

Memorial Day weekend is upon us

In anticipation of the Memorial Day weekend, local and state government leaders are urging the public to avoid large crowds and gatherings and take safe precautions during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Memorial Day is a day to honor those members of the military who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and many use this day to pay tribute to loved ones lost and spend time with family.

As a reminder, large gatherings are currently prohibited at Costa Mesa parks during this crisis, but we encourage the public to use the parks for such activities as walking, biking and jogging.

Further, the California State Parks is asking residents who are planning to head for the outdoors this Memorial Day weekend to heed this advice:

- **Plan Ahead** – Before leaving home, visit the webpage of your local destination to find out if it is open, if parking is available and to learn about the new visitor guidelines. [Click here](#) for the latest guidance on Costa Mesa parks and businesses
- **Stay Local** – Stay close to home. Do not take road trips to parks and beaches. Park parking lots in Costa Mesa remain closed
- **Stay Safer at Six Feet** – Always maintain a physical distance from others. Visitors are being asked to leave if there are too many people to allow for the required physical distance.
- **Keep it Moving** – Picnicking, lounging, or gatherings remain prohibited. Walk, jog, or bike through open parks to get outside and enjoy the warm weather.
- **Keep Clean** – Be prepared. Not all restrooms are open to the public. Bring soap/sanitizer and pick up all trash.
- **Keep Your Pets Leashed** – Obey leash laws and pick up

after your pet. Avoid petting animals that aren't yours, and avoid letting people pet your animals.

- **Avoid Playgrounds** – In Costa Mesa, playgrounds remain closed, as do all amenities. Avoid frequently touched surfaces.
- **Obey signs** – Temporary signage with safety guidelines are posted at parks. Please adhere to the rules and help keep everyone safe.
- **Stay Home if You are Sick** – If you are not feeling well, stay home.

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