



# Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

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## RivCoParks Update on Parks, Trails, and Parking Lot Access

### Parking Areas Re-Open to Support Limited Recreational Activities

**April 24, 2020 – Riverside, CA** – Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCoParks) announces additional limited re-openings under new Riverside County Public Health orders issued this week. The county clarified that parking lots are now open to support activities in regional parks and on trails. Social distancing and face coverings are still required when out in the public. Guests may engage in non-contact outdoor recreation such as hiking, fishing, biking, and horseback riding. Guests, however, may not use playgrounds, picnic tables, nor play team sports, participate in gatherings, or any public events.

Regional parks and open-space areas are open for day use, however sports parks, nature centers and historic sites remain closed to the public. Parks and trails will continue to be monitored for compliance and if areas are inundated with people and distancing cannot be maintained, the need for closures will be reevaluated.

All normal day-use fees for accessing regional parks and trails will again resume so guests should be prepared with appropriate payments. Please note: day use cash payments are either self-submitted upon arrival to the site into a drop box or paid at a kiosk which also accept credit card payments.

“We are opening areas in a phased approach to ensure compliance with the health order. While we are not completely returned to normal just yet, we are grateful for the access we can provide to the public. Our guests, staff and volunteers enjoy the beautiful natural spaces that give us so much enjoyment,” said RivCoParks General Manager Kyla Brown.

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If you would like to access our parks and trails, you may visit our website for information on what is and is not currently open, site hours, and fees [www.RivCoParks.org](http://www.RivCoParks.org)

This week marked the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day reminding us of the importance of our natural environment in our daily lives. In the midst of everything going on right now, people are still wanting to enjoy time outdoors.

Applications for volunteers are being accepted to assist in maintaining the Santa Rosa Plateau, and in preparation for the months ahead as more people choose to spend quality time outdoors. Visit our website to view opportunities to help volunteer. <https://www.rivcoparks.org/volunteer-donate-partner>

Website: [www.RivCoParks.org](http://www.RivCoParks.org)

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***About The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District***

*Our Mission is to acquire, protect, develop, manage, and interpret for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of all people, a well-balanced system of park related places of outstanding scenic, recreational, and historic importance. Our Vision is to be the regional leader in improving lives through people, parks, places and programs. [www.rivcoparks.org](http://www.rivcoparks.org)*



# Park Guidelines

Under the guidance of Riverside County Public Health and Emergency Services, RivCoParks asks that you adhere to the guidelines below in an effort to protect public health and slow down the rate of transmission of COVID-19.

## **DOs**

### **Observe Social Distancing**

6 feet required at all times

### **Cover your Face**

### **Go Fishing**

### **Go on a Hike**

### **Ride your Bike**

### **Walk your Dog**

### **Ride your Horse**

### **Read a Book**

### **Go Birding**

## **DON'Ts**

### **Gather in Groups**

### **Visit if you are Sick**

### **Have a Barbeque**

### **Enter Closed Areas**

### **Play on the Playground**

### **Work out using Park Equipment**

### **Leave your Trash**

### **Use Splash Pad**

### **Use Shelters or Picnic Equipment**

Any areas where social distancing cannot be maintained due to excessive crowding will be closed again.