

Goal: Communicate what consumers need to know about what outdoor recreation areas are opened/closed as of 5/15/2020

Deliverables: Priority messages and social tile(s) - Approved tile styles listed at bottom of document

What's open?

- Many local parks and natural areas across the state remain open. Others are opening in time for this weekend. Certain facilities like playgrounds, courts, skateparks and restrooms may not be
- Generally, dispersed recreation on public land. Trails are mostly open, while many trailheads are not yet
- Dispersed camping is generally open, while state and federal campgrounds are not
- Most boat ramps are open, though not all (for example if they are in a closed park)
- Most hunting and fishing seasons remain open except for crabbing and clamming by non-residents. Usual access points might not be
- Timberline Lodge & Ski and Snowboard Area by reservation only
- Mt. Bachelor is opening limited operations

What is still closed?

- Most state and national parks
- Federal and state campgrounds
- Developed recreation sites on federal public land –visitor centers, restrooms and other day-use facilities, trailhead parking lots may be closed or have limited facilities
- Group day-use areas like picnic shelters
- Some beach access, and the vast majority of the Columbia River Gorge including state parks and national forests

Federal:

National Park Service: <https://www.nps.gov/state/or/index.htm>

US Forest Service: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/home/?cid=fseprd716206>

US Bureau of Land Management: <https://www.blm.gov/oregon-washington/covid-access-restrictions>

US Army Corps of Engineers: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/>

US Fish and Wildlife Service: <https://www.fws.gov/home/state-by-state-closures.html>

State:

Oregon State Parks https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_parkStatus

Boat Oregon (boat ramp info): www.boatoregon.com/map

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (hunting and fishing info): <https://myodfw.com/COVID-19>

Oregon Department of Forestry (state forests): <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>

Local: <https://www.orpa.org/page/covid19>

(general information about local, county and district parks – there are more than 100 agencies)

Private:

Idaho Power parks: <https://www.idahopower.com/community-recreation/recreation/>

Portland General Electric parks: www.portlandgeneral.com/parks

DRAFT Messaging Template:

OPEN/CLOSED TILE

- Announcement style template, copy as follows

[1] INTRO

LIMITED RECREATION AREAS

ENJOY THE

OUTDOORS LOCALLY

What's open or closed

May 15, 2020

Prepare before you go >

[2] WHAT'S OPEN

What's open

- Many local parks and natural areas across the state
- Dispersed recreation (generally) on public land
- Most boat ramps are open, though not all
- Hunting and fishing seasons. Crabbing and clamming by Oregon residents only
- Timberline Lodge & Ski and Snowboard Area by reservation only
- Mt. Bachelor is opening limited operations to passholders
- Some local campgrounds (check status before going)

[3] WHAT'S CLOSED

What's closed

- Many state and national parks
- State and federal campgrounds
- Many developed recreation sites on federal public land
- Group day-use facilities like picnic shelters
- Most beach access and majority of the North Coast
- Majority of the Columbia River Gorge

CAPTION

As Oregon's outdoors gradually reopen, residents should be prepared before going to recreation sites.

- Stay local with day trips near home and no groups of more than 10 people.
- Check the park's status before you go, understand closures can happen without notice and restrooms may not be open.
- Pack everything you need so you don't make any unnecessary stops.

Open: Many local parks, natural areas and boat ramps will be open this weekend, however, certain facilities like playgrounds, courts, skate parks and restrooms may remain closed. While dispersed recreation (including camping) is generally allowed on public land, trailheads and traditional access points for hunting and fishing might be closed. Crabbing and clamming open to Oregon residents only.

Closed: Many state and national parks, state and federal campgrounds, developed federal recreation sites and facilities (such as trailheads, visitor centers and restrooms) and group day-use areas like picnic shelters remain closed. Many beach access points, especially on the North Oregon Coast, and the majority of the Columbia River Gorge will not be open.