



APPLETON PARKS AND RECREATION

"SAFER AT HOME" ORDER IN REGARDS TO PARKS AND TRAILS

Effective March 25, 2020, Governor Evers issued a "Safer at Home" order. The order allows people to leave their residence to engage in outdoor activity, including visiting public and state parks, following the six-foot social distancing recommendation.

Using the parks include walking, biking, hiking or running. Team or contact sports such as basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, or football, etc. are not allowed; as these activities do not comply with social distancing recommendations.

The City of Appleton has closed basketball courts, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, the skateboard park and Reid Golf Course. Trails are open, with the expectation of the six-foot social distancing recommendation being followed.

The City of Appleton believes parks, trails and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner; which allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits provided by these spaces.

In places where there are no restrictions, we encourage all users to follow these recommendations:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms of any illness.
- Follow CDC guidance on personal hygiene prior to, during and after use of parks or trails.
- Playgrounds within parks are closed.
- Restrooms in all parks are closed.
- While on trails, communicate with other users to allow passing while following the six (6) foot recommendation.
- Follow CDC guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings. This includes outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports and other group hangouts (such as park pavilions).
- Observe CDC recommended social distancing of six (6) feet from others wherever possible. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location for recreation. **This includes traveling to and from your destination via vehicle.**

Our local parks, trails and open spaces have always served as places where people can find respite, seek peace and participate in recreational activities. During this time of uncertainty, these places are needed now more than ever. Our park and recreation professionals are working hard to maintain these spaces. They will work to keep them safe, accessible and a benefit to our community, during these challenging times.

Let us all do our part to use our parks, trails and open spaces in a way that respects each other and follows public health guidance.