

Due to the Coronavirus, and in an attempt to do our part to keep the virus from spreading, the Madison County Conservation Board is exercising the following public access policies:

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS**

- Head Quarters Office/Shop: Closed to the public with the exception of scheduled appointments through March 30.
- Pammel Park Nature Center: Closed to the public with the exception of scheduled appointments through March 30.
- Pammel Park Shop Facilities: Closed to the public through March 30.

## **PARKS**

At this point, all of our County Parks are open and we want the public to be able to continue to enjoy the outdoors as an opportunity to enhance both your physical and mental health, especially during this period that can create increased anxieties. We ask that you remain diligent in taking steps to make your visit as safe and enjoyable as possible.

- Our bathrooms are currently closed due to normal seasonal closing but may remain closed through at least April 13.
- Avoid popular areas where people may congregate
- Limit your group size to less than 10
- Avoid larger groups in general
- Try to maintain distance between you and other park visitors according to guidelines recommended by public health officials
- Please take into consideration the health of others when spending time outdoors
- Additional information on best practices for keeping you and your family safe can be found online at the CDC website

## **SHELTERS**

All of our shelters will be open, but current State of Public Health Disaster Emergency declaration issued on March 17, 2020 by the State of Iowa limits group size to 10 or less.

- Reservations through April 15 may be canceled and refunds will be provided – this policy may be extended pending virus containment protocols

## **CAMPING/RESERVATIONS**

As of this current time we plan to open our campgrounds by April 1.

- Our bathroom/shower facilities will be open for registered guests only
- Limit your campsite group size (including guests) to 6
- Avoid larger groups in general
- Try to maintain distance between you and other park visitors according to guidelines recommended by public health officials
- Please take into consideration the health of others when spending time outdoors
- Additional information on best practices for keeping you and your family safe can be found online at the CDC website
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## **CABIN RESERVATIONS**

As of this current time we plan to open our Yurt Cabins by April 3.

- Our bathroom/shower facilities will be open for registered guests only
- Limit your cabin group size (including guests) to 8
- Bring ample supplies of sanitizers and soaps
- Avoid larger groups in general
- Try to maintain distance between you and other park visitors according to guidelines recommended by public health officials
- Please take into consideration the health of others when spending time outdoors
- Additional information on best practices for keeping you and your family safe can be found online at the CDC website
- Reservations through April 15 may be canceled and refunds will be provided – this policy may be extended pending virus containment protocols

## **PUBLIC PROGRAMMING**

- All indoor Environmental Education programs are cancelled until April 13, 2020. All fee-based programs will be refunded for that period.
- The use of technology will be utilized to its capacity for EE programming when viable.
- All outdoor Environmental Education programs will continue but may be cancelled due to inclement weather and not be relocated indoors.
- These policies may be extended pending ongoing virus containment protocols

***While we are in an unprecedented time in our nation's history, we need to remain positive and continue the great work and services we provide the public. We will be encouraging the public to get outdoors and use our parks to exercise, get fresh air and enjoy nature's beauty! We promise to remain diligent and intentional in protecting you and making your visit a great experience. As conditions change, so may our policies on park visitation and overnight stays. We will keep you informed of any changes moving forward.***

***Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We appreciate your support of Iowa state parks.***

***We are still here to serve you for essential business through phone, emails, websites, Facebook and scheduled appointments.***

Please call 515-462-3536 for assistance. Also, stay updated with County Park programming and County Park events by following us on Facebook @ Madison County Conservation Board or our website;

[www.madisoncountyparks.org](http://www.madisoncountyparks.org)