

**Updated - March 2, 2021**

To our guests at Molas Lake Campground,

The Town of Silverton is pleased to announce **it will be opening Molas Lake Campground on June 1, 2021 for the summer camping season**. The safety of our guests remains our top priority and campground management will be closely following local, state and federal guidance for operations. We ask that all guests strictly follow campground guidelines and assist in doing their part to keep the campground safe and open!

All guests are responsible for reading, understanding, and adhering to all federal, state, and local guidelines and regulations relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Molas Lake Campground will be utilizing Colorado Parks & Wildlife and Centers for Disease Control guidance in addition to the following Molas Lake Campground specific guidelines.

**All regular campground rules and regulations still apply in addition to the following COVID-19 specific guidance:**

#### **Molas Lake Camping Guidelines**

- All guests acknowledge that despite the Town of Silverton's focus on safety, the Town of Silverton cannot eliminate all risk of COVID-19 exposure, and all guests agree that the use of Molas Lake Campground is voluntary and at each guest's sole risk.
- Molas Lake Campground will open June 1, 2021.
- Camping is by **ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY** and no walk-ups will be accepted.
- Day use remains **OPEN** to the general public.
- Masks are **REQUIRED** in **ALL** common areas (restrooms, check-in areas, fish cleaning station etc.) It is not mandatory that masks be worn at individual campsites.
- Disposable masks will be available if needed.
- It is important for campers to follow strict hygiene protocols of frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- We encourage guests to practice cleaning/disinfecting high touch surfaces frequently such as door handles, camp tables, chairs etc.
- Camp only with members of your household in your local region. Do not invite visitors to your campsite.
- Please respect other guests and practice social distance (6 feet).
- Use personal equipment for camping equipment (no rentals or "loaned" items).
- Do not camp if you or anyone in your household has any symptoms such as fever, coughing, or shortness of breath.
- Do not engage in risky activities and strictly follow any local county fire bans as fire, search, and rescue volunteers are involved in other important public health activities right now.

- It is recommended that all visitors bring their own wash basins and necessary sanitizing products to reduce impacts on facilities and minimize guest exposure to community spaces.
- Boat rentals (SUP, kayak etc.) will be available and are deep-sanitized after each use.
- Personal recreation equipment (SUP, Kayak etc.) is allowed.
- Showers are available and are sanitized with ozone and UV after each group's use.
- Molas Lake Campground guidelines are subject to changes at any time for any reason.
- Molas Lake Campground Management retains the right to close the campground and cancel (with a refund) reservations at any time for any reason related to the ongoing situation with COVID-19.
- Violators of Campground guidelines may be asked to promptly leave or referred to the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.
- **CAMPFIRES ARE PROHIBITED AT MOLAS LAKE CAMPGROUND AT THIS TIME.** Please see San Juan County fire restrictions below for additional information about county fire restrictions that are currently in place.

For additional information please contact the Campground Host by email [info@molaslake.com](mailto:info@molaslake.com).

**We look forward to seeing you! (from a distance of course!)**

**Additional resources:**

Town of Silverton General Information

<https://townofsilverton.colorado.gov/>

Molas Lake General Information

<https://www.molaslake.com>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Guidance

[https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/campgrounds-at-colorado-state-parks?fbclid=IwAR0Mh5Xkmi4GqYqvj-NOKQkBw-ile73eDEMIqa039ab\\_B79fyHmST5SZ70A](https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/campgrounds-at-colorado-state-parks?fbclid=IwAR0Mh5Xkmi4GqYqvj-NOKQkBw-ile73eDEMIqa039ab_B79fyHmST5SZ70A)

CDC Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**SAN JUAN COUNTY CO: STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove, any type of charcoal fueled broiler or open fire of any type in undeveloped areas.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.

3. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
4. Welding, or operating acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
5. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either: a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

Possible Exemptions 1. Persons with a written permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 2. Fires in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites. 3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. 4. Mechanical stoves and appliances fueled by bottled or liquid gas which allow the operator to control or extinguish the flame with a valve are permitted provided that such devices are approved by Underwriters Laboratory Inc. 5. Owners or lessees of land in the restricted area. 6. Residents in the restricted area.

For the most up to date information on fire restrictions, visit San Juan County's website at [sanjuancolorado.us](http://sanjuancolorado.us). To receive San Juan County Office of Emergency Management email updates, sign up at [pio@sanjuancolorado.us](mailto:pio@sanjuancolorado.us) Sign up for Emergency Alerts for San Juan County Colorado. Text "81433" to 888-777