

Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites Bulletin

January 2021, Region 1:

MASKS/SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED AT ALL LOCATION PER CURRENT GUIDELINES. ENTRY LIMITS ON BUILDINGS WILL BE ENFORCED. We appreciate your cooperation as Montgomery County continues to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Pottsgrove Manor:

Pottsgrove Manor is scheduled to resume tours on 1/5. Tours must be pre-booked. Check their website for details. Not ready to venture out? Please join us on Facebook for virtual programs & exhibits.

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park (LPVP) and adjacent Trails:

Please note that the regional trails are continually being repaired from storm damage and regular wear and tear. **Trail users are expected to exercise caution and heed all signs posted for their own safety and that of the people performing the work.** Trails may close at any time due to conditions. Regional trails are currently open in general, **but receive no winter maintenance for snow and ice removal.** Water fountains are turned off. **Due to the project on Lafayette Street in Norristown, the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) can be impacted. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DISMOUNT SIGNS AS YOU APPROACH ROSS STREET.** Please note that VFNHP has begun their annual deer management program. For more information on this, please contact them.

LPVP—The Park, including most amenities are open. Water fountains are turned off. The office will be open by appointment only in January. Call 610-666-5371 or e-mail Lowerperkiomenvalley@montcopa.org. We will continue to respond to e-mails and phone calls during normal weekday hours of 8:15 - 3. Public restrooms are cleaned twice daily. The new building on site is a park ranger station. A piece of playground equipment was destroyed during June storms. It will be replaced. Sides are installed on the main pavilion and will remain throughout the season. (Renters should now consider this an indoor/enclosed space.) The main pavilion bathrooms are closed until the end of March, except during rentals of the pavilions. The bathrooms near the office remain open. **Special Use Permits will not be issued until further notice, effective immediately.** Site is closed 1/1. Office staff will be off on 1/18. Pavilion rentals for 2021 can begin on 1/4.

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park (USVP):

The Park is open. However, most indoor animal exhibits are closed. Water fountains are turned off. The portable toilets at this location are routinely serviced by the provider. **THIS IS NOT A DAILY SERVICE.** We remind folks to practice good hygiene and be aware of the limits of cleaning at this location. The restroom trailer is cleaned twice daily. Site is closed 1/1.

A new fencing project is happening to move some of our resident park animals to larger/updated areas. Regional trails are currently open in general, **but receive no winter maintenance for snow and ice removal.**

Mill Grove:

Mill Grove is open to the public. The Visitor Center is scheduled to open Thursday – Sunday, starting 1/7. Please call the site for more details. Programming, tours and exhibits are run by the National Audubon Society. Cleaning at this location is handled by the National Audubon Society. The cottage on site suffered storm damage. Repair options are being evaluated. Regional trails are currently open in general, **but receive no winter maintenance for snow and ice removal.**

Lock 60:

The Park is open. Programming is run by the Schuylkill Canal Association. The portable toilet at this location is routinely serviced by the provider. **THIS IS NOT A DAILY SERVICE.** We remind folks to practice good hygiene and be aware of the limits of cleaning at this location. Regional trails are currently open in general, **but receive no winter maintenance for snow and ice removal.** Site is closed 1/1.

We remind visitors that there is no swimming, jumping or diving at this location.

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