



The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation has been working diligently to continue to provide recreational opportunities to the public during the Coronavirus pandemic while also striving to ensure public safety and compliance with all current CDC and PA Dept. of Health COVID-19 mitigation regulations.

Following is an update on what visitors can currently expect in the County Parks:

Grounds and Trails

All Park grounds and trails continue to remain open and accessible.

Restroom facilities

All restroom facilities, except those near the Buchmiller Meadow, are open daily from approximately 8 AM – Dusk. Port-a-johns are also provided at select locations throughout Central and Buchmiller Parks

Pavilions

Pavilions are currently available for rent **at limited capacity**. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Park Office at (717) 299-8215.

Swimming Pool

We are currently planning to open the Lancaster County Swimming Pool for the full 2021 season. Season passes will go on sale starting April 24. Please continue to check the Park website for further details as they become available. **Also, we are seeking lifeguards to work at the Pool this summer.** Please click the red “Now Hiring Lifeguards” link on the Park home page for further information.

Campgrounds

The Mill Creek Campground in Lancaster County Central Park are **available for family camping only** until further notice.

Playgrounds

All Lancaster County Park playgrounds are open. As these facilities are not regularly sanitized and are used at your own risk, please encourage children to practice good hygiene including washing hands before and after use of play structures.

Athletic Facilities and Courts

The Central Park basketball courts, tennis courts and skate park, as well as the Buchmiller Park pickleball courts, are open daily (weather permitting). Park ballfields are now available for use by permit only.

Water

All drinking fountains in the Parks remain closed.

Environmental Center and Programming

Park program staff is working to provide environmental education activities and programs that are exciting and interactive while also prioritizing public and staff safety. Please click the “Environmental Education” link on the left navigation bar of the Park homepage for more information.

The Shuts Library is open M-W from 9 AM – 5 PM at limited capacity for browsing and checkout of books from our collection. Hold service from other libraries has been temporarily suspended. The book drop remains available 7 days a week.

Visitors are reminded of the following tips for COVID-19 etiquette when visiting parks:

1. Don't go to a park if you don't feel well.
2. Avoid crowded park areas and parking lots. Please don't create your own parking.
3. Maintain 6' distance from others while on park grounds and trails.
4. Wear a mask. Your mask helps protect me; my mask helps protect you.
5. Use soap and water or hand sanitizer to regularly wash your hands.
6. Follow carry-in, carry-out policies where necessary. Always carry-out and properly dispose of dog waste.

Visitors acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that, by visiting the Lancaster County Parks, utilizing any Park facilities and/or attending Park programs, they may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in severe illness, permanent disability, and death.

If you have any questions regarding the Lancaster County Parks, please contact us at (717) 299-8215 or parks@co.lancaster.pa.us.