

# NOTICE TO HIKERS

Title of Notice: South FL Water Mgmt District Rec Site Closures

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Description:

## **Buildings Closed to the Public**

All SFWMD offices, including field stations, services centers, and the SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach are [closed to the public](#) until further notice. Most SFWMD staff are working remotely and additional health protocols are in place for all facilities and operations. The District's main switchboard remains operational between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (561) 686-8800. You can also write to us using the Ask Us button at the top of our website.

## **Enjoying Florida's Natural Resources**

During this time, consider safely enjoying the natural wonders that Florida has to offer while embracing social distancing. All SFWMD-managed public lands are currently open to the public for individuals. We encourage you to visit one of our many [recreation sites](#), but all visitors must practice social isolation and avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more.

For more recreational opportunities, public access lands managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are still currently [open to the public](#). However, all designated camp groups on FWC-managed lands will be closed for a minimum of 30 days, effective March 23, 2020.

## Closures

To reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, all camping on SFWMD-managed lands has been cancelled until further notice. All Florida State Parks, many local parks, and national parks are closed until further notice. Additionally, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has [ordered a shutdown](#) of the Corps Campgrounds on the Okeechobee Waterway.