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Missouri State Parks extends temporary campground closures through May 3

Events, programming and group reservations also suspended

JEFFERSON CITY, MO, April 17, 2020 – Out of an abundance of caution and in response to the extension of the statewide "Stay Home Missouri" Order, Missouri State Parks is extending temporary closures of campgrounds, park-run lodging, offices and visitor centers and extending the suspension of special events and programming through May 3. This suspension includes Missouri State Parks special events, including both on- and off-site programming, third party events, group reservations and guided tours.

Missouri State Park visitor centers, offices, campgrounds and lodging will remain closed through May 3. Most state parks and state historic sites will remain open for day-use, with the exception of temporary closures at five state parks to address overcrowding and concerns regarding public safety.

State park temporary closures through May 3 include the following:

- The temporary closure of Castlewood State Park
- The temporary closure of Elephant Rocks State Park
- The temporary closure of Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site and Park
- The temporary closure of Weston Bend State Park
- The temporary closure of the off-road vehicle riding area at St. Joe State Park

Gates to individual parking lots may close at all state parks when the lot is near capacity.

For questions regarding state park or historic site campground or park-run lodging, please call the Reservation Call Center at 1-877-422-6766. The call center is open daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST.

For an existing reservation with concessionaire lodging, please contact them directly at the phone number listed below:

Sam A. Baker State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/sam-baker-state-park)
573-856-4223
Bennett Spring State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/bennett-spring-state-park)
417-532-4307
Echo Bluff State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/echo-bluff-state-park)
844-322-3246
Lake Wappapello State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/lake-wappapello-state-park)

573-297-3817

Meramec State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/meramec-state-park)
573-468-6519

Montauk State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/montauk-state-park)
573-548-2434

Pomme de Terre State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/pomme-de-terre-state-park)
636-222-8602 or 417-852-1031

Roaring River State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/roaring-river-state-park)
417-847-2330

Stockton State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/stockton-state-park)
417-276-5329

Thousand Hills State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/thousand-hills-state-park)
660-665-7119

Washington State Park (https://mostateparks.com/lodging/washington-state-park)
636-586-2995

For the latest actions taken by Missouri State Parks in response to COVID-19, visit **mostateparks.com/response (https://mostateparks.com/response)**. Missourians are encouraged to review information provided by the **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/)** as it relates to COVID-19.

The team is closely monitoring the progression of COVID-19 and its effect in Missouri. While safety, stewardship and service are all very important to Missouri State Parks, safety is the top priority.

Missouri State Parks is committed to the safety of park guests, volunteers and staff. If you have any questions regarding Missouri State Parks events or programs, please contact us at **moparks@dnr.mo.gov (mailto:moparks@dnr.mo.gov)**.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit **mostateparks.com (https://mostateparks.com/response)**. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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