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South Carolina State Parks

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With the increased number of visitors and decreased staff sizes due to COVID-19, we have made the decision to close parks to day use on Wednesday (3/25) and Thursday (3/26) of this week. Visitors with cabin and camping reservations will still be allowed to check in. These closures will help our staff recover from the additional workload that has been required and give us an opportunity to make decisions on how to operate parks while keeping employees safe. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work through some operational issues due to these closings. Check our website and social media often for updates and information.



Quintana Bishop Hiking has been our only outlet of sanity but totally understand! Hope y'all stay safe.

at 12:30:18 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Melissa Belflowers Nancy Thompson

at 12:31:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Whitfield Marshall Stay safe and sane SC State Parks!

at 12:33:00 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rosemarie Burguiere Smart

at 12:36:45 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kendall Walters Kelly Ben Kelly 😊

at 12:37:15 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Carrie Cox Mumaugh Rhonda Worley Cantrell

at 12:38:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Marc Sightler I compliment y'all! Thank You! This might help us get back on the Scouting Trail faster

at 12:38:33 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Brad Caldwell Thanks to all of the hard workers that keep our parks in great shape!

at 12:39:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Caroline Goodman



at 12:42:21 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Caroline Goodman



at 12:42:30 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Sharon Appell Very smart.

at 12:43:36 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Martha Hopper Compton Sad! I had a planned "field trip" for our Corona school planned for Thursday. I guess we can wait until Friday but this homeschool teacher was looking forward to taking my "students" outside!
at 12:45:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Darlene Rabon Frick Ashley Holmes Caroline Reid Youngblood
at 12:46:25 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Scott Jones Thank you for keeping the campgrounds open.
at 12:49:24 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jodie Walker Ledbetter Carla Fisher McLindsay
at 12:49:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Acdd Corley understandable.
at 12:50:11 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jennifer Brown Westmoreland Fred Brown
at 12:51:00 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Paige Walker Nelson Craig Nelson 😊
at 12:52:37 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Tiffany Gibson Martha Hopper Compton can you go to a non-state park? Use the Palmetto Trail? We are all trying to navigate this together, and we have to keep everyone and our Rangers safe.
at 12:53:47 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Fred Brown Thanks for letting us know.
at 12:54:06 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Daniel James Martha Hopper Compton there's other days you can go. Give these guys a break. Pretty selfish comment there.
at 13:00:55 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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David Spangler We have reservations at Devils Fort State Park for Saturday and Sunday camping. Are the bathhouse is open at the campground during that time?
at 13:01:36 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jennifer Tucker Watkins Justin Watkins
at 13:02:45 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jessica Bognear Hope they're open Friday! 🖤
at 13:02:53 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Margie Johnson You do what you need to do....we will see you when this is over...
at 13:03:21 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Steve Owen Your people are great.
at 13:04:44 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jennifer Costas Cathy Long
at 13:05:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mary Galloway Riggs Smart

at 13:06:29 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Thank you SC State Parks for continuing to give us an outlet while you all work so hard. Stay safe and take care of yourselves-we all understand. We are in this together!!

at 13:07:35 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Donna Samples Thank you

at 13:09:03 on 3/24/2020 UTC



James Berry Thanks for all your hard work during this time. We need the outdoors more than ever. Enjoy your break.

at 13:14:29 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Robert Jeffcoat David Spangler only closing Wednesday and Thursday

at 13:14:35 on 3/24/2020 UTC



John T. Moore Thank you for your work.

at 13:15:57 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden McDonalds has employees wiping down their tables all day. They are closed. State Parks admit they never clean their tables. They've stayed open. McDonald's playgrounds aren't safe, may be contaminated but somehow State Park's playgrounds are ok. The laws that are applied to everyone else are not applied to government.

at 13:20:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy



at 13:28:01 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Ann Turner Thank you...I so need to camp and be outside. Praying for all workers and people who love to camp at SC parks

at 13:28:06 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Michele Chiulli Priester We are currently camping, best way to stay safe. We love our parks. Thank you!

at 13:28:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Rebecca Pomeroy when you camp you are within the guidelines of social distancing as well when youre hiking.

at 13:33:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy Kay Baker but if you are OUT and touching things you could still be spreading the virus (or picking it up from someone else) ... Defeats the whole purpose of what is going on here.

at 13:34:58 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Glenn Baucom Darlene Rabon Frick Brittany Williams Ebenezer called and said we're still good just no Bathhouse or Ranger station access

at 13:36:29 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Barbara Wilkie Rebecca Pomeroy you don't need to keep pets away from each other. They get it nor give it to you.

at 13:37:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Lindsey VanHaverbeke Nail Chris Nail

at 13:37:23 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Lidia Warywoda Murdy Laura

at 13:38:56 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy Barbara Wilkie I never said anything about pets. 🐾 But yes actually there have been 2 cases in Hong Kong of dogs testing positive for COVID-19.

at 13:39:08 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Darryl Hunt Clay Molden McDonald's is the nastiest restaurant on the planet

at 13:39:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Teresa Stancil-Gill How about you stay home and the rest of us will worry about ourselves. It does NOT mean stay home and deprive your kids of fresh air and sunshine. We are safer in the parks than in an apartment complex full of other kids home from school. Plus, I don't know how other people hike, but I'm not touching one single thing at the park but my hiking stick and car.

at 13:41:03 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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James Milsap Bad time to ask, but how will this effect our park pass?

at 13:41:34 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Darlene Rabon Frick Glenn Baucom no bathhouse???

at 13:42:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Ashley Holmes No Bathhouse???

at 13:43:20 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jennifer Manske Fenske Thank you South Carolina State Parks for watching over our beloved parks. Stay safe and we'll see you soon!

at 13:44:44 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Brant Masters Quintana Bishop plenty of places to hike that's not inside a park!

at 13:46:43 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Sharon Whims Could be because they are outside and uv rays are said to kill the virus.

at 13:47:15 on 3/24/2020 UTC

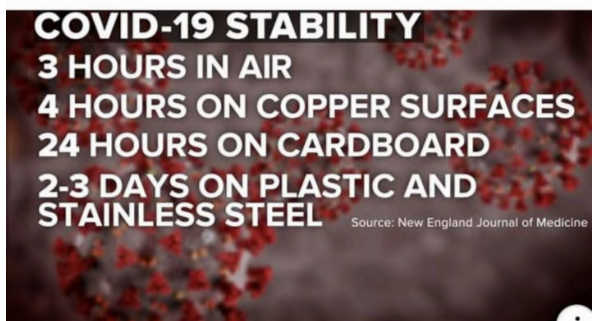


Rebecca Pomeroy Teresa Stancil-Gill you don't have to touch anything. The virus can live in the air for hours. So you go hike after someone else was there 2 hours before you who has it and coughs or sneezes and now you have been infected and are passing it around.

at 13:47:40 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy Teresa Stancil-Gill



ABCNEWS.GO.COM

Video: Study shows that coronavirus can live in air for hours

at 13:47:57 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy Teresa Stancil-Gill



at 13:48:06 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mickey Ward Help me understand we can still camp state park with reservations????

at 13:49:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Glenn Baucom Darlene Rabon Frick they're closing it

at 13:50:50 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Michelle Seubert Be safe!

at 13:51:02 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Artie Connolly Bridget W. Johnson - FYI

at 13:51:16 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Melissa Weaver Mickey Ward yes

at 13:59:06 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Teresa Stancil-Gill Rebecca Pomeroy oh please! We went to the park last week and were the only people there. Stop being a fear mongering idiot. You plan on living your life like this for all the other viruses? For the mutation of THIS one that will surely come in years to come?

I'm not. Like I said, YOU stay home and you won't have to worry about me coughing 12 hours ago in an open park.
at 13:59:36 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Tangie Vincent Lambert It's just 2 days. It's better than shutting everything down like NC.
at 13:59:52 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Delette Collins Mickey Ward keep your butts home!
at 14:00:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Melissa Weaver Rebecca Pomeroy I disagree with you. We went camping this past weekend. Packed our camper at home-went straight to the campground-did not use the playground or bath house-went straight back home. You can still do this and be distancing from others
at 14:01:20 on 3/24/2020 UTC



John Caplins Clay Molden Apples and oranges. Different environment and different types of surfaces. Not a fair comparison.
at 14:03:55 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jennifer Middleton Morris I have been wanting to camp but didn't want to share a bathroom with anyone so we stayed home
at 14:06:27 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Morgan Leschak Jeremy Bracco apparently yall won't have access to the bath houses
at 14:08:40 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jeremy Bracco Morgan Leschak got the woodd
at 14:10:23 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Sharon Whims never used a table under a shelter?
at 14:13:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Sharon Whims Clay Molden they still get UV., but if you're leary, don't use them. Also , how would you 'sanitize' a worn wooden table?
at 14:14:04 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Betty Lynn Hoover Watson Brad Caldwell thank you my son is a ranger
at 14:15:00 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden John Caplins the virus can live on hard surfaces for up to 2days. Didn't see any exemption on which hard surface.
at 14:16:06 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Sharon Whims that would apply to outdoor seating at a restaurant too. But the government won't allow private business to serve outside.
at 14:18:16 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Stay home....unless you go to the government park.
at 14:19:21 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Sharon Whims Clay Molden maybe because the park isn't serving food, which invites you to eat there? I understand your point though.
at 14:19:43 on 3/24/2020 UTC



John Caplins Rebecca Pomeroy. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/health/coronavirus-surfaces-aerosols.amp.html?0p19G=2870>



at 14:22:21 on 3/24/2020 UTC



John Caplins Rebecca Pomeroy. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/health/coronavirus-surfaces-aerosols.amp.html?0p19G=2870>



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John Caplins Rebecca Pomeroy nonsense. A virus from a sneeze or cough will settle out in less than a half hour nominally within 10 minutes according to the New England Journal of Medicine. The numbers you are using are scare numbers from the media.

at 14:31:26 on 3/24/2020 UTC



D Kirk Wall For your consideration for Friday and beyond, allow park pass holders in (along with campers), but stop allowing daily admission. This will protect your workers (especially those that work at manned entrances who normally handle transactions but they could view passes through a closed window) and keep crowds to a minimum while also allowing exercise options for SC residents who rely on the park space. You could even use the threat of a park pass revocation as an enforcement tool for those that violate social distancing protocols.

at 14:34:24 on 3/24/2020 UTC

John Caplins Clay Molden all the time. We usually put a plastic table cloth on it.



at 14:36:27 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden The government is exempting themselves from the rules they are applying to everyone else. I don't understand how anyone defends that.

at 14:39:47 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy John Caplins you believe that if you want. As a single mom who is already high risk because of an auto immune disorder... I choose to err on the side of caution and not be self centered and continue to carry on like nothing is going on putting myself or others at risk.

at 14:40:23 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Mickey Ward according to their website you can. Check the website for all the up to date and correct info. Stay safe

at 14:46:00 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Clay Molden no they are not. How do you figure that? Its your choice to use the picnic table or not-its your choice to allow your children to play on the playground or not

at 14:48:28 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Alex Wilcox smart decision, glad your keeping your staff safe

at 14:49:40 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Kay Baker why don't I have the choice to use the outdoor table and playground at McDonald's? Are you serious?

at 14:50:30 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Rebecca Pomeroy im not touching anything when I hike and when I camp I use my own facilities. I understand tent campers and non-self contained campers dont have that choice but if you are not hiking or camping then you dont have to worry about it

at 14:50:58 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Clay Molden uh yes Im serious. You have a choice

at 14:52:03 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Doris Craven Clay Molden Ah, I see you're still pestering the state park page. Only way to spend your isolation?

You don't get to dictate how the parks operate or what choices citizens make. Stay home. Keep yourself secluded. The rest of us will carry on.

at 14:52:37 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Kay Baker so....why not McDonald's?

at 14:52:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Clay Molden if you want to use their picnic tables and playground its your choice. Ive not said you couldn't-I said you have a choice

at 14:53:49 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Clay Molden Wrong. Yo

at 14:54:20 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Doris Craven Hand sanitizer and hand-washing.

at 14:55:22 on 3/24/2020 UTC








Kay Baker And since this is not the website for McDonalds let's agree to disagree on choices

at 14:56:01 on 3/24/2020 UTC








Clay Molden You might want to read the government order.

at 14:56:17 on 3/24/2020 UTC

-  **Clay Molden** Doris Craven also calling the governors office. Not going to stop until the parks are closed or everything else is opened.
at 14:58:19 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Stacey T Longmire** Brant Masters Cities are closing parks (hiking ones), too. I'd like to know somewhere near The Anderson area that's not closed. With a small child, I'd prefer not to have to drive for an hour.
at 14:58:52 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Quintana Bishop** Stacey T Longmire I have the all trails app and it's helpful. We are park pass holders so we do like to utilize those.
Clemson Experimental Forest and Waldron Falls are a few I can think of right off the top of my head.
at 15:00:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Clay Molden** I don't care about McDonald's or the state parks. I'll always speak out against government abuse of power.
at 15:00:27 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Kay Baker** Rebecca Pomeroy i understand completely what you are trying to convey and believe me I dont think any of us choose to spread this. We can be a carrier with no symptoms and not know it. Im choosing to stay home but I also know there are folks that this is their only outlet. If they choose to do this and youre not there you should be ok
at 15:00:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Gaye Dunlop** D Kirk Wall great idea
at 15:03:48 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Kasey C Harkins** 
at 15:04:43 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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-  **Kay Baker** Clay Molden wow-you just wont quit!! Are you kidding me that you are going to see to it that our Park Rangers and staff are out of work??? What is next for you-grocery stores, Dr offices, Hospitals???
- at 15:06:35 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **John Caplins** Clay Molden ok I get it. At first I thought you were merely misinformed. Now I understand that you are just another troll wasting our time.
at 15:06:42 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Clay Molden** Kay Baker how many folks are out of work from private businesses?
at 15:08:55 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Rebecca Pomeroy** Kay Baker I appreciate what you are saying but that isn't exactly the case either. I may have been exposed to this by the employee at Rush's in Camden who tested positive. I have NEVER eaten there and I don't even know who this guy is. But through six degrees of separation I may have been exposed. And I am staying home minding my own P's and Q's doing what I'm supposed to be doing!! You never know who has it or where you may come in contact with it. I'm not here to judge anyone or what they are doing. I'm simply saying THE BEST way to avoid the spread of this virus is to heed government officials warnings and stay home for the time being... For everyone's safety. Does it suck? Absolutely! Would I rather be out and about doing stuff? You betcha. But again... I have no idea who has it, or even if I have it now, and so out of an abundance of caution for myself and others I choose to stay home.
at 15:10:35 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Clay Molden** John Caplins hardly. Why do you think government rules shouldn't apply to government? Can you define tyranny?
at 15:11:35 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Jackie Williams-Tollison James Milsap hopefully they will give us an extension on them, that's what Biltmore House is doing.

at 15:11:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Peter Bendal Kear DAMNIT! I was planning to go to Santee on Wednesday to go fishing. I was hoping to avoid weekend crowds and be better able to social distance. Oh well you all stay safe and healthy and we will see you when things settle back down.

at 15:12:46 on 3/24/2020 UTC *(hidden)*



Barbara Wilkie Rebecca Pomeroy the pic you shared said pets,

at 15:14:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Doris Craven John Caplins Yup, every state park article, he's there. 😊

at 15:14:55 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Doris Craven also calling the governors office. Not going to stop until the parks are closed or everything else is opened.

at 15:15:55 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Becky Mills D Kirk Wall I disagree. I don't have the money to get a park pass. I've also lost my job because if this, so I cannot spend money right now beyond the basics. So because I'm poor and can only afford the occasional day pass, I should be barred from visiting a park?

at 15:16:17 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Becky Mills Barbara Wilkie if someone who is infected touches their pet, then their pet touches my pet....

at 15:19:37 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Andy Langston Clay Molden I got my hair cut this morning. No one there except me and the person cutting my hair. How is that any different from me going to the state park and walking on the trail with one other person or sitting at a outdoor table with one other person?

at 15:20:13 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Andy Langston Clay Molden How is it different then going to the grocery store? Or the hardware store?

at 15:21:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Essential and non essential.

at 15:22:03 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Stacey T Longmire Quintana Bishop The cities and counties are closing off many, but thanks for the app idea. It looks promising. A trail head should be able to be found with it.

at 15:23:43 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Andy Langston why can't that same logic be applied to a private business?

at 15:23:53 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Rebecca Pomeroy Barbara Wilkie I guess maybe because there have been confirmed cases of dogs getting it? Just cautionary I suppose.

at 15:25:40 on 3/24/2020 UTC














Stacey T Longmire Quintana Bishop The cities and counties are closing off many, but thanks for the app idea. It looks promising. A trail head should be able to be found with it.

at 15:26:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC








Andy Langston Clay Molden The government hasn't limited business to essential and nonessential. The only thing they have limited is businesses where people gather in groups. The state parks are also limiting situations where people might gather in groups. You are just being a jerk.

at 15:34:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC

-  **Clay Molden** Yep. Standing against tyranny makes me a jerk. It's an honor.
at 15:36:58 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Jessica Dority Morris** Julian Michael Morris
at 15:42:22 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Ingrid Christensen** Rangers and park staff are human, not robots so I'm really glad they are getting a few days to recoup and take stick of where things stand. It is great that everyone wanted to be outdoors this weekend and that the parks were open but the crowds were huge. Stay safe to all the park employees!
at 15:49:22 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Kay Baker** Rebecca Pomeroy oh I hope you will be alright-truly I do
at 15:54:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Barbara Wilkie** Rebecca Pomeroy just going by what my vet has said,that's all
at 15:55:53 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Kay Baker** Clay Molden then if you don't care about either of those places WHY are you even commenting???
- at 15:58:08 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Laura Latendresse Gizicki** Since Michigan went into lockdown, they felt they had to cancel.
at 16:02:51 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Nancy Thompson** Melissa Belflowers I saw this on the news 😊
at 16:07:58 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Melissa Belflowers** Nancy Thompson hopefully just 2 days
at 16:08:41 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Robin Haner Neel** Jennifer Middleton Morris use the bathroom in your camper(if you have one). That's what we did last weekend.
at 16:10:26 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Wayne Byrum** Thanks for all that you folks do. We camp all over the east coast and NO ONE does a better job than South Carolina. Of course we still have to drive on SC highways to get there and that is no fun. LOL
at 16:10:58 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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-  **Robert Baldwin** Dang i hope we still get to go camping this weekend
at 16:13:19 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Nancy Thompson** Melissa Belflowers we can always go to springmaid ☐
at 16:17:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Joe Maynard** If you did any research at all you would know your premise is false as soon as you typed it. Good job using the SC parks as an outlet for whatever agenda you think your pushing.
at 16:21:57 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Jennifer Middleton Morris** Robin Haner Neel we tent camp
at 16:24:24 on 3/24/2020 UTC
-  **Andy Langston** Clay Molden You don't understand tyranny
at 16:27:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC

Clay Molden Joe Maynard how so? State parks are open because government allows it. Private businesses are closed because government enforces it.



at 16:28:08 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Joe Maynard Clay Molden the virus does not survive on surfaces that are not smooth and in an "air conditioned" environment of moderate temperatures and low humidity.

at 16:30:00 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Stacy Beckom White Quintana Bishop Us too!

at 16:34:13 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden Wonder why both North Carolina and Georgia closed their parks?

at 16:34:59 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mary Baker Still remember good time our family had at Cheraw State Park in summer of 2010. Staff was very friendly and helpful when we called to make reservations

at 16:35:21 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Stacey Rene Mishey Butler I think if things calm down we should go camp in SC over spring break

at 16:39:31 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mishey Butler Stacey Rene I sure hope so

at 16:40:12 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Stacey Rene Mishey Butler camp at Edisto LOL

at 16:41:51 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Clay Molden What does stay at home mean?

at 16:42:07 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Stacey Rene Kevin Cutshaw you in? Hahah

at 16:45:45 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Mark Yetter #floridastateparks, learn from this,camping shouldn't be shut down

at 16:46:51 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Linda Rhinehart Kelly D Kirk Wall when truck drivers can't find food and restrooms you're worried about park access...sheesh

at 16:50:49 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Courtney Lambert Let's hope the people in Columbia make a decision that is best for the people in the parks! I'm sure they're all working from home with their families.

at 17:15:14 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Sharlene Woodley Staying indoors all day is bad for your long term health. We need an outlet for exercise and outdoor activities. Please keep our parks open.

at 17:19:44 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Robin Haner Neel Jennifer Middleton Morris thought maybe. There were many tent campers last weekend at Dreher Island State Park.

at 17:21:52 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Randy Dale Mauldin So does this mean i can't come hike the trails in the park. Like sadlers creek?

at 17:27:52 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Larry Hall I'm camping currently at Hamilton Branch. Thanks for staying open. Not many folks around today. Many awesome sites open. Camp and enjoy.

at 17:29:18 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Eric Eisnor D Kirk Wall I agree!

at 17:35:05 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Teresa Jill Adele Bloodworth

at 18:06:04 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kay Baker Clay Molden NC State Parks are open for those that want to hike trails. Georgia State Parks are open

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✕ Georgia State Parks & Historic...



Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites

5 hrs • 🌐

State Parks Open

We know being in nature is comforting, so State Parks and Historic Sites remain open, including trails, fishing docks, campsites, cabins and golf courses. Safety is our utmost priority, so visitor centers, museums and other buildings are limiting access. Rangers are still on site, available to assist you and answer phones.

Visiting Soon?

Overnight quests may enjoy self



Write a comment...



at 18:29:27 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Amber Bradley Thank you for offering the videos as an alternative since the parks are temporarily closed!

at 19:32:45 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Kara Rogers Hollie Fleischman 🙄

at 19:53:38 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Carl Berube If people use the new "Pay for admission on line" feature that could help reduce person to person contact. All they would have to do is show their receipt thru the window on their phones

at 20:50:23 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Pamela Signor You really should just stay closed to the public, period. Staying open and allowing camping, etc is just foolish in light of a global pandemic. Camping & hiking aren't essential right now.

at 20:51:30 on 3/24/2020 UTC



William Collum I would like to know why the state park jump their prices to \$35 & 50 per site

at 20:55:17 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Ashley Baughman Yep!

at 21:08:51 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Patti Kelly Owens Thank you for keeping the campgrounds open!

at 21:18:33 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Barclay Clarke It's. Two. Days.

at 21:29:57 on 3/24/2020 UTC

Barclay Clarke Comes to less than a quarter a day. Per car....not Per person.



at 21:32:09 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mandy Barnette We love our state parks and hope that something can be figured out to keep them open while keeping the amazing park rangers and employees healthy! Maybe only allowing those who already have annual passes or only opening up certain days a week to allow employees to rest on closed days. I do agree that we should be social distancing from each other, but I feel most of our parks are large enough to allow this to be done while open. Plus, being outdoors (while not around people) is actually very beneficial to your emotional and physical health!

Thank you for staying open as long as you have and working as hard as you do! I know the decision made over the next few days will not be easy but anyone with love for the parks and employees should be behind whatever that decision may be!

at 21:43:36 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mickey Ward Delette Collins what you doing on here

at 22:00:25 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Mickey Ward Delette Collins no no in lord's name

at 22:00:48 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Sue Scott Doris Craven He has been doing this for days!

at 22:37:11 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Doris Craven Sue Scott Ty, I wondered if I was the only one to notice. 🙄

at 22:44:11 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Tom Cole Health and safety should outweigh your concerns of making a dollar.. I know how you guys roll. \$\$\$\$

at 23:14:03 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Joshua Perryman If you are a local and have a pass can we still visit that's my stress relief place and fishing spot

at 23:14:10 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Mark Hudson Randy Dale Mauldin unless you have camping reservations in that park, you can't use it Wednesday and Thursday

at 23:37:17 on 3/24/2020 UTC

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Mark Hudson Clay Molden please socially distance yourself from Facebook, I'm afraid your strain of idiocy might be contagious

at 23:45:07 on 3/24/2020 UTC



Tonya Finley-Wood Pamela Signor you never been camping. Camping is relaxing. It helps people keep sanity. We take our camper no different than being in my home. I pay online

at 0:02:57 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Tonya Finley-Wood Delette Collins my camper is just as good as my home

at 0:03:53 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Pamela Signor Tonya Finley-Wood I don't care for the woods but there is a pandemic going on, that's spread via the AIR. Stay home. 🙄♀



















at 0:05:05 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Tonya Finley-Wood Pamela Signor campsites are over 10 feet apart and being on the water in a kayak even further. Better than anyone living in apartments

at 0:07:01 on 3/25/2020 UTC

Tonya Finley-Wood Courtney Lambert some park workers live on grounds

-  at 0:07:47 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Tonya Finley-Wood** Mickey Ward yes
at 0:16:48 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Tonya Finley-Wood** Jennifer Middleton Morris that why I have a camper with a bathroom
at 0:17:38 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Tonya Finley-Wood** Stacey Rene Hope you already have a reservation. Some parks take 3 to 6 months to get a site
at 0:22:56 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Stacey Rene** Tonya Finley-Wood thanks for the advice, been waiting on this virus crap to blow over
at 0:23:35 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Tonya Finley-Wood** Stacey Rene we are going Easter weekend. Booked in January, already booked sites for June and August too.
at 0:24:56 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Stacey Rene** Tonya Finley-Wood we've never camped there, just stayed in Charleston and visited
at 0:26:24 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Tonya Finley-Wood** Hunting Island state park is suppose to be beautiful. Parts of the movie Forest Grump was shot there.
at 0:29:54 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Stacey Rene** Tonya Finley-Wood awesome!
at 0:30:16 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Robin Haner Neel** Amanda Harnish, you're a tent camper, what do you think on this?
at 0:33:53 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Jennifer Middleton Morris** Robin Haner Neel but we cant make reservations now anyway
at 0:45:17 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Jennifer Middleton Morris** Robin Haner Neel oh we could make do haha we have all the stuff
at 0:45:50 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Mark Yetter** Pamela Signor keep watching your tv
at 0:47:23 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Courtney Lambert** Tonya Finley-Wood I was referring to the people making the decisions in Columbia. I doubt the people on park are able to WFH.
at 0:50:49 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Donald Nathan Hale** Becky Mills so everyone else suffers because of you?
at 0:54:27 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Courtney Cash Driggers** D Kirk Wall i love this idea!
at 1:08:36 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Becky Mills** Donald Nathan Hale what?
at 1:17:02 on 3/25/2020 UTC
-  **Donald Nathan Hale** Becky Mills I'm very sorry you lost your job, but everything can't be tailored to everyone and every situation that people may be in. I pray that it's temporary for

you (and everyone else out there). I really do.
at 1:27:51 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Donald Nathan Hale and volunteers!
at 1:29:07 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Janet Burgess D Kirk Wall does having a park pass keep you from contracting/carrying COVID-19? UMMM NOPE. so how about everybody just stay the hell home! For the love of GOD and all humanity stay home.
at 1:49:56 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington You have completely destroyed my chances to be able to go camping this spring with this decision. I am 72 years old, and don't know how much longer I will be able to go camping -- hopefully longer. But, you have literally destroyed all of my hopes for this year - I don't go camping in the summer time because of the heat and the crowds. To say that this is devastating for me is not even close. But, I am sure it is of no concern to you, even if I have been faithfully going to our state parks only to camp for many years.
I guess I will have to try to find somewhere else to go and forget about our State Parks.
at 2:31:56 on 3/25/2020 UTC



D Kirk Wall Janet Burgess With all due respect, hiking, walking dogs, bicycle riding, and similar outdoor activities are safe as long as we maintain appropriate safe spacing. The activity is good for mental health and the outdoor air is helpful. I walk or bike from my house into the park which means I stay further away from people. Outside of a weekly trip to the grocery and the dump, it's the only thing we are doing away from the house. That means I am staying well within guidelines from the CDC, from SCDHEC, etc.
at 2:45:28 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Becky Mills Donald Nathan Hale what are you talking about?!?! Nobody is suffering because of me (?) I never suggested to tailor anything to everyone.
I was offering a perspective to the OP that he clearly didn't consider. And please, don't pray for me.
at 3:09:07 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Donald Nathan Hale Becky Mills no, all you were doing was whining.
at 3:19:47 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Becky Mills Donald Nathan Hale how very intelligent of you.
at 3:25:03 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Dana Beth Laird Mina, I cannot believe your comment. Incredibly selfish, self-centered, overly-dramatic human you are! I don't care what age you are, putting your recreation wants before people's health and sanity needs is highly egomaniac of you. Did you not get that they are short-staffed? Did you not get the world has a medical pandemic? Suck it up and be grateful to the Park staff who have already given you many years of camping memories.
at 3:30:22 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Amanda Harnish Robin Haner Neel I don't need a trail, I usually don't stick to trails anyway. I do enjoy staying in camp sites, but I'm comfortable "wandering" if need b. Bc of my tent or hammock n backpack this is very easy for me to do, I can't image it would b that easy for folks w a camper tho.... just my opinion ☺
at 3:33:11 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Amanda Harnish Robin Haner Neel I don't need a trail or a campsite, (I usually don't stick to trails anyway lol☺). I do enjoy staying in camp sites, but I'm comfortable "wandering" if need b. Bc of my tent or hammock n backpack this is very easy for me to do, I can't image it would

b that easy for folks w a camper tho.... just my opinion ☺

at 3:35:57 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Kevin Bates Mina Harrington you would think that a grown woman of 72 years would be a little more understanding and knowledgeable. No one is doing this to inconvenience you. They are doing it to protect you and everyone involved. This is a time to be vigilant and aware. Being an essential person I am more concerned of what I might bring home to my wife and children because people want to think only of themselves. If it weren't for the people that do not take all of this serious I would not have to endanger my family. Be grateful that you have been able to enjoy the state parks. I just hope that uncaring people do not cause any of my family and friends to not be able to enjoy them just the same.

at 3:58:18 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington Kevin Bates the parks I go to during spring, fall and winter have absolutely NO problem with social distancing in the campgrounds. NONE!!! I purposely avoid the weekends because of the crowds and purposely avoid the summers because of the heat and the crowds.

It is extremely easy to be no closer than 50 feet from someone else. I think that that is ample enough room for social distancing. So, they are NOT doing it to protect me. I can understand the beaches, but NOT places like Dreher Island, Lake Wateree or Lake Greenwood, and other lake campgrounds.

at 4:15:13 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Kevin Bates Mina Harrington again you do not get it. This is for everyone not just you.

at 4:17:17 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Kimberly Verreault OBrien Mina Harrington also, the statement said if you have reservations you would still be able to check in. It was for those just wanting to come in for day use.

at 4:26:35 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington Kimberly Verreault OBrien -- not so Kimberly. Read it again. You can easily go in for day use. You just can't make reservations for camping.

at 4:37:45 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington Dana Beth Laird That's a bunch of you know what!!! Talking about who is being overly dramatic really is incredible. If they are going to discriminate against some, then they should simply close the ENTIRE park system down and treat everyone fairly. Besides, I would be by myself with my dogs -- the social distance would be at least 50 feet from the next person.

So, where is the danger at? It is actually MUCH MUCH safer than going to the grocery store or the pharmacy, even at the hours for senior citizens,.

at 4:40:36 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Kimberly Verreault OBrien I did read it again. It says they are closing for day use on Wednesday and Thursday. It also says if you already have reservations you can still check in. I did see on a different post that they are not excepting any new reservations until sometime in May. So if you already have reservations you should be fine.

at 4:45:49 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington Kimberly Verreault OBrien I don't have reservations. Since I don't have an



RV but use my Grand Caravan, I have to wait to see what the weather is going to be before making reservations.

at 4:47:43 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Kevin Bates There is no reasoning with someone that thinks like this. They only think of themselves and no one else. I hope everyone fairs well in this trying time. And I hope everyone will enjoy many days camping in the future.

at 4:48:25 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Stacie Bradley New to the state. The state parks have been my only outlet from being cooped up. The next two days my husband is off work. Where can we go to get some fresh air near Blythewood.

at 7:30:02 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Robin Haner Neel Amanda Harnish what are your thoughts on using the bath/shower house's at the campgrounds?

at 11:21:11 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Josh Boggs "Suffer," is a strong word to be using for a temporary park closure, especially with our current medical crisis.

at 11:51:45 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Christopher L Reid Clay Molden I understand your point, although I think your premise is incorrect.

The restaurants are not closed, they are open. However, they are limiting opportunities for human contact by restricting access to the restaurant via takeout and drive-thru only.

The parks are also open AND limiting opportunity for human contact. They have closed the visitor centers and interpretive programs, which also limits the amount of money they can make. On top of that the parks have also gone down to skeleton crews.

It seems to me both businesses are suffering AND still open.

at 12:29:18 on 3/25/2020 UTC

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Mina Harrington Yesterday, when I read this I was very very upset -- cried half the night.

Because of my age, I never know if I will be able to go camping again, and this would just about make it so that I would not be able to go camping until the fall.

This morning, I took advantage of Publix's opening up at 7:00 am for seniors to go shopping. WHAT an eye opener -- there were kids running all over the place. They were with their grandparents. Plus there were a couple of young adults who came to go shopping before they went to work. I thought: so much for trying to ensure seniors can shop more safe with all of this.

AND, it hit me!!! The exact SAME thing would happen at the parks. Instead of being able to relax and have peace, it would be utter havoc with all the kids out of school -- just as if it were summertime (when I never go because of the heat and noisy crowds). Grandma and Grandpa will let them do whatever they want to do. (I've seen it before) There will be NO social distancing. Now, the date you have listed makes more sense, and who knows you may have to even extend that date.

at 13:04:54 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Jennifer Middleton Morris Robin Haner Neel normally I'm good w that bit not taking chances of a virus

at 13:59:48 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Robin Haner Neel Jennifer Middleton Morris I don't blame you. That's why I like our own bathroom.

at 15:21:23 on 3/25/2020 UTC



Lidia Warywoda Murdy Laura probably a good idea

at 11:06:16 on 3/26/2020 UTC

Diane Pauls We are currently at Hunting island campground. Wanted to extend a few days,



but were refused. Campsites only half full! Wish they would rethink this decision. We really like it here!

at 22:57:33 on 3/26/2020 UTC



Clay Molden And just like that, CLOSED!!!

at 15:10:59 on 3/27/2020 UTC



Randy Clark My wife and need to head back to NH will the parks allow us to dump as we pass through the region if we can't stay?

at 21:07:34 on 3/27/2020 UTC



Amanda Harnish Robin Haner Neel oh I totally use them W shower shoes of course !! 🧴🧴

at 4:33:57 on 4/01/2020 UTC



Jennifer Middleton Morris Amanda Harnish oh yes normally but I'm not into sharing a bathroom with possible sick people

at 12:16:38 on 4/01/2020 UTC