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County Parks Boating and Campground Reopening FAQs

1. When will Lexington be open for boating?

Lexington Reservoir is currently open, and reservations are not needed. Boating at Lexington is First Come, First Serve.

2. How long will the requirement for booking a boating reservation be (for Locations that generally don't require them; Coyote, Lexington) and why is it required 7 days a week?

Coyote Lake is currently closed due to low water levels. Power Boating is allowed only at Calero Reservoir at this time. Reservations are required on Holiday, Saturdays, and Sundays. Monday to Friday is First Come, First Serve. Boating reservations is required to for the health and safety of boaters and park staff, per Public Health requirements. Boating Reservations are required at Calero for Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays to allows the Department to manage therestrictions on the number of users at each reservoir.

3. Why do we have to pay for a (boating) reservation fee?

The payment of a Boating Reservation fee is required per County Ordinance (fee schedule).

4. When will campgrounds open for reservation?

Camping reopened to reservation holders on June 1, 2021. Camping will be allowed by reservation at www.gooutsideandplay.org. Customers may use the First Come, First Serve sites if available. Not all Santa Clara County Parks have dedicated First Come, First Serve Sites.

5. Will the showers/bathrooms be open at the campgrounds?

Bathrooms are open at all County Parks. Showers are open at all Santa Clara County Camping Parks.

6. Will we have access to water spigots at the campsites?

Yes, water spigots will be open for use. Keep in mind, these are publicly accessible areas and areas of frequent touching by the general public. It is highly encouraged, for your safety and the safety of your family, to bring gloves, hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes to maintain cleanliness and protect yourselves. These areas will be periodically disinfected by staff, however water spigots, food lockers and other high touch areas should be used using good hygiene practices and your safety in mind.

7. Will firewood be sold at the campgrounds?

Yes, firewood will be available for sale. In order to minimize close and prolonged interaction between public and staff, please purchase firewood through fee machines (credit/debit cards required).

8. When will day use/picnic sites be available to reserve?

First come first serve picnic tables are now open for use for parties that has 25 people or less. For groups larger than 25, a reservation at a Group Picnic Site is required. Reservation can be made at www.gooutsideandplay.org or by calling the Reservation line at 408-355-2201.

9. Are Uvas reservations required 7 days a week?

Yes. In order to manage social distancing and vehicle traffic through the park and neighboring community, reservations are required at Uvas Canyon County Park 7 days per week. A printed confirmation of the ticket must be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle while visiting Uvas Canyon County Park.

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