

# Canyonlands and Arches Further Modifying Operations to Implement Local Health Guidance

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**MOAB, UT**— The Southeast Utah Group of national parks is announcing additional modifications to operations in response to guidance from Southeast Utah Public Health, San Juan Public Health, and Moab Regional Hospital. The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working servicewide with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective Saturday, March 28, 2020, Arches and Canyonlands national parks will be closed to all park visitors until further notice. All vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians are prohibited from entering any park areas, including campgrounds, trails, backcountry, and roads. Any recreational use of the parks is in violation of this closure. We regret any inconvenience or hardship this may cause.

The NPS encourages people to take advantage of the many digital tools already available to explore these parks, including:

- Watching the Canyonlands park film and other short videos at <https://www.nps.gov/cany/learn/photosmultimedia/multimedia.htm>
- Wandering through Arches' wildflowers gallery at <https://www.nps.gov/arch/learn/nature/wildflowers.htm>
- Perusing the albums of photos on parks' websites and Flickr accounts, such as <https://www.nps.gov/arch/learn/photosmultimedia/index.htm> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/canyonlandsnps/albums>
- Revisiting their own photo albums from past visits, sharing treasured memories with family and friends.

Visitors with camping or Fiery Furnace tour reservations impacted by this closure may cancel or reschedule online at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov), or by calling (877) 444-6777.

We will continue to provide updates and will notify the public when we resume full operations on park social media channels and these two web pages:

- [https://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/public\\_health\\_update.htm](https://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/public_health_update.htm)
- [https://www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/public\\_health\\_update.htm](https://www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/public_health_update.htm)

Updates about general NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](https://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

For additional information about Southeast Utah Group parks, visit our websites:

[Arches National Park](#)  
[Canyonlands National Park](#)  
[Hovenweep National Monument](#)  
[Natural Bridges National Monument](#)