



Town of Mansfield
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Parks & Recreation
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Mansfield parks and the Plymouth Street/Memorial Park Tennis Courts will reopen, per state issued guidelines, on May 25, 2020. Playgrounds & the Memorial Park Basketball Courts remain closed at this time. Please read through the below information for full details, thank you for your cooperation.

Please see below, in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reopening Plan, the details in regards to the Reopening of Outdoor Recreation Facilities.

Note:

Playgrounds are NOT included in the this plan and are scheduled to open during Phase 2, approximately 3 weeks from the start of Phase 1.

1. Parks/Open Spaces:

Mansfield parks will reopen May 25, 2020 with proper social distancing guidelines in place as follows,

DPH Orders & Guidelines:

Face Coverings & Masks- All visitors to parks and open spaces as well as those participating in outdoor education programs should comply with COVID-19 Order 31: Order requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible. The order requires any person over the age of 2, whether indoors or outdoors, to wear a face covering or mask when they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others, unless they have a medical condition preventing them from doing so.

(additional guidance: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency>)

Group Size:

No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather.

https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assembly-guidance/download?_ga=2.171719840.1291321598.1590217519-1027065039.1590217519

Walking, hiking, biking, running, and other activities are allowable in parks and other designated areas such as rail trails, multi-use paths, and bike paths.

Park & Open Space Guidelines:

- Visitors should always practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others and adhering to all site-specific, rules, regulations, and signage regarding permitted usage.
- On trails, walkers and hikers should move aside and leave room for others to pass, and cyclists and runners should alert other users when approaching and wait for others to step aside before passing.
- After visiting public spaces, users should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

2. Athletic Fields/Facilities & Official Permitted Use:

We are NOT permitting organized use (youth sports, adult leagues, club teams, etc.) use of our athletic fields in an official capacity; the date has yet to be determined.

The Memorial Park & Plymouth Street Tennis Courts will be open for use beginning Monday, May 25. There are to be no more than 2 players per court, no sharing of equipment, no physical contact.

DPH Orders and Guidelines- Athletic Fields and Non-Contact Courts (Non-Organized/Permitted Use)

- Athletic fields and courts can be utilized only for non-contact sports, with no shared equipment, such as rackets. No permits should be issued for group gatherings and users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.

Athletic Fields/Courts (Non-Contact) Guidelines:

- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment, and clean and wipe down equipment.
- When engaged in play, users should avoid touching other users equipment.
- Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the fields/courts should wait outside the fencing area or field of play until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users.
- Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.

Public Restrooms/Portable Restrooms:

- Not available until further notice.

Phase 2 will include playgrounds, all athletic fields and courts with guidelines, and youth sports in a limited fashion with guidelines.

Phase 3 will include youth sports with games and tournaments with limited crowd sizes and additional activities and services with guidelines.

Phase 4 will be full resumption of all outdoor recreation and activities.

For information and maps on Town Conservation Areas, check out this link: <https://www.mansfieldma.com/171/Conservation-Areas>

The Town of Mansfield reserves the right to close parks if deemed necessary for public health and safety.