

Hiker Restart Plan Starting in March

Note: Public health guidance from state and local authorities may require plan modifications. The BEC will monitor this guidance. Our Hiker activity experiences may also lead to some adjustments in our plan as we go forward.

Proposed Hiker activity health safety measures (i.e. face coverings, distancing 6 ft. or more, gloves, etc.):

- When planning the hike, check the size of the group limits specified by public health authorities.
- Check the park website to determine if the trail-head and parking lots, or the entire park itself are closed. Some websites may not be up to date (or different pages may have conflicting information) so verify with the park ranger (or other official) to confirm.
- Recommend avoiding carpooling unless all parties are vaccinated, are from the same family or are members of no more than three families if they have been vaccinated. Wearing masks is encouraged.
- When conducting your pre-hike, check on the availability of parking (both Park parking and nearby street parking) (remember, each hiker must bring his car) and restrooms (some are locked depending on the park).
- Each person must maintain a 6-foot social distance from other people. This distance should be increased when SIR hikers and other people are breathing heavily with exertion when they pass others on a steep trail or on bicycles.
- Each hiker must bring a face mask and wear it whenever six-feet between the hiker and any other person cannot be maintained. Hikers should be prepared at the minimum to wear masks when in parking lots, staging areas, and around entrance gates since they can be crowded, making it difficult to maintain 6-foot social distancing. Hikers should also be prepared to put on masks when hiking on narrow or busy trails.
- Document who attends each hike (SIR restart addendum).
- Bring hand sanitizer.

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