



Information for nonresidents and visitors to Montana

According to a directive from Montana Governor Steve Bullock, visitors from out of state are required to self-quarantine for 14 days or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter.

In response to Gov. Bullock's directives and to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has adjusted some hunting and fishing seasons.

For more details for travelers to Montana about what this 14-day quarantine means, please click on the following link: [Quarantine directives for out-of-state travelers to Montana](#)

Additional restrictions could be in effect in individual counties and on Indian reservations. Please consult those jurisdictions before traveling.

Here are the details of FWP changes for this spring:

Spring Turkey and Black Bear Hunting

The nonresident spring turkey and bear seasons resumed April 25. It is worth noting the nonresident 14-day quarantine directive remains in effect.

Paddlefish Season

[The 2020 paddlefish seasons on the Yellowstone and Lower Missouri rivers \(yellow tag\) are canceled](#) for resident and nonresident anglers.

Upper Missouri Paddlefish remains open for those who drew a tag. Tags are being mailed. ***Snag and release permits will not be issued, so this season will only be open for those who drew a tag.***

Campgrounds, group-use sites,

Camping opportunities opened at most FWP fishing access sites and state parks on May 1. Campers coming to FWP sites from now until May 15 may encounter reduced amenities or limited services that are typical for the opening of early-season recreational sites. Please check the FWP website for specific site restrictions or closures.

Out-of-state travelers are reminded to follow the governor's 14-day quarantine directive. Those entering Montana from other states carry the risk of spreading COVID-19 to Montana residents. Guidance for those directives can be found at fwp.mt.gov/covid19.

Group-use sites, including fishing piers, opened May 1, but social distancing guidelines must be strictly followed.

Smith River

Float recreation on the Smith River resumed May 5. Again, out-of-state travelers must follow the governor's 14-day quarantine directive.

Bannack State Park

Bannack State Park remains closed to all visitors.

Given the nature of Bannack State Park and the desire to tour the many buildings that comprise the town site, it is next to impossible to adhere to the Governor's social distancing directives and still allow tours.

Watercraft Inspections

All watercraft entering Montana are required to be inspected for aquatic invasive species. You must obtain an inspection before launching on Montana waters.

Non-resident watercraft launching in Montana must also purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass (AISPP).

For more information on watercraft inspections and more, visit <http://cleandraindry.mt.gov/> or call 406-444-2440.

This information was last updated on May 12, 2020. For more information on Montana's response to COVID-19, visit covid19.mt.gov.