

New Parks and Recreation Pandemic Policy Announcements

1. **Safe use of narrow natural surface trails.** Mountain bikers, trail runners, and hikers on narrow trails are asked to travel slowly and carefully. When passing, users should come to a complete stop and step off the trail as necessary to maintain the minimum six-foot social distance. Extreme and/or widespread disregard of social distancing may necessitate additional restrictions or closures on narrow natural surface trails.
2. **Programs, events, and facilities that provide essential human services to at-risk groups may proceed with conditions.** Qualifying services may include nutrition and mental health services. The provider must submit a pandemic operations plan that, in the City's judgment, adequately reduces the risk of disease transmission and adequately minimizes the necessity for City operating support. Examples may include youth development programs that provide nutrition and/or social services for at-risk youth, community garden programs, and farmer's market events.
3. **Placement and use of portable toilets.** The City will engage its portable toilet vendor to return portable toilets to high-traffic parks sites throughout the City and sanitize those units one time per day. The City advises that use of these units can plausibly result in exchange of virus materials, individuals should plan to avoid the necessity to go to the bathroom away from home, follow all disease prevention guidelines, and use the portable toilets at their own risk.
4. **Nonprofit groups with existing agreements with the City of Duluth may conduct volunteer service projects with a City-approved pandemic operations plan.** Individual volunteer projects are subject to the approval of the Property, Park, and Libraries Director on the basis of alignment with the City's summer 2020 park maintenance priorities – safety, asset preservation, and minimal tidiness - and the City of Duluth's capacity to support the project. No other volunteer service projects will be permitted.
 - a. Volunteer groups must be self-supported with their own materials, tools, and equipment as well as the capacity to remove and dispose of brush or debris the project may generate.
 - b. Tools from the Volunteer Tool Shed will not be available until City buildings are open to the public.
5. **Two additional locations are available for non-motorized recreation until at least July 1:** West Skyline Parkway from the Magney Snively Trailhead to Becks Road (bike and pedestrian use) and paved cart path on Lake Nine at Lester Park Golf Course (pedestrian only).
6. **A portion of Hank Jensen Drive will reopen to motorized traffic June 1** in order to provide motor vehicle access to Enger Park. The portion of Hank Jensen Drive from Twin Ponds to the Enger Park entrance will be reopened to motor vehicles. The remainder of Hank Jensen and the adjacent section of Skyline Parkway will remain open only to bikes and pedestrians.
7. **The Fourth of July fireworks display has been postponed to Labor Day.**