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Iowa state parks extend closures into May

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The DNR is extending closures of campgrounds and other park facilities through May 14, 2020 to help protect the health of visitors and staff during the COVID-19 health emergency. State parks and forests remain open for day-use opportunities, but visitors are reminded to strictly abide the social distancing rules and not gather in groups.

Facilities that will remain closed through May 14 include:

- Campgrounds, including youth and group camps
- Bathrooms, including pit latrines and port-a-potties
- Playgrounds
- Cabins, shelters and lodges
- Visitor centers and museums

All programs and events at state parks are cancelled or postponed through at least May 14, 2020. Watch for updates at **iowadnr.gov**

Please be aware that as conditions change, so may policies on park visitation and overnight stays.

The DNR will work with guests to cancel reservations affected by this extension. If you have reservations for the month of May after the closure dates and feel cancelling your stay is the safest choice, **we will waive the cancellation fee** for visits (cabins, campsites, lodges, shelters) with arrival dates through May 31, 2020. A transaction fee of $4.00 ($6.00 for reservations originally made by phone) will still apply. To cancel your May reservation, call (877) 427-2757.

Remember to stay home if you feel sick, wash your hands regularly, avoid touching your face, and bring supplies from home including disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and other hygiene products.

We will keep you informed of any changes moving forward. Please visit the DNR's COVID-19 web page for more information about how COVID-19 is affecting DNR events, facilities and services. Thanks for your continued assistance.

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