in coordination with Governor Inslee's announcement this week that state parks will be open for many day use activities. Play structures, ball fields, and spray pads will remain closed. Parking lots and some gates will open. There are still no events or gatherings as per the Governor's order, and camping and picnic shelter use is still not allowed until at least May 20, 2020. Playgrounds will remain closed until further notice. There may be portable restroom use at all parks. Limited parking will be enforced based on capacity. Flowing Lake Park will remain closed due to construction until further notice. This closure includes the entire park, boat launch, camping, playground, parking and restrooms.

Social distancing is still required at all times. Please come prepared with water, hand sanitizer, cloth facial coverings and follow all state and local health guidelines. Parks is also extending annual parking and boat launch passes for the time parks were closed.

Parks has created guidelines to follow for people to recreate responsibly. These are important to follow to keep lowering the curve of the pandemic.

Welcome back to YOUR Snoco Parks! Keep up the good work to keep 'em open:

- Know before you go – Research the park or public land you plan to travel to. Check their updates frequently to see if restrictions have changed. Playgrounds and campgrounds remain closed until at least May 20, 2020. Do not use parks if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Stick with your squad – Only recreate, travel in cars/boats/vehicles with those in your immediate household who are not at high risk.
- Play prepared – Plan your park outing like you would for a hike. Pack food, water, supplies, hand sanitizer and a cloth facial covering.
- No space? Find another place– If you get to your planned recreation destination and it is crowded or looks difficult to maintain social distancing, go to another nearby park or go home so you can stay safe and avoid crowds.
- Be considerate of other visitors – Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times.

- Stay local – Recreate locally - overnight stays such as camping are prohibited. Limited parking will be enforced based on capacity.
- Keep it up to keep 'em open – Recreate responsibly to prevent the spread so we can slow the curve. If the pandemic resurges, parks and restrictions may need to close again.

More information can be found at: www.snocoparks.org or 425-388-6600

About Snohomish County Parks, Recreation & Tourism

The Snohomish County Parks system is incredibly diverse and boasts almost 12,000 acres of parks and open space; over 110 park properties; 100s of miles of trails and access to fresh and saltwater shorelines. Major regional park assets such as the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Kayak Point Park, Lord Hill Park and the Centennial and Interurban Trail systems host local, regional and national events that draw over 5 million visitors each year to Snohomish County.

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<p>4</p> <p>No space? find another place</p> <p>If you get to your planned recreation destination and it is crowded or looks difficult to maintain social distancing, go to another park so you can stay safe and avoid crowds.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Be considerate of other visitors</p> <p>Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times. This means if you are on a trail, step off to the side to let someone pass or to maintain social distance. If you cannot maintain this distance, wear a cloth facial covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Stay local</p> <p>Recreate locally - overnight stays such as camping are prohibited. Limited parking will be enforced based on capacity.</p> 