

To All Of Our Friends Near and Far:

(Updated March 27)

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On March 27, Governor Roy Cooper issued a [Stay-at-Home Order](#) for 30 days, effective March 30. This order only allows travel for essential purposes. With that in mind, we are asking visitors to remain home at this time.

It is worth noting that DuPont State Recreational Forest and Gorges State Park are currently closed to the public, as are all recreation facilities at recreation sites in Pisgah National Forest.

The Brevard and Transylvania County Visitor Center will be closed until further notice, however we can still be reached via the live chat function on our website or via phone. We hope to be welcoming you back soon. In the meantime, why not take a moment to reflect on previous visits – and plan for your next adventure in the Land of Waterfalls. We've got lots of tools to help you craft your plan here on our website and soon we'll be introducing additional virtual resources to make planning future visits even easier.

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April 1

For over 100 years Brevard and Transylvania County have been welcoming visitors like you to "The Land of Waterfalls." Today, we need your help as we cope with the impacts from the COVID-19 outbreak. At this time, accommodations in Transylvania County are only open to visitors who are traveling to our area for essential purposes. Below are key details and other up-to-date information on current visitation:

- The Transylvania County Board of Commissioners has enacted **Resolution #10-2020** to remain in effect until April 30. Outlined, most notably, is the emergency procedure to **close all lodging facilities**, including campgrounds and direct-reservation facilities (such as Airbnb and VRBO) with some exceptions. Those that fall under the exceptions are essential work-related accommodations, accommodations for essential personnel, facilities housing persons experiencing homelessness, any facility being used for isolation and quarantine purposes, or family-related visitation. Current residents at campgrounds and lodging facilities are permitted to stay, but campgrounds should not allow new patrons to enter and establish themselves, and lodging facilities should cancel any non-essential travel reservations until April 30.
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April 30

COVID page

Governor Roy Cooper issued an extension of the **Stay At Home order** through May 8, 2020. This order only allows travel for essential purposes, which includes visiting essential businesses, exercising outdoors or helping a family member.

The orders extending closures of restaurants for dine-in service, bars, and other close-contact businesses are also extended through May 8.

Copy the first 4 sentences from the VisitNC site word for word with the same links. Then go with the below, starting with the first sentence as in the same paragraph as the last one from VisitNC. Add a link to the restaurant sheet and other business sheet. Note that the Gorges link includes the words "are completely closed" and shouldn't. Add the best email address.

To continue the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, Governor Roy Cooper has extended the **Stay at Home order** for the entire state of North Carolina until Friday, May 8.

This order instructs everyone to stay at home unless visiting **essential businesses**, exercising outdoors or helping a family member. It also bans gatherings of more than 10 people and directs everyone to keep a distance of 6 feet between one another.

Restaurants and bars are only open for take-out and delivery orders, and closed to all dine-in customers. For detailed information on available take-out and delivery options in Brevard and Transylvania County [click here](#). Information on current schedules for other businesses can be found [here](#).

DuPont State Recreational Forest and Gorges State Park are closed completely, along with all facilities and most trails in **Pisgah National Forest**.

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Camp and major events calendar

Major events in the area are cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future. Once restrictions are lifted and local major events begin being scheduled, we will make a calendar available.

May 5

NEW

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(Updated May 5)

Governor Roy Cooper has created a three-phased plan ([link here](#)) for reopening North Carolina. On May 5, he signed **Executive Order No. 138** to modify North Carolina's Stay At Home order and transition to Phase 1 of slowly easing certain COVID-19 restrictions effective Friday, May 8 at 5 pm. The order is in effect until 5 pm on Friday, May 22. Please note that Phase 2 will only start at that time if data and indicators are in the right place.

The order allows people to leave their homes for commercial activity at any business that is open and removes the distinction between essential and non-essential businesses, with a few specific exceptions, including:

- Retail businesses are allowed to open at 50% capacity and will be required to direct customers to stand 6 feet apart, perform frequent cleanings, provide hand sanitizer when available, screen workers for symptoms and more.
- Restaurants and bars continue to only be open for take-out and delivery orders, and closed to all dine-in customers.
- Certain businesses remain closed, including bars, personal care businesses, entertainment venues, and gyms.

Though small outdoor gatherings will be allowed in Phase 1, they are limited to 10 people, and all must still practice strict social distancing.

Gorges State Park will be reopening on May 13 at 7 am. **DuPont State Recreational Forest** remains closed, along with all facilities and most trails in **Pisgah National Forest**.

Governor Cooper has provided a list of FAQ and a comparison of pre-Phase 1 regulations and Phase 1 regulations. ([link to both of these and change line spacing](#))

Our tourism partners are working diligently in preparation so they can provide a safe and socially responsible experience to visitors of Transylvania County. Some will begin opening in Phase 1 and others in the following phases. For detailed information on available take-out and delivery options in Brevard and Transylvania County click [here](#). Information on current schedules for other businesses can be found [here](#).

We are asking visitors to do their part as well, which includes following all CDC guidelines ([link here](#)) with safe practices in our community and our public lands.

We will continue to do our best to keep visitors informed by keeping this page updated. Our visitor center is not open at this time, however we are still available to assist visitors with their needs via the live chat function on our website, by phone at 828-883-3700 or by emailing mj@explorebrevard.com. We also encourage you to stay in touch by signing up for our **e-newsletter** to receive direct updates from the Explore Brevard team. We invite you to join us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, where we will be including updates, as well as images of our special spot to inspire thoughts of your next visit.

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May 14

As access to public lands in our area increases, we ask that all visitors **Explore Responsibly** in the outdoors.

Pisgah National Forest began a phased reopening Thursday, May 14, 2020. All trails will be open except for one at Lake Powhatan. Most developed recreation sites will remain closed, and no restroom facilities will be available. Camping will be prohibited during this phase. More information on trailheads and roads can be found [here](#).

DuPont State Recreational Forest and neighboring Holmes Educational State Forest began a phased reopening Thursday, May 14, 2020. Most of the trail system is open, and visitors should come prepared to access trails and to keep moving. Parking will be limited to Corn Mill Shoals, Fawn Lake and Guion Farm Access Areas. Gathering areas of the forest remain closed. Click [here](#) for all the details.

Gorges State Park trails, parking lots and visitor center restrooms are open, while the visitor center itself remains closed. Click [here](#) for full details.

Blue Ridge Parkway officials are increasing recreational access to sections of the motor road previously closed to motor vehicle traffic in North Carolina. While these areas are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited.

May 21

Governor Roy Cooper has created a **three-phased plan** for reopening North Carolina.

As key indicators remain stable, North Carolina moves to Safer At Home Phase 2 beginning Friday, May 22 at 5 pm. Phase 2 runs through at least Friday, June 26.

The Stay At Home order has been lifted, moving into a Safer At Home recommendation, especially for people at high risk for serious illness. Teleworking is also urged when possible. Below are some of the highlights from Executive Order 141:

- Retail businesses, restaurants, personal care businesses, and pools are allowed to open at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements.
- Childcare facilities, day camps and overnight camps will be open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements.
- Bars, indoor entertainment venues, gyms, and public playgrounds remain closed.

For detailed information on available take-out and delivery options in Brevard and Transylvania County click [here](#). For Transylvania County accommodations updates click [here](#). For general business updates click [here](#).

Mass gathering limits in Phase 2 will be no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors in most circumstances. These limits apply to the following: event venues, conference centers, stadiums and sports arenas, amphitheaters, and groups at parks or beaches.

Governor Cooper has provided a Phase 2 [Overview Flyer](#) and a list of [FAQ](#) for Executive Order No. 141.

A Note From Us

Our tourism partners are working diligently to provide a safe and socially responsible experience to visitors of Transylvania County. To assist you as local businesses adjust to NC's three-phased reopening, we have compiled a list of current schedules and other key information for restaurants, accommodations, and other businesses. Those lists, as well as this page are updated regularly to provide the most up-to-date information possible.

Our physical visitor center is not yet open, however we are still available to assist visitors with their needs via the live chat function on our website, by phone at 800-648-4523 or by emailing mj@explorebrevard.com. We also encourage you to stay in touch by signing up for our **e-newsletter** to receive direct updates from the Explore Brevard team. We invite you to join us

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May 29

"Here's what we can share to help your visit". I envision it having a little less "here's the message from the governor" and more of "here's our message about visiting right now."

FOR UP-TO-DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION PLEASE CLICK HERE.

To All Of Our Friends Near And Far,

(Updated May 29)

As businesses begin to open their doors in our community, we want to assure you that one of our top priorities will always be the health and safety of our visitors.

We will continue to do our best to keep you informed by updating this page regularly. Our visitor center will begin a phased reopening Monday, June 8. We are currently and will continue to be available to assist visitors with their needs via the live chat function on our website, by phone at 800-648-4523 or by emailing mj@explorebrevard.com. We also encourage you to stay in touch by signing up for our **e-newsletter** to receive direct updates from the Explore Brevard team. We invite you to join us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, where we will be including updates, as well as images of our area to inspire your next visit.

Know that our tourism partners are working diligently so they can provide a safe and socially responsible experience to visitors of Transylvania County. As you make your way to our community, we ask that you **Explore Responsibly** for your safety and the safety of those serving you.

Current Phase 2 Safer at Home Executive Order No. 141

The state of North Carolina is currently operating under a "Safer at Home" order. Governor Cooper has provided a Phase 2 **Overview Flyer** and a list of **FAQ for Executive Order No. 141**.

Outdoor Recreation

As access to public lands in our area increases, we ask that all visitors **Explore Responsibly** in the outdoors.

Pisgah National Forest began a phased reopening Thursday, May 14. The USDA Forest Service expanded access to recreation opportunities on May 21, however facilities and services are still limited at many sites. Sliding Rock and Davidson River Campgrounds open June 1.

Most trails and areas are now open at **DuPont State Recreational Forest**. The visitor center, public restrooms, and picnic shelters remain closed as of May 29.

As of May 22, all trails, campsites, and restrooms are open at **Gorges State Park**. The visitor center remains closed.

Some areas of the **Blue Ridge Parkway** are accessible for visitors to enjoy, however a return to full operations will continue to be phased and services may be limited. [Click here](#) to access the real time road closure map for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Local Business Updates

Many of our tourism partners have reopened as our state moves through our three-phased reopening plan, each having protocols in place to create a safe experience for locals and visitors. We have compiled a list of operating schedules and other key information for these businesses.

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Jul 2

As we enter Phase One, Explore Brevard asks that you **Explore Responsibly**. We have developed ten best practices to follow for all residents and visitors to the area. Please read and follow these guidelines to ensure everyone's safety:

1) Keep Your Distance.

Maintain a 6-foot distance when walking, hiking, biking or jogging.

2) Loosen Up.

Don't congregate in large crowds. Current guidelines allow for groups of no more than 10 people.

3) Lather Up.

Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

4) Hands Off.

Avoid hugs, handshakes and touching your face. Use caution touching surfaces.

5) Cover Up.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Masks are recommended when patronizing local stores and businesses.

6) Stay On Track.

Explore with caution. Keep to the trails. Practice good waterfall safety by following posted rules. Emergency services may be operating at limited capacity.

7) Be Adventure Aware.

Practice good trail manners. Be courteous to others. Leave no trace.

8) Plan Ahead.

Bring snacks, water, and first aid. Understand that some facilities, like restrooms, may not be available.

9) Buy Local.

Local shops are open at limited capacity. Many local restaurants offer takeout. Respect rules and protocols to protect those serving you.

10) Explore Well.

The trails will outlast your sniffles. Stay home if you feel sick.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION FROM EXPLORI BREVARD

(Updated June 26)

Extension of Phase 2 Safer At Home Executive Order No. 147

The state of North Carolina is currently operating under an extension of the “Safer At Home” order until at least July 17. Governor Cooper has provided a Phase 2 **Overview Flyer** and a list of **FAQ for Executive Order No. 147**. Face coverings are now required in public spaces, whether inside or outside, where physical distancing of six feet is not possible.

Explore Responsibly

Know that our tourism partners are working diligently so they can provide a safe and socially responsible experience to visitors of Transylvania County. As

businesses reopen and access to public lands in our area increases, we ask that all visitors Explore Responsibly.



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We want to assure you that one of our top priorities will always be the health and safety of our visitors. Our Visitor Center is now open M-F, 10 am – 4 pm, with friendly volunteers and staff providing an informative and safe experience.

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Public Lands

Several campgrounds and recreation sites are open at **Pisgah National Forest**.

Sliding at Sliding Rock is allowed Thu – Sun when lifeguards are available.

Sliding is not allowed Mon-Wed when there are no lifeguards. For more info, click [here](#). Some sites remain closed and facilities and services remain limited. For a complete list of trails, roads, and recreation areas that are reopening, click [here](#).

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The Cradle of Forestry is open Wed – Sat, 10 am – 4 pm. The Discovery Museum and cafe remain closed.



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