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# Monroe County Executive Adam Bello announces opening of recreational activities in Monroe County Parks, with restrictions

ROCHESTER, NY -- Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced a series of low-risk recreational opportunities in County parks are now available to the public in accordance with guidance from the Monroe County Department of Public Health and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's New York Forward plan.

"As the warm weather finally arrives, we expect our residents to get fresh air and exercise," Bello said. "But please remember, this is not business as usual or a return to normal. Anyone participating in these activities must practice safe physical distancing, wear face coverings whenever they might come into close contact with others, and frequently wash their hands or use hand sanitizer."

The Monroe County Parks Department is offering:

# Tennis – Singles Games ONLY

- Churchville Park
- Ellison Park
- Greece Canal Park
- Webster Park

# Camping

• Webster Park -- Self-contained recreational vehicles ONLY. Tent camping is prohibited, and bathroom facilities remain closed. Campers are expected to maintain safe physical distancing from other campers and wear face-coverings when in common areas. To make a reservation, call (585) 872-5326 or visit monroecounty.gov/parks

# **Beaches – Swimming and Mass Gatherings are PROHIBITED**

- The Monroe County Parks Department is beginning the process of hiring lifeguards for Ontario Beach Park. However, an opening date for swimming has not been scheduled. Swimming is prohibited until lifeguards are on duty. This typically occurs near the end of June.
- The beach is open for limited activities such as walking and sunbathing, but bathroom facilities, lodges, shelters and the Historic Dentzel Carousel remain closed. Mass

gatherings and close contact sports are prohibited. Visitors must practice physical distancing and wear face-coverings whenever they might come within six feet of others enjoying the beach.

For more information about Monroe County Parks, please visit <u>monroecounty.gov/parks</u>.

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