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**SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION  
GENERAL USE PARKS, TRAILS, AND GOLF COURSES REMAIN  
“Carry In, Carry Out” Policy Put in Place Temporarily**



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BRIDGEWATER, NJ – The Somerset County Park Commission (SCPC) wishes to remind that, until further notice, its general use parks (excluding bathrooms, playgrounds, picnic groves, and leash-free dog parks), trails, and golf courses remain open. Measures have already been taken to limit the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at these facilities. Those measures have been the subject of prior media releases and are available on the Commission’s webpage ([somersetcountyparks.org](http://somersetcountyparks.org)).

The Commission is soliciting the assistance of its park patrons who are encouraged to utilize parks and trails to seek relief from the stresses of COVID-19 to take anything (e.g., food, soft-drinks, etc.) that they bring into the parks with them when they leave the parks. During this growing pandemic, it is anticipated that available Commission staff may be limited. Accordingly, the assistance of park patrons in removing their trash and recycling is tremendously appreciated.

In addition to removing garbage and recyclables, the Commission encourages those who use its parks and golf courses to engage in the following social distancing best practices:

- Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms
- Follow CDC’s guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails
- Be prepared for limited or no access to public restrooms or water fountains
- Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass
- Observe CDC’s minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other persons at all times.

Updates on cancellations and openings may be found at [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org) or by calling 908-722-1200.

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