



South Slough Reserve  
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# Press Release

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## **South Slough Reserve Visitor Center closed until further notice; programs and events cancelled through April 30**

The health and safety of our South Slough staff, volunteers, and visitors is an essential part of our operations. Effective March 18, 2020, the Reserve Visitor Center is temporarily closed until further notice. This includes the public restrooms.

All South Slough Reserve Interpretive Programs, School Field Trips, Volunteer Trainings, Teacher Workshops, and public meetings are cancelled through April 30, 2020.

South Slough Reserve trails and waterways remain open daily from dawn to dusk.

Consult our website for updates on closures and cancellations: [www.southsloughestuary.org](http://www.southsloughestuary.org)

### **Protecting Yourself and Others**

Your health and that of your family and friends is most important. Please take good care of yourselves and spend a little extra time for YOU each day to relax, exercise, meditate or whatever helps during these challenging and unprecedented times.

Spending time outdoors is a good way to relieve stress. Consider taking a hike on one of trails or paddle the slough. Go for a walk on the beach, surf or visit a neighboring trail system to hike, bike or jog.

Be sure to always follow the guidelines for protecting your personal health. Remember that public places are only as clean as the last person who touched them. Use your best judgement and follow the Oregon Health Authority's personal hygiene recommendations.

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you're sick, stay home. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When in public, maintain a social distance of at least six feet.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, use your elbow.
- Clean surfaces you touch regularly.