



***Poweshiek County Conservation is exercising the following public access policies due to the Coronavirus in an attempt to keep the virus from spreading:***

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS**

- Head Quarters Office/Shop (Foster Center): Closed to the public with the exception of scheduled appointments.

### **PARKS and WILDLIFE AREAS**

At this point, Diamond Lake Park and all County Wildlife Areas are open. We want the public to be able to continue to enjoy the outdoors as an opportunity to enhance both your physical and mental health. We ask that you remain diligent in taking steps to make your visit as safe and enjoyable as possible.

- All restroom/shower facilities will remain closed at Diamond Lake Park through May 1. Pack extra soap or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid popular areas where people may congregate. Areas to avoid may include shelters, playgrounds, etc.
- Avoid larger groups in general; limit your group to less than 10 people when visiting.
- Try to maintain a safe distance between you and other park visitors according to guidelines recommended by public health officials.
- If you have been sick in the last two weeks, please stay at home for your health and the safety of others.
- Additional information on best practices for keeping you and your family safe can be found online at the [CDC website](#)

### **CAMPING AT DIAMOND LAKE PARK**

At this point, Diamond Lake Park remains open for camping, and is permitted year-around.

- Restroom/Shower facilities will remain closed until May 1

- Both dump stations remain open
- Limit your campsite group size (including guests) to 6 or smaller
- Avoid socializing with other campers and creating larger groups
- Try to maintain a safe distance between you and other park visitors according to guidelines recommended by public health officials – please try to space yourself from other campers by leaving one or two campsites unoccupied between you and your neighbors.
- Please take into consideration the health of others when spending time outdoors

## **SHELTERS AT DIAMOND LAKE PARK**

All of our shelters will be open, but the current State of Public Health Disaster Emergency declaration issued on March 17, 2020 by the State of Iowa limits group size to 10 or less.

- No reservations will be taken through May 1 and refunds will be provided – this policy may be extended pending virus containment protocols

## **PUBLIC PROGRAMMING**

- All Environmental Education programs are cancelled until April 13, 2020.
- These policies may be extended pending ongoing virus containment protocols

*While we are in an unprecedented time in our nation's history, we need to remain positive and continue the great work and services we provide to the public. We will be encouraging the public to get outdoors and use our parks and wildlife areas to hike, fish, hunt, and enjoy nature's beauty! As conditions change, so may our policies on park visitation and overnight stays. We will keep you informed of any changes moving forward.*

*Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We truly appreciate your support for our County Conservation Program.*

*We are still here to serve you for essential business through phone, emails, websites, Facebook and scheduled appointments.*

*Please call 641-623-3191 for assistance. Also, stay updated with County Park programming and County Park events by following us on Facebook @ Poweshiek County Conservation or our website;*

*[www.poweshiecountyparks.org](http://www.poweshiecountyparks.org)*