

National Park Service Will Reopen Sites And Start Charging Fees

By Kathy Sandt

BUSHKILL, PA- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area announced today that sites that were closed for the winter will officially re-open on Friday, April 15, though some were opened earlier due to favorable conditions. Expanded amenity fees will go into effect on Monday, April 18 and will be collected until October 10.

"Whether spring fever has you itching to go fishing, eyeing up a scenic drive, or mapping out a hike, we have the cure for that and so much more," according to park ranger Theresa Henckel who works at the park's information desk fielding questions from visitors who are planning to visit. "We've definitely seen an increase in calls from people who are looking forward to getting out now that the weather is getting nicer. We are always happy to provide information, answer questions, and help people plan a fun and safe visit to the park," she added.

Facility Openings

The following areas will officially re-open for the 2022 season on April 15: boat launches; the access roads to Dingmans Falls (open daily during daylight hours); and Old Mine Road from the Worthington State Forest boundary to Millbrook Village and the dirt section of Old Mine Road near Van Campen Inn.

Mountain Road in Walpack, NJ will be open to vehicles between the Walpack Cemetery and Buttermilk Falls. The road is closed to vehicles beyond that point and from the south end at Haneys Mill due to the closure of the state-owned section of the road for repairs.

Crater Lake, including Skyline Drive and the upper section of Blue Mountain Lakes Road, will re-open to vehicles daily until May 21 when it will be closed to vehicles Friday evenings through Monday afternoons until October 2. The road will remain closed to vehicles on federal holidays that fall on Mondays.

Other areas that will be closed on weekends from May 21 to October 2 include: Cadoo Recreation Site in NJ and Hialeah Picnic Area and Freeman Tract Road in PA. These areas will be closed on Friday evenings and will re-open on Mondays by noon; they will remain closed to vehicles on federal holidays that fall on Mondays.

As a reminder, the following area closures go into effect on May 1 and remain in effect until September 30 annually:

Adams Creek Trail and parking areas, including the drain-



from the Sproul Road and Long Meadow Road Parking Areas downstream to US Route 209;

White Pines McDade Trail parking area; and Raymondskill Creek drainage, from the base of the lower falls, including the pool area, downstream to the confluence of the Delaware River, including the Schanno House (former) parking area and grounds on the west side of US Route 209 at Raymondskill Creek. This closure does not include the McDade Recreational Trail.

Expanded Amenity Fees

Fees are charged at Smithfield Beach, Bushkill Boat Launch, Dingmans Boat Launch, Milford Beach, and Turtle Beach. Elizabeth Winslow, fee program manager, points out that "What you pay here, will stay here." Most revenue generated from fees collected in the park stays in the park and is used to fund projects and services that have a direct visitor benefit including facility and trail maintenance, restrooms, boat and canoe launches, and picnic areas.

Daily fees are \$10 per vehicle (up to 7 occupants) and \$2 for additional passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Where fee attendants are not on duty, visitors should deposit the daily fee in a self-registration envelope provided at the entrance to the fee areas, put it in the designated secured drop box, and place the receipt on the vehicle's dashboard.

Annual passes are a convenient way to access the fee areas for the entire season. The passes are \$45 per vehicle. Discounts apply for multiple purchases from the same household. Please visit <https://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/fees.htm> for further information and requirements.

For more information on Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area call (570) 426-2452; visit our website at www.nps.gov/dewa; or follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS and Instagram at www.Instagram.com/DelWaterGapNPS.



Donate Life Month

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - April is Donate Life Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about the growing need for organ donation across the Commonwealth and the country. According to Donate Life PA, 20 people on average die each day while waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and every 10 minutes, another person's name is added to the national waiting list.

Across the country, more than 118,000 people are waiting for a transplant to save their lives, and hundreds of thousands more wait for life-enhancing tissue transplants. In Pennsylvania alone, more than 7,000 people are on the waiting list.

While polls show overwhelming support for organ donation, fewer than half of Pennsylvania's licensed drivers are officially designated as organ donors.

If you'd like to register as an organ donor, you may sign up here. You are also encouraged to let your loved ones know of your wishes.

For more information about organ donation, visit donatelife.org.



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last year. Our nestboxes continue to be the only ones producing Barred Owls in all the boxes he's monitoring.

We also have two more Barred Owl nestboxes to hang in the Greenway we hope to do that next week, even though it's probably too late in the season for use this year.

Finally, our Osprey pair are back on their nesting platform tower at Totts Gap for the third year in a row.

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