



Update

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As we wade into uncharted territory for all of us, we want to update you on closings, policies, and changes associated with our parks and facilities. The safety of our community and park users is our main concern during these difficult times. With limited options for social gatherings, we are fortunate to have many wonderful parks and a greenway with wide open spaces. All [parks and the greenway](#) are currently open. We do ask that you practice effective social distancing and refer to the [CDC's website](#) to learn how to stay healthy and protect yourself. If you have specific questions regarding parks or cancellations please call us at 540-942-6735 or email us at parksandrec@ci.waynesboro.va.us

Below are detailed updates:

Parks & Greenways: Currently, all are open to the public, in groups of 10 or less. All park restrooms, with the exception of Ridgeview Park are closed. Playgrounds at Ridgeview Park, North Park and Rosenwald Community Center are currently open for use.

Rosenwald Community Center: Open gym, public meetings, and all classes are canceled through May 10. The Teen Room is also closed at this time.

Shelter Reservations: All reservations through May 10 are cancelled. Reservations scheduled beyond May 10 will remain in place for now, but that is subject to change. Refunds are available for any upcoming reservation scheduled for May 11 and beyond. Additionally, we will not be accepting any new park shelter reservations, at this time.

Special Events: Any event or gathering hosted by the City or held on City property through May 10 is cancelled. This includes the Shenandoah Valley Plant Symposium, Egg Hunt, Petpawlooza, Rosenwald Block Party, Riverfest, and the South River Fly-Fishing Expo.

Races: The April 25 - Park to Park ½ marathon is cancelled. Runners will receive an email detailing options for running a virtual race, deferral, or refund. The kids mud run on June 6 is still scheduled, but subject to change.

Youth Sports: Organized youth sports' use of city park facilities are currently suspended. Please contact your respective league representatives if you have additional questions.

Cures for your cabin fever

Staying inside is great- you've got Pinterest, Facebook, streaming services galore, and a list of shows to binge watch at your fingertips! But... getting out to get a bit of fresh air

and disconnect is awesome. Just be sure to remember to maintain good hygiene, wash your hands and grab your sanitizer, keep your hands away from your face, and maintain some space between you and others who may be out and about as well. Now get out there:

- **Fishing:** The South River has some great fishing spots throughout the city and the opportunity to catch trophy-size rainbow and brown trout. Ridgeview Park is periodically stocked and the area downtown is managed as a Catch and Release area. Kids never been fishing? Beginning April 1 - June 15, the South River in Basic Park is designated a Youth Only Stocked Trout Water. What a great way to get the kids out of the house and teach them a new hobby. Be sure to check the [Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website](#) for complete information on rules and regulations.
- **Paddling:** If you've got a kayak or canoe, now might be a good time to explore the Waynesboro Water Trail. It's a 4-mile journey through Waynesboro via the South River. You'll feel far away but really, you'll still be right in the heart of things. Check out the [map and info](#) to make your trip a fun one.
- **Disc Golf:** Did you even know Waynesboro has a disc golf course? Well it does and it's at Coyner Springs Park. This [9-hole course](#) is a challenge for anyone. No discs?! No Frisbee?! No skills?! No problem. If nothing else, the course offers a nice, wooded walk.
- **Hiking:** There's no better time than to load up your backpack and hit the Appalachian Trail. If that still seems a bit extreme, then fear not, there are plenty of other places to [go take a hike](#) in our area. If [walking](#) is more your speed, there's always the South River Greenway or the trails at Coyner Springs and Ridgeview Park. It will soon be time for [wildflowers](#) to start peeking out on these trails.

No matter what you choose to do, try to manage your stress and treat yourself well. You are not alone in this.