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## **State Parks Announces Updates in Line with Most Recent Public Health Order**

**Santa Fe** – Today the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s (EMNRD) State Parks Division announces operational updates in accordance with the most recent public health order. State Parks remain open to New Mexico residents only. Reservations from out-of-state visitors will be cancelled and refunded through November 13, 2020. Camping will be available by online reservation only; a valid New Mexico license plate will be required to complete your transaction. Group size is also reduced from 10 to 5.

State Parks also announces that the yurts at Hyde Memorial State Park and all group reservations will remain closed for the rest of the calendar year. Any yurt or group reservations will be automatically cancelled and refunded.

Annual camping permits purchased after March 1, 2019 will be extended for the period of validity equaling the period that the holder of the permit was not able to use their annual camping permit.

It is important for visitors to continue to check for details on specific park hours of operation and additional information visit the [State Parks website](#) and know before you go.

State Parks advises the additional guidance is still in place:

### **Limitations on Visitors:**

- Only New Mexico residents may enter New Mexico State Parks.
- Visitors must show either a valid New Mexico license plate, a New Mexico driver’s license or ID card, a New Mexico vehicle registration, a federal document attesting to residency, or a military ID to be admitted to a State Park.

**Additional guidance:**

- Wearing a mask or cloth face covering is mandatory in public settings except when eating, drinking, or swimming or unless a healthcare provider instructs otherwise, and violators could face citations and \$100 fines for not complying voluntarily.
- Keep groups to 5 people or less
- Bring hand sanitizer and additional personal protective equipment
- Maintain social distance of 6 feet or more while recreating
- Visitor centers and shower facilities remain closed
- An online reservation is required to camp
- No campfires or open fires
- Water access and trails will be open, but access may be limited to adhere to social distancing requirements
- No group shelter use or large organized events, in accordance with continued restrictions on mass gatherings
- Playgrounds closed
- To limit interactions, please use exact change when paying fees
- Limited concession operations
- Recreate responsibly and pack out all trash
- Follow all safety guidelines when boating or swimming

All current park information can be found on park webpages and on the FAQ page at [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com).

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