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Re-opening of Town Parks, Trails and Outdoor Recreation Areas

The Town of Arnprior is implementing stage-one access to some outdoor park facilities and amenities. During the first stage of re-openings, Emergency Provincial Orders remain in place prohibiting gatherings of more than five people outside of your current household. This applies to all public use of opened outdoor park facilities. To allow for physical distancing and to limit the spread of COVID-19 when using outdoor sport amenities, maintain a two-meter distance from others, avoid picking up someone else's sports equipment, wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face.

In response to the Provincial announcement, outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields are open as of May 22, 2020:

- Baseball Diamonds* (McLean Avenue)
- Basketball Courts* (Atkinson Park, Village Creek Park, M. Sullivan and Son Park)
- Skate Park* (Nick Smith Centre) will be opening the week of May 25th
- All Municipal Parks
- Trails (Note: Gillies Grove has opened per the Nature Conservancy of Canada)

*Sports fields are available for casual use only, respecting physical distancing measures and groups of no more than five people. The rental of fields for competitive sports will not resume until Provincial Orders allow for competitive play.

Restrictions on benches, picnic tables and gazebos have also been relaxed under the Provincial stage-one re-opening framework. Benches and tables are not cleaned frequently. Please wash your hands after using them, and be sure not to touch your face.

Provincial orders remain in effect prohibiting the use of:

- Play Structures
- Swings
- Slides
- Splash Pads
- Exercise Equipment

The following park amenities will also remain closed:

- Washrooms
- Beaches

Boat Launch & Marina

- The Municipal Boat Launch re-opened on Saturday, May 16, as permitted in the Province of Ontario stage-one reopening
- The Municipal Marina is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 6

Use of Trails

If you are not self-isolating, you can walk, run, cycle or use a mobility device on the trails in City-owned natural areas. The following restrictions apply:

- Keep at least two metres away from others.
- Stay on the trails. You may step or veer off the trail to let others pass safely and maintain physical distancing.
- Do not mix with members of another household, as the Province of Ontario has prohibited public events and social gatherings of more than five people.
- Visit natural areas that you can reach on foot or by bike, rather than driving to one farther from home.
- Keep your dog on-leash to reduce the risk of conflicts with wildlife and other trail users. Pick up your dog waste and take it with you when you leave.
- Do not camp or start a fire.
- Keep the area clean and do not litter.

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