



The Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation has been working diligently to continue to provide recreational opportunities to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic while also working to ensure public safety and compliance with industry-wide health guidelines.

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 for passive recreation.

Restroom facilities

Port-a-johns are provided throughout Central and Buchmiller Parks. The restrooms at the Central Park Garden of 5 Senses and Buchmiller Park Tennis Courts are open. All other restroom facilities remain closed.

Pavilions

All Lancaster County Park pavilions remain closed. We will continue to contact customers who have upcoming pavilion rentals and special events about re-scheduling or cancelling those rentals.

Playgrounds

All Lancaster County Park playgrounds remain closed.

Campgrounds

The Mill Creek Campground in Lancaster County Central Park are open for **family camping only**. Families interested in renting a campsite should contact the Park Office at (717) 299-8215.

Athletic Facilities and Courts

The tennis courts and skate park in Central Park and the disc golf course in Buchmiller Park will be open for drop-in use. Due to the contact nature of the sport, the Central Park basketball courts remain closed.

Organized athletic leagues and events in the County Parks are **not** operating at this time.

Water

All drinking fountains in the Parks remain closed. Operating water spigots are available at the Central Park Garden Plots and Mill Creek Campground only.

Environmental Center and Programming

At this time, all Park programs and camps have been cancelled through June 7. We will continue to re-visit programming and camps on a regular basis and make further cancellations if/when necessary. The Department will continue to contact customers who have upcoming program and camp registration registrations regarding cancellations.

Park program staff is currently working to provide exciting, interactive, virtual environmental education activities and programs. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Swimming Pool

The Lancaster County swimming Pool remains closed. We are awaiting additional directives from the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and local officials regarding if/when the Pool can be opened for the 2020 season. Stay tuned for more details.

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. Follow carry-in, carry-out policies where necessary. Always carry-out and properly dispose of dog waste.
6. Be kind and considerate to others in the parks.

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