

Press Release



Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation

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NAVAJO NATION TRIBAL PARKS REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Navajo Parks and Recreation Department would like to inform everyone that all **Navajo Tribal Parks will remain Closed until further notice**, per Executive Order. Effective March 14, 2020, “All Navajo Nation Tribal Parks are Closed to All Public Access Pursuant to Emergency Resolution CEM-20-03-11.” The Navajo Nation continues to have high number of Covid-19 cases on the reservation.

Navajo Department of Health Emergency Order No. 2021-003 Issued on 2-17-2021, extends the Stay-at-Home Lockdown order which requires all residents to remain at home 24-hours, seven days a week, with the exception of essential workers that must report to work. Daily curfew hours form 9:00p.m. (MST) until 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week. Essential Businesses may operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. (MST) and 8:00 p.m. (MST) daily, through March 8, 2021. Which includes Park Closure to remain in effect stating, “The Nation’s roads remain closed to Visitors for the duration of the declared public health emergency, and Visitors are advised to refrain from traveling to the Navajo Nation. Tribal Parks will not be accessible to Visitors and Tourists during this time. Visitors and Tourists will be informed when the Navajo Nation can safely welcome Visitors back to the Nation.”

All Navajo Tribal Parks overseen by the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department are as follows: Antelope Canyon - Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park, Marble Canyon, Coal Mine Canyon, Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, Four Corners Monument, Little Colorado River Gorge, Camp Asaayí (Bowl Canyon), San Juan River (Navajo side), Window Rock Veterans Memorial Park, and Tseyí Diné Heritage Cottonwood Campground - Canyon de Chelly. Navajo Tribal Parks also includes, trails, canyons, rivers, historic sites and scenic roads into the Navajo tribal park areas.

We would like to protect all Navajo Nation Tribal Parks natural resources for future business and travel. This is not only for our protection, yours as well. As we continue to fight the battle with Covid-19 on the Navajo Nation, please join us by wearing a mask, social distancing and washing your hands.

We look forward to seeing you in the future. If you would like more information pertaining to Navajo Tribal Park Closures, please call us at 928-871-6647 or send an email to us at: info@navajonationparks.org, or visit our website at: www.navajonationparks.org, or Navajo Department of Health website at: www.ndoh.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19.

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