

## COVID-19 Information for Visiting State Parks Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends getting outside during this time.

- Spending times outdoors is a great way to stay active and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's important that all guidelines from state and local health officials, such as social distancing and practicing good hygiene, are still followed.
- In response to the developing public health situation with COVID-19 and the Ohio Department of Health's Stay At Home Order, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will be closing campgrounds, cabins, golf courses, restrooms, shower houses, playgrounds, and state park marinas at all ODNR properties effective March 24, 2020 to protect the health of both visitors and staff.
- Public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, wildlife areas, forests, and nature preserves including trails, dog parks, non-marina docks, and ramps remain open at this time, but visitors should use common sense and follow guidance from the National Recreation and Park Association for staying safe.
- To help protect the public against the spread of COVID-19, multiple Ohio Department of Natural Resources lodges and Ohio State Park offices have been closed.
- State Park Lodges have closed:
  - Burr Oak Lodge and Conference Center (Morgan County)
  - Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center (Pickaway County)
  - Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center (Preble County)
  - Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center (Lucas County)
  - Mohican Lodge and Conference Center (Ashland County)
  - Punderson Lodge and Conference Center (Geauga County)

- Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center (Guernsey County)
  - Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center (Scioto County)
  - Lake Hope Dining Lodge (Vinton County) – Limited availability, including carry-out
- Employees will still be available by phone and email at local park offices to respond to questions regarding local facilities, as well as current and new reservations. Visit [ohiostateparks.org](http://ohiostateparks.org) to find the park office number for each park.
  - To reschedule or cancel current reservations, or to make new reservations, visit [www.reserveohio.com](http://www.reserveohio.com) or call 866-644-6727.
  - Visit <https://www.nps.gov/state/oh/index.htm> for information on national parks in Ohio.
  - Even when you're outside, remember to practice safe and proper social distancing. Try to stay at least six feet away from others in the parks.

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

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

*If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1.800.985.5990 (1.800.846.8517 TTY), connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line – text the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741, or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1.877.275.6364 to find resources in your community.*

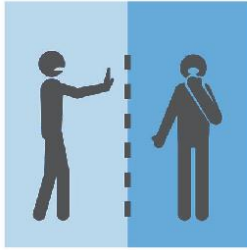
*Additional Resources:*

Ohio Department of Natural Resources: <http://ohiodnr.gov/>

National Recreation and Park Association: [www.nrpa.org/blog/keeping-a-safe-social-distance-in-parks-and-on-trails-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/](http://www.nrpa.org/blog/keeping-a-safe-social-distance-in-parks-and-on-trails-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/)



STAY HOME  
WHEN YOU ARE  
SICK



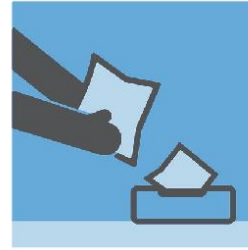
AVOID CONTACT  
WITH PEOPLE  
WHO ARE SICK



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP  
AND EAT WELL-  
BALANCED  
MEALS



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



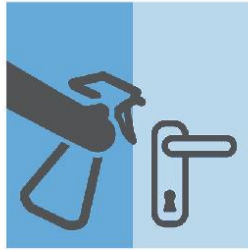
DRY HANDS WITH  
A CLEAN TOWEL  
OR AIR DRY  
YOUR HANDS



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



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



CLEAN AND DISINFECT  
"HIGH-TOUCH"  
SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING  
YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD  
HYGIENE HABITS