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South Carolina State Parks

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SC State Parks Set to Reopen Friday, May 1

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION BELOW

Following public health protocols, South Carolina State Parks plan to reopen on Friday, May 1, on a limited basis. Group facilities like picnic shelters and community buildings, will remain closed for the time being, and visitor gathering places like interpretive centers and park offices also will remain closed initially or will operate on a limited scale.

- SCPRT will continuously monitor visitor usage and adjust visitor services as needed to ensure compliance with the guidance provided by SCDHEC and the CDC.

- Each state park plans to lower its carrying capacity, allowing a limited number of visitors at once. Levels vary by park. When a park reaches its threshold, the gates will be closed until the number of visitors decreases.

- State parks also plan to honor any existing camping and cabin reservations that were scheduled to check in on Friday, May 1, forward. Some state parks will begin taking new reservations for stays that begin May 11 forward, and all park accommodations will come back on line as staffing levels return to normal.

- State park Visitor Centers are scheduled to reopen on Monday, May 11, and feature proper signage, physical indicators and barriers in place to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.

- All state park retail stores and spaces should open by Friday, May 15. SCPRT will use SCDHEC and CDC guidance to determine the maximum occupancy in these common area facilities in order to maintain social distancing rules and limit contact between staff and visitors.

- Due to the difficulty of effectively cleaning equipment, all playgrounds will be closed until June 1. All playground areas will be cordoned off and signed appropriately.

- Existing reservations for group rental facilities will be cancelled through June 1. These facilities include all shelters and community buildings, wedding venues, group camps and any other facility rented for the purpose of a large gathering. All groups will be given the opportunity to re-book at no additional cost. No fees will be assessed for any cancellation or rescheduling for events occurring prior to July 1. Determinations regarding future cancellations will be made in accordance with the status of health and safety guidelines.

- Until further notice, state parks will not conduct park programs or tours of historic homes or other historic structures such as the Hunting Island Lighthouse or Atalaya Castle at Huntington Beach State Park. Meanwhile, Facebook Live interpretive programming that became popular in March and April will continue on a limited schedule and can be followed on our Facebook page.

PARK PASSPORT HOLDERS:

If you are currently a park passport holder, we will do one of two things to give you back the month you will be missing.

- When you purchase a new passport, we will add the extra month on to that passport at no charge.

- When your current passport expires, you may turn it in and we'll give you another passport for the month missed at no charge.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these unprecedented times. Please stay tuned to our social media and website, for updates and information.



Jessica McCants will the zoo area be open at Charlestowne Landing?

at 18:46:15 on 4/25/2020 UTC





Anna Fulton I have reservations at Calhoun Falls park May 8 - 13 will I still have them or will they be canceled?


at 19:46:30 on 4/25/2020 UTC

 **Terri Huffman** The beaches in SC are back open no so you should 😊
at 2:50:19 on 4/26/2020 UTC


 **Rain Kelly** Tonya Aria
at 8:55:58 on 4/26/2020 UTC


 **Missie Tino** South Carolina State Parks y is Lexington gold course open it never close x
at 11:45:42 on 4/26/2020 UTC

 **Audrey Kennedy** John Tammy McLaughlin
at 12:33:44 on 4/26/2020 UTC


 **Kirsten L Williams** Robin Proctor - cancelation fees are waived. I am canceling my reservation for May. :(The link to cancel is in the email confirmation.
at 12:51:14 on 4/26/2020 UTC

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 **Donna Richbourg Rhodes** When are full service restaurants going to open in SC? I want to be served, not pick up or to go orders. If I want to pay to go to RED lobster or Out Back & pay their prices, I expect to be served. When are they "allowed" to open. This has been turned into a dictatorship, as the dems dream of having!
at 18:34:01 on 4/26/2020 UTC

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at 18:35:57 on 4/26/2020 UTC


 **Harry Simmonsjr**




at 19:09:49 on 4/26/2020 UTC

 **Rhonda Brahl Studer** Sharon Alexander you should not group everyone together. I am here as a travel nurse helping your residents... I should be allowed to walk/hike in the parks!!!
at 20:45:40 on 4/26/2020 UTC

 **Sharon Alexander** Rhonda Brahl Studer no offence intended. I strongly believe though the discretionary travel bans should be left in place. You and many others are essential and that is not what I'm talking about at all.
at 1:03:03 on 4/27/2020 UTC

 **Chris Curtiss** Cindy May doubt they will be solitary. If so please tell me where
at 2:42:48 on 4/27/2020 UTC

 **Chris Curtiss** Ycart J Rengaw I do and I agree with her unless people wear masks and social distance

at 2:47:23 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Chris Curtiss Amy Wessinger except people dont. Peachtree has been packed with a trail you can't pass someone on with anything near 6 ft apart

at 2:49:46 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Chris Curtiss John Cartrette nasty

at 2:51:28 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Chris Curtiss Kelley E what numbers. Social distancing does work. And people were not doing it.

at 2:52:53 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Chris Curtiss Ella Bobrek and be more crowded and have a resurgence?

at 2:54:12 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Cindy May The last Saturday before the parks closed, I hiked Hickory Knob's 7 mile lakefront trail and saw one person.

at 3:30:07 on 4/27/2020 UTC



John Cartrette Chris Curtiss us....look familiar?

at 3:32:23 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Kelley E Chris Curtiss the numbers around the country that hospitals inflated their CV death rates for one. The other part is the testing is showing 50-80 TIMES more people have been infected. Which brings the death rate from CV 19 more to the level of .1%- similar to the flu. Some are even saying .03%.

What proof do you have social distancing is working? Most people are still funneled into the same grocery stores.

The infection had spread already to way more people than they thought. The models they used to project deaths were insanely wrong. Peaks are over. People need to move on with their lives. They can't hide in their homes forever. Well, if you want to go ahead, but others need to get out and earn a living and walk in the park. Kids need exercise. Everyone will get sicker just staying indoors.

at 12:33:17 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Bonnie Ann Raposa Rossi The parks around our house are packed every single day coronavirus or not.

at 12:57:40 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Jennifer Hoxie Yay!!!

at 15:47:21 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Cindy Rucker Chris Curtiss We had to go all the way to McCormick where the big boat ramp is. There are metal docks there and we fished off there. Boy was it hot on those ramps!

at 16:57:11 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Linda Harris Hoping our governor doesn't succumb to political concerns and change his mind - we need this!

at 17:16:01 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Kathy Reynolds Snipes I'm hearing rumors that the state campgrounds may NOT be reopening on May 1, is this true??

at 17:45:44 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Kathy Bischoff Nolan Is someone going to monitor and continuously clean the public rest rooms?

at 18:27:32 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Bonnie Austin Will this still happen now that the Governor has extended the State of Emergency for an additional 15 days?

at 20:54:25 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Barbara Dennis Washington McMaster just extended the "home or work" order until the middle of May. I'm hoping this will not affect our existing state park camping reservation May 4 through May 9. Does anyone know if his decision will change anything reopening May 1?
at 21:06:24 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Lauren Barker God bless your social media person/team.
at 22:11:07 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Sherry Franklin McElrath Amanda Mizell Phillips
at 23:18:20 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Sherry Franklin McElrath Kay Baker
at 23:18:24 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Sherry Franklin McElrath Jeanette Busbee Bowling
at 23:18:39 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Amanda Mizell Phillips Sherry Franklin McElrath thank you!
at 23:21:20 on 4/27/2020 UTC



Karen O'Sullivan Is it possible to make the loop trails a one-way system?
at 13:50:29 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Britt Dbourg So military who live here cant use the parks. Your ridiculous! We have to go to Georgia anyways to enjoy the outdoors and lakes. We have to drive to Georgia to enjoy our Gods beautiful nature of camping ALONE.
at 14:38:46 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Carmen Blanco Will the SC Park Guides be available for purchase at the State Parks?
at 17:06:04 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Jenn Richardson John Richardson
at 18:53:43 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Tony Cabe South Carolina State Parks Will you be having a park passport sale to celebrate?
at 19:49:17 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Jena Jayroe Walters Will we be able to tour Atalaya Castle independent of a tour guide beginning May 1?
at 20:39:41 on 4/28/2020 UTC



Lisa Harmon Hendley South Carolina State Parks



at 0:29:15 on 4/29/2020 UTC

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at 0:30:33 on 4/29/2020 UTC



April Webb What time with state parks be opening in the mornings because I'm sure people will line up as they open leaving it closed within hours of openings due to capacity.

at 13:35:57 on 4/29/2020 UTC



Allison Robinson Erin Fogle!!!!!!!!!!!!!!□□□□

at 14:29:34 on 4/29/2020 UTC



Nick Saunders Katie Jones

at 18:52:32 on 4/29/2020 UTC



Katie Jones Nick Saunders I'm hiking table rock monday am

at 20:37:20 on 4/29/2020 UTC



TJ Laughlin Jess info

at 21:24:05 on 4/29/2020 UTC



Samantha Roubaud Will Equestrian trails be open at Croft?

at 22:02:11 on 4/29/2020 UTC



RM Brandon Where can we find information about the cleaning details of restroom / common area facilities that will be open, both those used by daily visitors and campers?

at 23:43:59 on 4/29/2020 UTC



Becky Horace Can we mountain bike when the parks reopen?

at 0:59:05 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Manella Calhoun Tim Grindstaff

at 1:51:09 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Shannon Reggaro Operation Mayday Rescue SC Families 5/1/20 We rally to regain all of our rightful spaces and all of our tax payer spaces. We deny the fear. We take back responsibility for our health, or finances and our families. We take back our parks. We are not afraid of germs. Social distancing sucks. Quarantine the sick, the rest of us take back our state. We rise and meet in Columbia at the state house at noon. All permits in place. We cannot exist like this one more day longer and we will not accept Maybe in JUNE we will be free again?. The cost is to high. 400,000 families without incomes, Small business hemorrhaging. We need to end this in a peaceful manner. We RISE.

at 3:21:07 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Shannon Reggaro End the Fear, Win the Game May 1 2020 state house columbia noon.

at 3:21:38 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Shannon Reggaro Connie McGinnis Stoddard yeah NO. SC is a tourist state and the cat is out of the bag. Only old people in nursing homes have died from covid 19 everybody else just got another winter virus. Virus cannot live in summer time. That is why we get sick in winter. It likes 55 degrees or lower.

at 3:23:14 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Shannon Reggaro Britt Dbourg We Rise to columbia 5/1/20 and demand our freedom. End tyranny.

at 3:23:58 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Curtand Patti Sigmon Will I be able to purchase a new park passport at either Myrtle Beach or Huntington Beach Park tomorrow when they reopen?

at 13:29:11 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Andy O'Mayberry People at risk should stay home, healthy people should go out, not the other way around. Be sensible.

at 14:08:21 on 4/30/2020 UTC

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Andy O'Mayberry Cathy B Corley exactly.

at 14:12:08 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Kendra MacKenzie Janette Holmberg Bryant

at 14:19:17 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Bubba McGrain Are the hours for opening changing? Huntington Beach State Park?

at 14:35:04 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Linda Frye Stewart Will drive in visitors NOT have access to the beach at Edisto State Park?

at 14:38:44 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Taressa Tari Beeson Adrea Constance

at 14:50:50 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Moen Sue What time does Huntington state park open?

at 16:44:59 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Jamie Wootten Is the Mountain Bridge lot on 276 open as normal so we can access the hiking trails north of Caesars Head?

at 16:55:14 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Janette Holmberg Bryant Kendra MacKenzie



at 17:03:38 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Kelly Ashley Moore Brendi Koweta You will be able to use the grocery store. The State Parks beach is separate from the Town so I do not know when the State Park will open their beach.

at 18:41:59 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Kelly Ashley Moore Brendi Koweta I just saw their latest post. Copied from post: EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK REOPENING INFORMATION —PLEASE SHARE Edisto Beach State Park will reopen to overnight guests (cabin and campsite rentals) on May 1; however, access to daily visitors will remain CLOSED until further notice. Those with cabin and campsite reservations will be allowed to use the beach area within Edisto Beach State Park. Please check the website or contact the park office for further updates. www.SouthCarolinaParks.com



at 18:43:37 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Brendi Koweta Kelly Ashley Moore Thank you! We just got email update on the park and our reservation.

at 19:15:39 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Karen Beck Thank you!
at 19:52:22 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Courtney Newhouse Crow What time will sesquicentennial open?
I have been looking and can't find anything.
at 21:51:43 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Stevie Ray Kenward Thats why a I made a few trips to Tallulah Gorge State Park, outside of Clayton, Ga. Needed that time to saunter and enjoy nature.
at 22:19:03 on 4/30/2020 UTC



George R. Chisenhall Sr. Will all the parks be open for kayaking.
at 23:21:41 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Jodi Turner Davis They state in the video 3 person per group limit? Do this exclude families larger then 3?
at 23:54:23 on 4/30/2020 UTC



Sandy Behrens I just got my passport,so I'm ready to get outside and explore!
at 0:30:59 on 5/01/2020 UTC



Jason Pogar South Carolina State Parks what's the iron ranger? Our annual pass has expired can we renew it there or online with teacher discount? Will the animal Forrest be open?Thanks
at 2:21:23 on 5/01/2020 UTC



Tony Fuller Shannon McDermott
at 3:19:20 on 5/01/2020 UTC



Malinda Harkins Kennedy Robert Heather Oneal I have friends that own a campground and they are restricted to where they are coming from.
at 21:04:55 on 5/01/2020 UTC



David Bamond Even though I own a home in Beaufort County, I am not officially a resident of SC. Will we be allowed access to the beach and a friend has told us the fee has gone up considerably, what is the fee at Hunting Island?
at 14:12:41 on 5/03/2020 UTC



Jon Ashley Hope congaree is opened. At least the trails
at 13:42:09 on 5/07/2020 UTC

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