

Recreation Services Winter 2020/21 Summary

During the COVID-19 Pandemic parks and greenspaces have played a critical role in keeping people healthy. Madison Parks expects that this trend of increased park use will continue into the winter and has modified our existing winter recreation amenities in order to allow for a safe means of getting outside during the colder months in Madison. Our main goals are to increase access while minimizing contacts. Our intention is to provide the same number of locations, types and amount of outdoor facilities (ie. ice rinks, cross country ski trails, sledding hills and other amenities) as in previous years, but the indoor experience of visitors will be much different due to the ongoing pandemic.

Ice Rinks	Adopt Ice	XCSkiing	Other
Tenney*	Westmorland hockey	Elver	Yahara Disc golf
Elver*	Wexford	Yahara	Elver Sled Hill
Vilas*	Rennebohm	Odana	
Goodman	Nakoma	Owen	Various Sledding Hills
Olbrich	Heritage Heights	Cherokee	Various snow shoe locations
Westmorland	Sunset	Door Creek	
Warner	Hillington	Olin Turville	
	Olbrich hockey		
*Equipment Rental			

Highlights of adjustments to operations are planned to be as follows:

- Equipment rentals will be limited to Elver, Vilas and Tenney
 - Measures will be put in place to minimize contact during rental transactions and provide for outdoor transactions where possible
 - Increased sanitization protocol for rental equipment will be implemented
 - We do not intend to serve food or beverage
 - Staff are proposing daily and weekly rates for equipment rental,
- Shelter facilities will be available for use of restrooms only
 - No indoor seating will be available, gatherings discouraged, possibly prohibited
- A number of physical distancing precautions will be taken:
 - Increased sanitization of frequently touched surfaces
 - Signage, traffic directional and physical distancing markings will be put in place
 - The number of patrons in buildings and restrooms will be limited
- Precautions will be taken to minimize staff contact
 - Implementation of a pod scheduling system
 - Rentals will not be available on Mondays and Tuesdays
 - Outdoor transactions wherever possible
- Parks will not provide lessons or offer private parties
 - Partners offering classes and lessons are required to provide detailed plans and must comply with PHMDC orders

While things are going to do be different this winter season, we have reworked our offering to allow for naturally socially distance activities to occur in Madison Parks in a safe manner. We are optimistic that Madison will emerge from this pandemic strong and healthy.