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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation Update April 30th, 2020

Island County Public Health wants to make sure that the citizens of Island County have access to reliable guidance surrounding COVID-19.

Returning to the Great Outdoors

Beginning May 5, Washington residents will be able to return to limited fishing, hunting, golfing, and day use at state parks, public lands, and some county parks. Refer to [the WDFW website](#) for fishing and hunting specifics. Other activities such as public gatherings, events, team sports, dog parks, and camping, will not resume at this time. Please see the list below for county parks that will be open on May 5. At the time of this writing, we do not have information on federally operated parks and land.

As we return to some outdoor activities, we will need be especially vigilant to maintain physical distancing. Any additional relaxing of restrictions on outdoor recreation will depend on continuing our physical distancing while we participate in outdoor recreation.

Here are some tips for following physical distancing rules while getting outside:

- If you feel sick at all, even a little bit, you need to stay home.
- Gatherings are still prohibited. It is recommended to enjoy the outdoors only with members of your own family. You can only play golf with one person outside your own household, and you still need to stay six feet away from each other.
- Spend your time outside far away from other people. If you are temporarily unable to be at least six feet away from others, wear a cloth face covering. Step off the trail, or choose another park if crowding occurs.
- Do not travel to outdoor recreation areas – enjoy parks and recreation close to home. Overnight trips and camping are still prohibited.
- Bring environmentally responsible hand washing supplies with you; bathrooms will not be open.
- Pack it in, Pack it out.

County Parks List:

Park	Location	Reopening 5/5/20
English Boom	Camano Island	Yes
Iverson Preserve	Camano Island	Yes
Barnum Point	Camano Island	Yes, curbed parking only
Walt Hutchinson Park	Camano Island	Yes
Tillicum Beach	Camano Island	Yes
Henry Hollow Off-Leash Park	Camano Island	No
Four Springs House	Camano Island	No
Moran's Beach	Whidbey Island	Yes
Rhododendron Park and Campground	Whidbey Island	No camping, but hiking trails are open
Freeland Hall and Playground	Whidbey Island	No
Patmore Pit Off-Leash Park and Ballfield	Whidbey Island	No
Double Bluff Beach and Off-Leash Area	Whidbey Island	Yes, curbed parking only
Marguerite Brons Off-Leash Park	Whidbey Island	No

Individual parks may close again with limited notice if large groups of people congregate there or if there are other safety or physical distancing concerns. If you see any issues of crowding, trash, or other concerns of wildlife areas or boat launches on WDFW lands, you can report those issues online at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/wdfw-lands/report-conditions>.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our **Facebook** page.

Public can contact the Island County call center at **360.678.2301**.

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.