



San Joaquin County Parks to close to visitors at 5 p.m. March 23

Park Administrative Office will continue to provide services via telephone, e-mail or mail.

In response to COVID-19, the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Division has temporarily closed parks through April 30, 2020. The closure will go into effect today; March 23, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Parks affected by this closure include Micke Grove Regional Park in Lodi, Oak Grove Regional Park in Stockton, Mossdale Crossing Regional Park in Lathrop and Regional Sports Complex in Stockton, along with day-use and campground facilities at Dos Reis Regional Park in Lathrop, Westgate Landing Regional Park in Lodi and Stillman Magee Regional Park in Clements.

This temporary closure joins Micke Grove Zoo and the Oak Grove Nature Center in Oak Grove Regional Park, both of which have already closed to the public.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is the priority of San Joaquin County. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the general public, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed.

The San Joaquin County Parks Administrative Office, located in Micke Grove Regional Park, will continue to provide services via telephone at (209) 953-8800, e-mail at parks@sjgov.org, or by mail.

As this is a fluid situation, the public can keep up to date on closures at www.sjpark.com. Those interested in more information are encouraged to visit San Joaquin County Public Health Services www.sjcphs.org, California Department of Public Health at www.cdph.ca.gov or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.