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MEDIA RELEASE

March 30, 2020

Due to the amended Statewide Public Health Order issued by Governor Ivey in the late afternoon on Friday, March 27, the city made the announcement to close all parks to the public. That decision was made as a proactive measure to keep our residents safe while we evaluated a way to safely reopen portions of our city parks.

Beginning Monday, March 30, city parks that have walking tracks or nature trails will open for walking and jogging only, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. EDT, daily. It is important to note that the only portions of the parks that will open will be those tracks and trails. All other areas of the parks are prohibited from use. All persons utilizing these areas do so at their own risk and must maintain a consistent six-foot distance. If persons cannot adhere to these measures, the city will again make the decision to close all parks for the safety of the community.

Available tracks and trails:

Lakewood Park Walking Track Meadowlane Park Walking Track Moon Lake Walking Track

Moon Lake Nature Trail Phenix City Riverwalk Southside Park Nature Trail

Per Governor Ivey's State Order, this shall remain in full force and effect until 5 p.m. on April 17, 2020. Prior to 5 p.m. on April 17, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this order - or, if circumstances permit, to relax this order.

As a reminder, all city playgrounds, pavilions, athletic facilities, and recreation centers continue to remain closed.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of the community during this uncertain time, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Please visit the city's website at https://phenixcityal.us/COVID19 for the latest updates regarding Parks and Recreation, as well as other city facilities.



