



Gulf State Park Modifications in Response to COVID-19

March 30, 2020

Update #1

The safety and well-being of our employees, staff and visitors is our top priority at Gulf State Park. We thank you for your patience as we adjust facility hours and park amenities in response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. All modifications follow statewide health orders amended on March 27, 2020. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19, the following information is subject to change at any time:

Campground

Our campground, bathhouses, camp store, and coin laundry facility remain open. In compliance with the mandated closure of nonessential businesses, the pool and tennis courts are closed. The campground office is staffed 24 hours daily, however, the office is closed to walk-in traffic until further notice (except under special circumstances). All campground-related business is currently being conducted over the phone. For inquiries or more information, please call 251-948-7275.

Outpost Campsites

The park's outpost campsites are unavailable for reservation until further notice.

Park Headquarters

As a precaution for the health and safety of our staff, Park Headquarters will no longer accommodate walk-in traffic to the park office until further notice. Please direct all inquiries to 251-948-7275 or review the information contained in this document.

Programs & Events

All programs (listed on the weekly activity schedule) and school field trips run by Park Naturalists have been cancelled until further notice. Please visit the park's website and Facebook page for virtual educational programming. Please use the following survey link to provide input on content for these programs:

https://alabamadnr.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BRdZYm3kzGvBzf

Pier

Gulf State Park Pier and the Snack Bar remain open. The Bait & Tackle Shop will close on March 30, 2020. Though the pier is open 24 hours year-round, the pier is currently staffed from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. A capacity limit of 200 fisherman will be strictly enforced by onsite park staff to comply with social distancing recommendations (six feet distance between each person) from the CDC. In no event will groups larger than 10 persons be admitted to the pier at the same time.

Lake Shelby Picnic Area and Dog Park

Lake Shelby and its bathroom facilities remain open. Segway tours remain available through the park concessioner and are operating under strict CDC protocols. According to WHO, there is no evidence that a dog, cat, or any other type of pet can transmit COVID-19 and as such, the dog park

remains open. For the most up-to-date information on Segway tours at Gulf State Park, please contact Coastal Segway Tours directly at 251-509-TOUR.

Nature Center

The Nature Center is closed to the public until further notice. Please check the park's website and Facebook page for virtual educational programming content. Additional Alabama Parks offering virtual programming: Oak Mountain, Lake Guntersville, DeSoto, and Cheaha. Gulf State Park website: <https://www.alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park>

Weddings and other Special Events

Until further notice, all park facilities are unavailable for rent. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Beach Pavilion

The Beach Pavilion and the adjacent pedestrian footbridge / overpass are closed until further notice.

Beach Campout

The Beach Campout event scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Gulf State Park's Beach Pavilion is cancelled due to the state mandated beach closure. Refunds will be issued.

Trails

All trails within the park remain open as usual from dawn to dusk. All playgrounds and other play areas (Boulder Park adjacent to the Butterfly Pavilion and Al's Parkour Challenge) are closed until further notice.

Water Fountains

All water fountains within Gulf State Park are closed. Please remember to bring water with you to the park. Pet owners, please bring enough for you and your dog(s).

Bike Share Program

This program has been suspended.

Questions?

Please contact our friendly front-desk staff with any questions or concerns at 251-948-7275 or visit the park's website for COVID-19 updates: <https://www.alapark.com/parks/gulf-state-park>

Facilities & Amenities Managed by Valor Hospitality

Please contact the Lodge at Gulf State Park's front desk (251-540-4000) for the most up-to-date information regarding the following facilities:

Park Shuttle Service

Operational daily from 9 am – 5 pm

Restaurants

Restaurants, bars, breweries and similar establishments in the state of Alabama cannot permit on-premise consumption of food or drink. Park facilities will take to-go orders and package them for off-premise consumption. The following restaurants remain open:



Woodside Grill: 20249 State Park Road, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Hours: 10 am – 7 pm

Dragonfly (Located at the Lodge)

Hours: 11 am – 8 pm

Roasted Oak (Coffee Bar located in the lobby of the Lodge)

Hours: 7 am – 8 pm

Lodging Facilities at Gulf State Park

The Lodge's Fitness Center and Pool are closed. Guest check-ins for the Eagle Cottages and the Cabins are taking place at Eagle's Nest (Formerly Cabin 1 on the Lake).

<https://www.eaglecottagesatgsp.com/>

<https://thecabinsatgsp.com/>

<https://lodgeatgulfstatepark.com/>

Learning Campus

<https://learningcampusgsp.com/>

Interpretive Center

This facility is closed until further notice.

For additional guidance, please review [The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread.](#)

Please adhere to CDC recommended precautions to protect yourself and others, especially vulnerable populations such as older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions. Incorporate the following good hygiene practices into your daily routine and while visiting Gulf State Park:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public space, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover ALL surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw the tissue away in a trash receptacle and then clean your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to seek medical care.

