

Dept. of Natural Resources: State park system increases outdoor capacities

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MADISON, Wis. – With summer right around the corner, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that outdoor capacities for events, activities and outdoor facilities such as group campgrounds, open-air shelters and amphitheaters is increasing at properties across the State Park System.

The following changes are effective immediately:

- Volunteer group sizes can increase to 350 people outdoors with small working groups of 50 or less
- DNR-led and co-sponsored events such as naturalist activities, education programs, Friends hikes and candlelight events are now permitted for up to 350 people as long as events are outdoors
- Outdoor-only concession activities can increase to 350 people
- Outdoor group campsites will increase to maximum capacity or 350, whichever is less
- Open air shelters and amphitheaters will increase to maximum capacity or 350, whichever is less
- Special event group sizes will increase to 350
- Commercial-use application group sizes will increase to 350

While enjoying Wisconsin's state parks and other properties, visitors are expected to practice social distancing and [follow the latest CDC guidelines.](#)

Services and facilities open and available to the public include camping, bathroom facilities, dump/waste station facilities, accessible cabins, drive-up window service,

concessions and firewood and open-air shelters/amphitheaters.

All other DNR facilities remain closed to the public, including nature centers, indoor group camps and headquarters. Annual park admission passes can be purchased [online](#), over the phone by calling local properties directly, through open drive-up windows or at properties via self-registration stations.

Additionally, capacity closures may be in place at some properties this summer to promote social distancing and to help provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors. Visitors are encouraged to check out their favorite properties during the week, early in the morning or later in the afternoons or to visit a property that is new to them.

[More information on the Wisconsin State Park System is available on the DNR website here.](#)