



UPDATE 20.03.20: OUR OUTDOOR FACILITIES AND PLAY PARKS

Council Operated Beaches and Forest and Country Parks

We are continuing to keep forest and country parks and Council operated beach facilities open at this time. The opening of these outdoor facilities is being continually reviewed in line with the latest Government advice on the COVID-19 response and the public should continue to follow advice from the Public Health Agency on health protection. Entry to all Council operated beaches and forest and country parks, including Delamont Country Park, will be free at this time.

Play Parks – Fixed Play Equipment

Due to the current social distancing guidance, and in line with the latest advice issued by PlayBoard NI, we are closing all fixed play areas. Due to the nature of these play park grounds, many cannot be physically secured or locked. We therefore ask for the cooperation of parents, guardians and the wider community to help ensure these facilities remain inaccessible until further notice, in particular those play parks situated within large open spaces.

Toilet Facilities Within Council Operated Beaches, Forest and Country Parks

All toilet facilities within designated outdoor facilities will be closed until further notice.

Events in Forest and Country Parks

All scheduled events within our outdoor facilities are postponed until further notice.

Opening Hours

Car parks will not always be staffed so please park responsibly in allocated bays only. Facilities will close at 6pm and visitors should vacate the facilities before this time. The opening hours of these outdoor facilities will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Information Within our Facilities

Please note, a limited number of staff may be present within Council operated beaches, forest and country parks. Visitors should note any information signage on display when you arrive. If you need assistance in the event of an emergency, please telephone the contact number that will be clearly displayed at entrance points to the facilities.

Litter

Our outdoor spaces are currently open for all visitors. To ensure we can keep our facilities open and running effectively, we ask that visitors please take their rubbish home with them during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

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