

Public safety is the number one concern for Puyallup Parks and Recreation and that is why we're asking you to act responsibly and respectfully when visiting open public spaces.

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Puyallup Parks & Recreation Restores Public Access Beginning June 1, 2020

When are we reopening?

All City of Puyallup parks and open spaces (except the Puyallup Valley Sports Complex) are open effective June 1, 2020. The first level of re-opening is providing access by opening parking lots, open spaces and access to trailheads at City parks and trails. **Parking lots will open at 7:00 a.m. daily.**

What is reopening?

All parks owned and maintained by the City of Puyallup are open (**the Puyallup Valley Sports Complex remains closed**). While the parks are open, specific areas or activities are still restricted to prohibit large gatherings. **Restrooms, play structures, athletic fields and picnic shelters are not to be used at this time.** Open Space, tennis courts, basketball hoops, picnic tables, walking paths, and dog parks may be used by individuals from the same household. Pick-up activities between those who do not reside together are not allowed.

Fishing at Bradley Lake Park is open to juveniles under the age of 15, seniors, and disabled persons (who possess a designated harvester companion card).

Will restrooms be open at these areas?

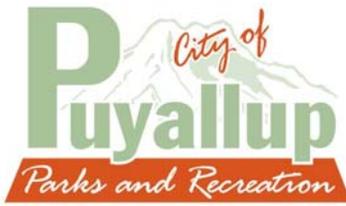
No - restrooms require supplies and servicing that we cannot provide at this time. Further, we must manage capacity and social distancing by limiting stays at parks to shorter timeframes. Even when restrooms do open, most do not have warm running water or hand sanitizer available. Plan to be self-sufficient by bringing your own personal protective equipment, water, soap, and hand sanitizer when you plan an outing to the park. Please dispose of garbage responsibly when using Puyallup City parks.

Are athletic complexes reopening too?

No. Sporting leagues, events, and other organized activities are still prohibited, so these sites will remain closed.

Do you charge to use parks?

Puyallup City Parks are free and open to the public for day use only.



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of our open public
spaces and facilities.
Remember: dispose of
trash in the appropriate
receptacles.**

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If I'm walking to my local park, do I still need to limit the amount of time that I stay at the park?

Yes. We are asking community members to limit their visits to our parks to two hours per visit, regardless of method of transportation to the park (walking, driving, biking, etc.). This will help ensure appropriate social distancing and prevent overcrowding at the parks, allowing everyone to enjoy their outdoor experience. Remember – keeping our parks open and safe is a community effort.

Will there be trash receptacles available or is it "pack in, pack out"?

Trash receptacles will be provided in most City of Puyallup parks. If a receptacle is not provided, we ask that you take your trash and recycling items home with you.

Am I required to wear a mask when I visit the park?

Although we encourage the use of a mask when you visit the park, it is not required. The CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public settings, particularly if maintaining social distancing is not possible. Per the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, a mask (or cloth face covering) is an extra layer of protection that isn't a substitute for social distancing or hand washing.

What can I do to help our parks stay open?

The best way to help parks stay open is to use them respectfully. This can be done by limiting travel, using the park that is closest to your home, and walking to the park, if possible. You can also limit your stays at parks to two hours or less. By avoiding peak hours of the day and being mindful of the number of people who are already at the park, you can ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone. In addition, you can help parks stay open by following recommended safety precautions like staying home if you're sick or at high risk, staying 6 feet away from others who don't live with you, using hand sanitizer, wearing a mask when around others, and avoiding contact with items that don't belong to you.

Limit Travel. Limit Stays. Limit Contact.

By following these protocols, we can work together to help ensure our parks are cared for and services continue to progressively return.

Recreate Responsibly ❖ Crowded Parks lead to Closed Parks