

# **Kewaunee County Parks**

## **Winter Season 2020-21**

### **COVID Safety Plan**

#### **Purpose**

This plan will provide guidelines regarding safer use and operation of outdoor and indoor recreation areas and facilities while following safety protocols and recommendations from the State of Wisconsin Public Health Department and CDC regarding COVID-19. The guidelines provided in this plan cannot prevent anyone from contracting COVID-19 or other illnesses, but will give staff the information and tools needed to help lessen the spread of COVID-19 to provide safer use of recreational facilities.

#### **Goal**

The goal of this plan is to allow Kewaunee County to offer opportunities for residents and non-residents alike the ability to get outside and experience what our park system offers in as safe a manner as possible. These activities include, but are not limited to: hiking, snow tubing, skiing, nature watching, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice fishing etc...

Studies show that getting outside in fresh air is a good way to lessen stress and improve mental and physical health. Being outdoors also helps to minimize exposure to COVID-19 versus using indoor facilities.

## **Safety First**

Rules and Procedures to follow throughout the season at all park facilities are as follows:

- All staff and volunteers will be asked to stay home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 or if they are required to stay home due to Quarantine or any other measures as determined by the Public Health Department.
- Anyone using any park will be asked to follow CDC recommendations regarding face coverings and social distancing-all staff/volunteers will be required to wear face coverings in indoor areas.
- Building Capacity will be reduced to state required levels – this will be accomplished via informational signage and by reducing the amount of tables and chairs to limit seating in interior spaces.
- Signs asking for social distancing and face mask use will be placed in buildings and throughout parks as necessary.
- Staff/volunteers will be asked to clean/sanitize areas as deemed necessary
- Tubes will be limited to 100 (or number deemed to be safe for distancing) at Winter Park to keep the number of people using the hill to a manageable amount to allow social distancing.
- Outdoor seating will be more available for park users – picnic tables and other seating are being added to encourage park users to not crowd the smaller chalet building at Winter Park.
- Outdoor portable toilets will be added near the tubing hill and Bruemmer Park to help limit the amount of people using interior bathrooms for social distancing – hand sanitizer will be available in these areas as well.
- Hands free (battery operated) hand soap dispensers will be installed in bathrooms, along with hands free electric hand dryer or single use towels.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in interior buildings and outdoor portable restrooms for use.
- Staff/Volunteers will be provided face coverings, gloves and cleaning supplies to provide a clean working environment.
- Limited weekend hours and breaks may be utilized during public open times to allow staff/volunteers time to sanitize and clean areas in buildings/ski lifts and time for staff to groom tube hill or other areas as needed for safety purposes.

## **Outdoor Activities**

A list of some of the recreational activities at different locations – this list is subject to change depending on seasonal conditions and staff availability.

### **Ahnapee Trail**

- Snowmobiling (when trails are open/conditions allow)
- Hiking
- Biking
- Cross Country Ski/Snowshoeing (when snow cover allows)

### **Bruemmer Park**

- Cross-country ski/snow shoe trails have been widened and expanded throughout the park
- Zoo – Free and open year round, walking trails are maintained year round for park users to see the zoo
- Outdoor seating available throughout park
- Outdoor Portable Bathroom available – hand sanitizer located inside

### **Dana Farm**

- Ice Rink – planned to be completed Winter 2020/2021 will be free to use, bring your own skates as the rink is not planned to be supervised (use at your own risk)
- Indoor/heated bathrooms – sinks available for hand washing along with hand sanitizer stations
- Small Cross Country/Snowshoe Trail available around ice rink area

### **Red River Park**

- Ice fishing (when conditions allow) currently working with the Highway Department to create better access for ice fisherman to allow safer parking and less damage to park grounds from vehicle traffic

### **Ryan Park**

- Groomed fat tire bike and snowshoe trails
- Outdoor seating available in open air shelter
- Indoor-heated bathrooms – sinks available with hand sanitizer stations available

### **Winter Park**

- Tubing Hill – will be open for private and public functions
- Ski Hill – will be open for public use on weekends
- Winter Park Snowshoe Trails (snowshoes available for rental during public hours)

## **Inland Lakes**

- Ice fishing (when conditions allow) some areas are not plowed regularly
- Bathroom facilities available at West Alaska, Heidmann and Krohn's Lake locations