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Closed Portions of Kewaunee County Parks & Seasonal Properties to Open

KEWAUNEE, WI – The Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Department is slowly reopening its parks for visitors, and some of those parks have new amenities.

The COVID-19 pandemic had temporarily closed portions of some Kewaunee County parks and delayed the opening of other seasonal properties.

Riverview ATV Park is officially open for the season after COVID-19 concerns as well as wet trails delayed its opening. The seasonal park will remain open for use until mid-November. The park is designed for off-road recreational vehicles like ATVs, UTVs and dirt bikes. New this season at Riverview ATV Park, visitors will be required to purchase a trail pass for each recreational vehicle being used at the park. Passes are \$5 daily or \$30 seasonal and will need to be made visible in their parked vehicle's windshield.

The new promoters of The 'Burg Speedway have been given the green light by the Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Committee to start their racing season in mid-June at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds dirt track with guidelines in place to help keep racers and fans safe from the spread of COVID-19. The racing season was originally scheduled to start in May, but it had been delayed due to the virus outbreak.

“The promoters at The 'Burg Speedway have a presented the County a good plan. It asks people stay home if they show any signs of COVID-19 or have come into contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the virus within the last two weeks. The plan also reiterates social distancing and encourages mask usage. And, every other row in the grandstand will be blocked off to limit the number of fans,” said Dave Myers, Director of Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Department. “We wish the new race track promoters the very best this season as they move forward while dealing with some unusual circumstances and uncertainty of COVID-19.”

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Park staff have also reopened the lower portion of Bruemmer Park Zoo, which was closed to the public in March due to COVID-19 concerns. When visiting the animals, guests may notice that the old goat and sheep shelter has been removed as these animals now share a space with the deer in the upper portion of the zoo. And as a convenience, an outdoor soda machine has been installed, which will be the same for Ryan Park as it's becoming a popular fat biking destination and is the County's largest soccer park.

Staff are reminding those who are taking advantage of the 27-hole disc golf course at Winter Park that a \$5 donation is suggested to help with maintenance. The donation tube is located in the main parking lot of Winter Park.

Meanwhile, as County parks are reopening, playground equipment remains closed at all County parks until further notice, and not all public restrooms are back open at this time. The bathrooms will slowly be reopening at all County parks as staff time allows for proper cleaning multiple times daily. Currently, the bathrooms at Bruemmer Park Zoo, Riverview ATV Park and The 'Burg Speedway are the only open public restrooms.

The Kewaunee County Promotions & Receptions Department would like to remind visitors to continue social distancing when visiting parks as well as make sure that they are frequently handwashing or hand-sanitizing and consider wearing masks when in public. Kewaunee County reopening guidelines can be found online at www.KewauneeCo.org.

Kewaunee County park hours are from dawn until dusk and all parks are under 24/7 surveillance and patrolled by law enforcement.

For more information on Kewaunee County parks, visit www.VisitKewauneeCounty.com or call the Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation Office at (920) 388-0444.

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