RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
235 Promenade Street, Room 425
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

EMERGENCY OPERATION ORDER

No. 20-12

June 30, 2020

Effective date(s): Tuesday, June 30, 2020 until further notice.

Affected facilities: All state campgrounds and camping areas
Replaces Emergency Operation Order No. 20-11

Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. § 42-17.1-2(19) and 250-RICR-100-1, Section 1.22

RIDEM finds that the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare which justifies the imposition of restrictions on access and use and/or the closure of state campgrounds and camping areas until further notice. The list of affected campgrounds and camping areas and conditions related thereto are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Given the serious nature of COVID-19, and the imminent peril posed by this pandemic, RIDEM advises that should individuals choose to visit a state campground, they must abide by quarantine, group size limitations and other restrictions in accordance with current executive orders, and should adhere to all social/physical distancing rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19. RIDEM continues to monitor the situation and will issue additional orders as necessary.

This order shall be enforceable under the provisions of 250 RICR-100-1, Section 1.37. In accordance with this section, any person found to have violated this order may be subject to a fine not to exceed $100.00 for each violation, enforceable in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

Notice of this Emergency Operation Order shall be posted on and available for review on the RIDEM website www.ridem.ri.gov.

By Order of the Director:

_____ Date: June 30, 2020

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Exhibit A

State Campgrounds – Open with Restrictions

- Burlingame State Campground, Charlestown
- Charlestown Breachway Campground, Charlestown
- Fisherman's Memorial State Park and Campground, Narragansett
- George Washington State Campground, Glocester

State Campgrounds and Camping Areas – Closed

- Arcadia Management Area (Frosty Hollow Shelter, Horseman's Campground, and backpack camping area), Exeter
- All backpack and canoe campsites within Management Areas
- East Beach Campground, Charlestown