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**SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION CLOSES FACILITIES
TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS
Parks, Trails, Golf, & Tennis Remain Open**



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BRIDGEWATER, NJ – The Somerset County Park Commission (SCPC) has suspended programs and activities in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Out of an abundance of care and in keeping with governmental directives, the decision has been made to close all SCPC playgrounds including Quail Brook Park in Somerset, Mountain View Park in Hillsborough, Colonial Park in Somerset, Duke Island Park in Bridgewater, and North Branch Park in Bridgewater. Signage will be posted and fencing will be installed at all facilities.

Additionally, in light of recommended limits of public congregation, leash-free dog areas will be closed at East County Park in Warren, Skillman Park in Montgomery, and Colonial Park in Somerset. The SCPC trail system throughout the county remains open for personal exercise and dog walking on a leash.

Finally, in an effort to ensure the safety and welfare of SCPC staff members and its patrons, all public bathrooms and porta potties will be closed.

All general use parks, gardens, golf courses, and tennis facilities will remain open during normal hours. Organized programs at the Colonial Park Gardens in the Somerset, Leonard J. Buck Garden in Far Hills, the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge, Lord Stirling Stable in Basking Ridge, and Park Commission Headquarters in Bridgewater are suspended until further notice.

The SCPC continues to ensure that Somerset County Parks provide safe public spaces to be utilized to seek a respite the pressures of the from COVID-19 pandemic.

Updates on cancellations and openings may be found at www.somersetcountyparks.org or by calling 908-722-1200.

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