EMERGENCY OPERATION ORDER

No. 20-01

April 3, 2020

Effective date(s): Friday, April 3, 2020 until further notice.

Affected facilities: All state parks and beaches and certain other facilities as outlined herein

Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. § 42-17.1-2(19) and 250-RICR-100-1, Section 1.22

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ("RIDEM") finds that the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare which justifies the temporary closure of state parks, beaches, and certain other facilities to the public until further notice and the delay in opening of State Campgrounds until at least May 1, 2020 ("Affected Facilities"). The list of Affected Facilities and conditions related to the status of the Affected Facilities are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. As of the effective date of this Emergency Operation Order, RIDEM bike paths and most RIDEM management areas remain open, and this order does not apply to those facilities.

RIDEM asks the public not to drive to the Affected Facilities. Entrances to the Affected Facilities will be blocked, and there is no public parking or vehicular traffic allowed in these Affected Facilities. RIDEM and state and local law enforcement will be patrolling the Affected Facilities and dispersing groups of people found to be congregating at these Affected Facilities.

This order shall be enforceable under the provisions of 250 RICR-100-1, Section 1.37. In accordance with this section, any person found to have violated this order may be subject to a fine not to exceed $100.00 for each violation, enforceable in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

Given the serious nature of COVID-19, and the imminent peril posed by this pandemic, RIDEM advises that should individuals choose to visit one of RIDEMs recreational areas, they should not congregate in groups of five or more, and should adhere to all social/physical distancing rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19. RIDEM continues to monitor the situation and will issue additional orders as necessary.

Notice of this Emergency Operation Order shall be posted and available for review on the RIDEM website www.ridem.ri.gov.

By Order of the Director

[Signature]

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Exhibit A

State Beaches

- Charlestown Breachway, Charlestown
- Ninigret Conservation Area, Charlestown
- East Beach, Charlestown
- East Matunuck State Beach, South Kingstown
- Misquamicut State Beach, Westerly
- Salty Brine State Beach, Narragansett
- Scarborough North Beach, Narragansett
- Scarborough South Beach, Narragansett
- Roger W. Wheeler State Beach, Narragansett

State Parks

- Beavertail State Park, Jamestown
- Black Regiment Monument, Portsmouth
- Brenton Point State Park, Newport
- Burlingame State Park, Charlestown
- Cocumcussoc Park, North Kingstown
- Colt State Park, Bristol
- Fisherman’s Memorial State Park, Narragansett
- Fort Adams State Park, Newport
- Fort Wetherill State Park, Jamestown
- George Washington State Park, Glocester
- Goddard Memorial State Park, Warwick
- Haines Memorial State Park, East Providence
- John H. Chafee Nature Preserve, North Kingstown
- J.L. Curran State Park, Cranston
- Lehigh High Grove, Portsmouth
- Lincoln Woods State Park, Lincoln
- Meshanticut State Park, Cranston
- Ninigret Conservation Area, Charlestown
- Pulaski State Park, Glocester
- Purgatory Chasm, Middletown
- Snake Den State Park, Johnston
- Rocky Point, Warwick
Campgrounds

- Burlingame State Campground, Charlestown
- Charlestown Breachway, Charlestown
- East Beach Campground, Charlestown
- Fishermen's Memorial State Park and Campground, Narragansett
- George Washington State Campground, Glocester
- Arcadia Management Area (Frosty Hollow shelter, backpack camping area, and horseman’s campground), Exeter