

City of Poulsbo

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Statement of Park Bathroom Closures

On November 16, 2020, the City of Poulsbo reinstated its closure of bathrooms in City Parks. This decision was not made lightly and considered the four-week restrictions imposed by Governor Inslee on November 15, 2020, as well as the increased rate of positive COVID-19 cases and community spread in Kitsap County as reported by the Kitsap Public Health District. The City also evaluated its inability to provide a level of service, given its current limited workforce capacity and protective supplies, to ensure restroom are kept in a manner that is both safe for employees and park visitors. This standard of care is more difficult than other locations, as restrooms are areas where physical distancing can be challenging, and require higher standards of, and more frequent, sanitization in compliance with CDC guidelines in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We understand that this may create an inconvenience for guests in our park, and we hope that we will be able to reopen the restrooms once it is safe again to do so. In the meantime, we encourage visitors to the park to keep in mind the current stay home recommendations, and when out to stay local, but please plan in advance for the lack of available restroom facilities, keeping your recreational outings short if need be.

If you have further questions regarding the commission, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Mary McCluskey at 360-779-9898 or mmcluskey@cityofpoulsbo.com.

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