Explore the latest in parks news below.
COVID-19
PARKS CONSERVANCY UPDATE

covid-19 global health emergency

Governor Tom Wolf issued a Stay-at-Home order through May 15, 2020 for Allegheny County to help combat the spread of COVID-19. Allegheny County will then move into the 'Yellow Phase' of Pennsylvania's reopening plan on Friday, May 15.

Read Governor Wolf's complete reopening plan for Pennsylvania.

Visit our COVID-19 webpage for park updates throughout the month of May as we continue navigating through these unprecedented times.

YOUR PARKS AT HOME

We know that many people are facing unprecedented circumstances from COVID-19. Take your parks with you wherever you go. Select a photo below and download your favorite park beauty shots!

- Allegheny Commons Park
- Frick Environmental Center
- Highland Park
- Mellon Park
- Northeast Fountain
- Schenley Plaza
- Riverview Park Chapel Shelter
- Westinghouse Memorial

P.S. here's how you can make your favorite park photo your background during your next Zoom call!

Before Joining Meeting

1. Open Zoom desktop client
2. Click on the gear near the top right corner of the window to open settings
3. Select “Virtual Background” from the menu on the left
4. Click the + where it says “Choose Virtual Background” and select add image
5. Browse to the image that you would like to set as your background.
6. Make your coworkers jealous because you get to be in the park!

From Within The Meeting

1. Click the up arrow next to the video icon in the bottom left
2. Select the virtual background option
3. Follow steps 4 and 6 as listed above

PARKS ARE FUN

It’s time to get creative! Whether you enjoy coloring or unscrambling words, we have activities that are fun for all. Select an activity below to get started.

- Mellon Square Word Search
- Mellon Square Maze
- Schenley Plaza Coloring Pages
- Schenley Plaza Double Puzzle

PARKS ON THE GO

Parks are for learning

Pittsburgh's parks are our largest and most interesting classrooms! As we continue adjusting to this new way of life, we’re excited to announce the launch of Parks On The Go: Digital Education and Nature Resources.

Explore your parks and learn about nature from the comfort of your home, in your backyard or in your neighborhood park by clicking here or on the photo above!
a note from your gardener: wildlife in the gardens

"While we enjoy gardens for their beautiful blooms, attractive foliage, and fragrant blossoms, a variety of other animals enjoy these spaces too! When out working in the parks it’s not uncommon for us to come across wildlife that have made their home in the lush greenery of the gardens."

Click here or on the photo above to continue reading and to learn more about urban gardening!

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MINDFUL MOMENTS

discover ways to connect to nature
It's so important to find moments of peace and relaxation, especially during times of uncertainty. Mindful Moments are exercises that can be completed anywhere—from your window, while looking at a beautiful image of nature, in your yard, on your porch, on a walk in your neighborhood, or in a park nearby.

Learn more about Mindful Moments!

Click here to watch Shawn Fertitta as he finds ways to connect with nature in his backyard.

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nature is for celebrating

Weren't able to tune in to our virtual Earth Day celebration on April 22? Have no fear!

Click here to explore all of our interactive activities, as we celebrated Earth Day alongside 29,000 of our closest friends.
enjoying nature during times of uncertainty

My 8-year-old daughter and I gathered about 50 sticks and piled them up in the little hut my husband had built out of fallen tree limbs for her and her two younger siblings just behind our house.

“We’ll use them for pretend somehow,” my daughter told me in between marveling at a couple of oddly shaped rocks and a couple of twigs that seemed to finally be sprouting some leaves.

We had no plan when we came out here other than to simply escape our four walls for a little bit. Click here to continue reading.
parks make an impact

The Parks Conservancy received a mini-grant from the Jewish Federation and Vibrant Pittsburgh to support the production of Pittsburgh Parks Welcome You, a series of five videos featuring members of Pittsburgh’s immigrant and refugee communities welcoming newcomers and non-native English speakers to the city’s parks and introducing these public green spaces as free and accessible to all.

Learn more about Jose and what Pittsburgh's parks mean to him!
celebrate mom today and every day

It's not too late to honor the ones you love and care for this Mother's Day. Consider having perennial flowers or a tree planted in their honor. Give the gift that keeps your parks beautiful and thriving today.

follow us on social media

To access unique photos from your fellow park lovers and the latest information on park projects, follow the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. You can also follow the Schenley Plaza and Frick Environmental Center pages on Facebook. Have a photo you'd love to share with us? Tag @pittsburghparks or use #pittsburghparks.

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