

RDN Campgrounds Reopening June 1

After careful planning, preparation and consultation with health professionals, professional associations and campground operators, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is reopening our campgrounds at Descanso Bay Regional Park on Gabriola Island and Horne Lake Regional Park in Qualicum Bay starting on Monday, June 1, 2020. The online reservation system will be accepting campsite reservations beginning Monday, May 25, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. To reserve visit: rdn.bc.ca/rdn-camping.

A few general reminders when considering camping at RDN parks:

- At this time only visit parks or campgrounds close to home;
- If you are sick, visit another time;
- To ensure physical distancing, you may notice some changes in campgrounds, including altered check-in procedures and limitations on the number of guests in campgrounds; and
- Washroom facilities will be open with enhanced cleaning protocols.

RDN Campground Guidelines for all visitors includes:

- Respecting any facility or area closures and signage;
- Practicing physical distancing, keep at least 2m (6 ft) distance at all times from anyone outside your household; and
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and you are asked to practice appropriate hygiene.

RDN Recreation & Parks is doing everything we can to ensure parks are safe for visitors and staff. We are counting on everyone to do their part so campgrounds can remain open. This reopening of the RDN's campgrounds is part of an ongoing reopening plan and follows the Province of BC's announcement from May 6 that eases some restrictions beginning in mid-May as part of the BC Restart Plan.

Playgrounds and indoor facilities, such as recreation centres, arenas and pools, remain closed pending reopening guidelines that are being worked on right now between the Ministry of Health, WorkSafe BC and other professional organizations, including the BC Recreation and Parks Association.

For the most up-to-date information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/parks-services.

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