



ANNOUNCEMENT

COLLINS LAKE WILL BE RE-OPENING MAY 4th WITH SOME LIMITATIONS

Collins Lake will be re-opening at 5:30am 5/4/2020 in accordance with Yuba-Sutter Public Health Officer's updated Order. This Order recognizes the COVID-19 virus will remain a viable threat for the foreseeable future, so individuals must take upon themselves the responsibility to restrict their daily movements as much as possible to essential, common sense movements to allow for necessary work, sustenance, and recreation to maintain physical, mental & economic health. Outdoor lakes and recreation areas like Collins Lake are an excellent location to restore & maintain both physical & mental health if done responsibly.

Therefore, the following requirements have been placed by our Public Health Office for Collins Lake to remain open:

- Visitors should maintain a social distancing of six feet or more from another person not part of their household.
- Visitors should use good hand hygiene with frequent hand washing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer. For this reason, hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the park at every restroom and in common public locations.
- Visitors must stay home when having symptoms concerning for COVID-19 including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath.
- Visitors must wear facial coverings when social distancing is not achievable. For this reason, facial coverings will be required when in the park store or in lines for ice cream, showers, etc. When outdoors and social distancing is easily accomplished, then they are not required, but must be carried in case visitors encounter any situation where social distancing cannot easily be accomplished.
- Social gatherings of more than ten (10) persons are prohibited.
- Visitors who are more vulnerable are advised not to leave their homes. Although recreational activities are permitted reasons to leave their homes, they are advised to use added caution in their leaving their homes due to their increased risk of severe illness if exposed to COVID-19. These people included all persons age 65 or older and/or living with chronic medical issues that place them at increased risk as noted by the CDC.
- Collins Lake is taking many operational measures to increase sanitation of commonly used facilities and to reduce social distancing throughout the park. Some of our operational rules have also changed to support and encourage this same goal.
 - Collins Lake staff will adhere to the [COVID-19 Operations Protocol](#), which will be publicly posted at the park office. This protocol outlines the added measures taken to protect staff and visitors in addition to our normal operating procedures. This protocol may change over time as the various issues arise and/or recede with this virus.

- Online camping precheck-in process will occur the week prior to arrival to streamline the check-in process upon arrival and reduce congestion in the park office.
- For Camping and Cabins/Rental RV trailers, the maximum number of people allowed per campsite will be reduced from 8 people to 6 people from the same household (including children). No more than 1 extra vehicle will be allowed to register per site and must be from same household. People with existing reservations will be alerted to this change so they can plan accordingly to change or cancel their reservations if they have more than 6 people or more than one household per site.
- Group Camping areas will be converted into individual campsites. Existing groups will be contacted to look at possible options.
- Playground will be open and cleaned daily.
- The swimming beach is closed per the latest Health Officer's Order and will be converted to normal shoreline access similar to the remainder of Collins Lake's shoreline and the swimming buoys removed. However, the activity of swimming will be permitted throughout the lake shoreline at your own risk (except by marinas & boat launching area), providing social distancing is maintained.
- Open Camping Area shoreline will be closed to camping and used solely for Day Use lake access.
- The number of Day Use vehicles will be more limited to maintain social distancing requirements. Once the park occupancy reaches those limits, Day Use entry will be turned away until occupancy reduces sufficiently to maintain social distancing within the park shoreline.
- Picnic area will be open with requirements that each picnic table be shared only by people from the same household. Group Picnics areas will be limited to no more than 10 persons.
- Annual Day Use passholders will be given an extension on their current passes equal the number of days lost during the recent shutdown.
- Rental boats will continue to operate, but have reduced numbers of people allowed per boat to accomplish social distancing, unless everyone is from the same household:
 - 14' aluminum fishing boats reduced from 5 people to 2 people.
 - 24' pontoon fishing boats reduced from 10 people to 5 people.
 - 1-story patio party boats will be reduced from 15 people to 5 people.
 - 2-story patio party boats will be reduced from 15 people to 10 people (even if from same household).

Our staff at Collins Lake is eager to see you return to Collins Lake to fully enjoy its natural beauty and peacefulness. We will do our part to increase efforts to reduce the spread of this virus. We ask all of our visitors to do their part in respecting these new rules to help keep us open and to keep our staff and other visitors safer. Together, we will be able to remain making Collins Lake a place your families can come and connect with nature and with one another safely.

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