

Messages:

- Provincial parks, beaches and trails are open for public use this long weekend, but visitor services will remain very limited while we enhance public health measures.
- Provincial and municipal beaches are now open so you can walk or play in the sand. Getting outside is great for exercise and mental health.
- Make sure you can maintain a physical distance of 2 metres or 6 feet while outdoors, not gather in groups of five or more, and stay within your family unit. If the beach is too busy, come back later.
- Full services are not yet offered, so there is no washroom access, garbage collection or lifeguards on duty. We will soon share our detailed plan for public health measures for park services and facilities to the public.
- Provincial campgrounds and the attached day use portions remain closed until further notice.

Q&As:**Which beaches are open?**

The public can access any provincial or municipal beach, excluding beaches within provincial park campgrounds. Though provincial parks and beaches are not serviced or maintained right now, they are now available for the public to use at their own discretion provided they can adhere to public health orders and maintain a safe physical distance from others outside their immediate household.

Can I drive to a beach?

Yes. Parking lots may be open where available but physical distancing rules must always be followed, even in parking areas.

When will provincial parks open and services resume?

Park properties are open for the public to use at their own discretion. Right now, we're looking at how to safely open services and facilities to the public. Our plan will include steps to keep visitors safe, including extra cleaning of common facilities, signage and measures to encourage physical distancing, and counters to make sure capacity limits are respected. We want everyone to feel safe while they're enjoying their visits to our parks, beaches and trails so we'll communicate the plan, so everyone knows what to expect when visiting.

Are boat launches open?

Boat launches will be open this weekend in day-use parks. Boat launches within provincial camping parks will be available when the camping park opens at a future date. Everyone must keep a safe physical distance from others outside your immediate household, per provincial health orders.

What if the park gate is closed?

Gates will start opening Saturday, May 16. If the gate is closed and the parking lot is not accessible, entry by foot is permitted.

When will campgrounds open?

Date for opening campgrounds have not yet been determined. This decision will be made as part of the province's overall COVID-19 recovery plan.

What restrictions remain in place?

Playgrounds and group use buildings remain closed and all park events are cancelled until at least June 30.