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Kawartha Lakes - As we update service levels in Stage 3 of the provincial re-opening, the City of Kawartha Lakes Parks, Recreation and Culture has re-opened several facilities and amenities with COVID-19 health and safety measures in place.

Public Boat Launches

Public boat launches re-opened May 14. Physical distancing is required and patrons are advised to use at own risk.

Public Beaches

Public beaches in Kawartha Lakes are now open unless otherwise posted. Limited services are available at some beach properties. Beach-goers are advised to:

- Follow beach safety protocols and procedures are posted
- Practice physical distancing
- Stay home if you or any member of your family is sick
- Visit a beach close to home to reduce travel and the spread of the virus
- If you arrive at the beach and find its crowded and difficult to physically distance, have a back up plan to do another activity

For further information on COVID-19 Beach Safety guidelines visit the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit website: www.hkpr.on.ca

(<http://www.hkpr.on.ca>).

Municipal Parks

Municipal parks are open to casual and pass-through visitors. Patrons are advised of the following:

- Observe physical distancing
- Be aware of high-touch areas
- Wash hands thoroughly after touching any surface
- If the park you are visiting is busy and physical distancing is difficult, consider leaving and heading to a less crowded area
- Avoid visiting the park if you are sick

Park benches, picnic tables and picnic shelters

Park benches, picnic tables and picnic shelters are open and available for casual use on a first come, first serve basis. When using facilities, visitors are reminded to:

- Observe physical distancing
- Be aware of high-touch areas, wash hands thoroughly after touching any surface
- If the area you are visiting is busy and physical distancing is difficult, consider leaving and heading to a less crowded area
- Stay home if you are sick

Municipal Tennis Courts

Municipal tennis courts opened to the public for casual use on a first come, first play basis on May 19. Players should be aware of the following COVID-19 safety protocols:

- Tennis players must practice physical distancing
- Limit play to singles or doubles with partners from the same household
- Players should clearly mark their tennis balls and refrain from picking up others'
- Players are advised not to share racquets or equipment
- Use at own risk

Community Halls

Community halls re-opened July 24. For booking inquiries contact the Facility

Booking Office at: facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca (mailto:facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca) or call 705-324-9411 extension 1226.

Playgrounds

Playgrounds re-opened as of July 17. Playground equipment is not sanitized, use at own risk. Visitors should be aware of the following safety protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice physical distancing
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- If the playground is busy consider returning when it is not so crowded or moving to a less crowded place

Splash Pads

Municipal splash pads opened June 26 under strict new COVID-19 guidelines.

Splash pads are open to the public daily 11am to 7pm. Water flow will occur 11am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7pm until August 3. After August 3, Splash pads will no longer have no flow times and will flow daily 11am to 7pm.

Patrons should be aware of the following COVID-19 specific guidelines when visiting splash pads:

- Use at own risk
- A limited number of participants will be allowed into the splash pad at one time
- If the splash pad is busy, consider returning when it is not so crowded or have a back up plan
- Physical distancing must be observed
- Be aware of high-touch areas and wash hands thoroughly following use

Municipal Sports Fields and Sports Courts

Sports fields and sports courts are open for use.

On July 24, Wilson Fields in Lindsay re-opened for formal organized sports and league play. Bookings must be made in advance through the Facility Booking Office at 705-324-9411 extension 1226 or by e-mailing:

facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca (mailto:facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca)

Sports fields/sports court users should:

- Observe physical distancing at all times

- Avoid sharing equipment with others
- Be aware of high-touch areas and wash hands thoroughly following use
- Avoid gathering in parking lots before or after play

Skate Parks

Skate Parks are open for casual use under the following COVID-19 safety guidelines:

- Physical distancing should be observed
- Be aware of high-touch areas and wash hands thoroughly following use
- If the skate park is busy, consider returning when it is not so crowded or moving to a less crowded place

Municipal Trails

All municipal trails are open to walking, cycling and other active transportation. The Victoria Rail Trail is open to motorized vehicles (i.e. ATVs) where permitted.

Trail users should be aware of the following COVID-19 safety guidelines:

- Observe physical distancing
- Share the pathway or trail. When approaching others, step off the pathway unless the path is wider than six feet. Both parties should do this.
- Be aware of high-touch areas and wash hands thoroughly following use
- Avoid visiting the trail if you are sick

Pools and Aquatic Programming

The pools at the Lindsay Recreation Complex re-opened for Public Swimming on July 20 under strict new COVID-19 safety protocols.

All public swimming will be free of charge until further notice.

Public swimming must be booked in advance through the Online Registration website: <https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com> (<https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com>)

The Forbert Memorial Pool in Bobcaygeon is receiving significant capital improvements and will not be open for the remainder of the summer 2020.

For details on COVID-19 safety protocols and pool schedules visit:

www.kawarthalakes.ca/swim (<http://www.kawarthalakes.ca/swim>)

Swimming lessons and aquatics programming have been cancelled for the Spring and Summer 2020 sessions.

Ice Pads

The Lindsay Recreation Complex ice pads are scheduled to re-open on August 17.

For further information or to book ice contact the Facility Booking Office call 705-324-9411 extension 1226 or e-mail: facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca (<mailto:facilitybooking@kawarthalakes.ca>).

Municipal Cemeteries

Municipal cemeteries re-opened as of May 15 under strict COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Decoration Day Services at all municipal cemeteries have been postponed until further notice.

Centennial Trailer Park

Centennial Trailer Park is open to seasonal residents. For further information on COVID-19 affected services at Centennial Park e-mail: cenpark@kawarthalakes.ca (<mailto:cenpark@kawarthalakes.ca>) or call 705-324-9411 extension 1301.

Summer Day Camps and Special Events

All City run day camps were cancelled.

The Lindsay Milk Run/KL21K and the Concerts in the Park Series have been cancelled for 2020.

Forbert Memorial Pool and Workout Centre

The Forbert Memorial Pool and Workout Centre will not re-open during the summer of 2020 as the facility is undergoing significant capital improvements.

Lindsay Recreation Complex – Fitness Classes

Fitness classes at the Lindsay Recreation Complex will resume on August 10. Pre-registration will be required for all fitness classes.

All fitness classes will be free of charge from August 10 to August 28, 2020. Starting August 31, 2020 an active Health or Corporate Membership will be required to book classes.

Registration will begin online Monday August 3 through the Kawartha Lakes Online Registration website: <https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com> (<https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com>)

Lindsay Recreation Complex – Weight Room and Cardio Suite

The Lindsay Recreation Complex Weight Room and Cardio Suite will be available for use as of August 31.

The Weight Room will re-open seven days per week, but with reduced hours and rotation of "in use" equipment.

Pre-registration will be required through the Kawartha Lakes Online Registration website: <https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com> (<https://kawarthalakes.perfectmind.com>) and an active membership will be required. Booking will be available beginning August 24.

All weight room blocks will be 50 minutes in length. In addition to physical distancing guidelines, the number of members working out will be limited as well as equipment.

Personal training will not be available until further notice.

Memberships:

Monthly on-going memberships were stopped on March 14, 2020. Effective August 31, 2020 all term and corporate memberships (health and swim) will be re-activated, with the time missed added onto membership time lengths.

In order to be able to book fitness classes or workout block times online you will need to re-activate your Membership. Contact the Fitness Coordinator by calling 705-324-9411 extension 1555 to complete the activation prior to August 31, 2020.

If you wish to not have your term Membership re-activated on August 31, 2020 contact the Fitness Coordinator at: cmcguigan@kawarthalakes.ca (<mailto:cmcguigan@kawarthalakes.ca>) to terminate your membership prior to August 24, 2020.

Squash Memberships will not be activated at this time as the Squash Courts remain closed. If you have a Squash/Health Membership and would like to re-activate the health portion contact the Fitness Coordinator.

For further information visit: www.kawarthalakes.ca/fitness (<http://www.kawarthalakes.ca/fitness>)

Leisure Programming

Spring and Summer 2020 leisure programming have been cancelled.

Municipal Forest Tracts

Municipal Forest Tracts are open for casual day use. Visitors should:

- Observe physical distancing
- Share the pathway or trail. When approaching others, step off the

pathway unless the path is wider than six feet. Both parties should do this.

- Be aware of high-touch areas and wash hands thoroughly following use
- Avoid visiting the tract if you are sick
- Use at own risk

Disc Golf Course

The Disc Golf Course at Memorial Park, Lindsay is open for casual play under the following strict COVID-19 safety directives:

- Play should be modified so participants do not touch or handle the same disc
- Do not approach first tee until it clears
- Only one disc in the basket at a time
- Retrieve disc without grabbing chains or touching the basket
- Do not touch or share equipment of others
- No congregating in parking lot before or after play
- Use at own risk

For further information on COVID-19 affected municipal services visit the City website: www.kawarthalakes.ca (<http://www.kawarthalakes.ca>)

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For further information, please contact:

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