



CAMERON COUNTY ★
Parks and Recreation

NOTICE TO RV CAMPERS AT ISLA BLANCA & ANDY BOWIE PARK

Temporary Closure of County Parks

- Effective Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Cameron County will temporarily close County Parks and Beach Access Areas. Please refer to the most recent County's Amended Emergency Management Order for more information.
- RV parks at Isla Blanca and Andy Bowie will remain open to campers.
- Day use entry to Isla Blanca, Andy Bowie and all County Beach Access Areas will be closed until further notice.
- Adolph Thomae Jr., County Park and Jaime J. Zapata Boat Ramp will remain open. Normal business hours of operation for these parks will remain in effect.

Permissible Activities for RV Campers

- Campers will not be allowed to accept visitors. Camping privileges are reserved solely for registered guests.
- Campers will be allowed to access the beach using dune walkovers and access points located on the boardwalk.
- Pavilions will be closed to any and all activities. The Boardwalk at Isla Blanca will be limited to beach access only.
- All parking lot areas (DJ Lerma Pavilion, Sand Piper Pavilion & Jetties) will be closed. Campers can access the beach by walking or biking.
- Recreational activities on the beach will be limited to walking, running, biking, fishing, swimming and surfing. Contact sports such as, volleyball, football, soccer and other similar team sports are prohibited.
- Beach umbrellas/canopies, at a minimum, must be placed 10 feet apart from each other.
- Gatherings on the beach are limited to no more than 10 people. It is recommended for these gatherings to be solely inclusive of individuals belonging to the same household.
- Patrons are expected to effectively practice Social Distancing at all times. This means maintaining a minimum distance of 6' from individuals around you.
- RV campers staying at Isla Blanca will have access to the Jetties and boat ramp. Boaters also have the option to utilize the boat ramps at Jaime J. Zapata and Adolph Thomae Jr., County Park in Arroyo City.

Park Office Hours

New office hours for Isla Blanca Park and Andy Bowie Park. Offices will open at 8:00 AM and close at 12:00 PM for lunch, and again reopen from 12:30 PM till 5:00 PM until further notice. Please remember that day use entry to all parks and county beaches is closed until further notice. The sole purpose for maintaining our offices open at this time is to provide continuity of services to guests camping in our parks and those who have reservations prior to the closure issued on June 29, 2020. Given the volatility of the crisis, these accommodations are subject to change pursuant to any new federal, state or local mandates, which are being assessed daily.

Office Protocols

Park offices will temporarily not allow more than 2 guests at a time and be asked to maintain a 6 foot distance from clerks and other people in the office. Entry is solely limited to the customer; members of their party cannot accompany them.

Customers are required to wear a facial covering (covering nose and mouth) and be screened for symptoms prior to entering the building. If you have the following symptoms: Fever, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, bluish lips or face, for your protection and the protection of others, you will not be allowed to enter the building. Individuals who are denied entry will be provided with instructions on alternative means for conducting their business.

Online & Phone Options

RV guests currently have the option to remotely make payments by phone. Our registration offices are fully staffed and ready to take payments, answer questions or facilitate arrivals and departures.

Isla Blanca Park: RV guest who have already checked-in and need to make a recurring rent payment (i.e. monthly rent) now have the opportunity to make their payment online at (<http://www.go2gov.net/go/cameroncountyparkbal>). We strongly urge guests who are able to utilize this feature, to do so in an effort to minimize the duration of office visits. Guests also have the option to request a payment and/or ask questions via email. We have staff regularly monitoring emails and providing responses in a timely manner. Guests can send their emailed requests to: rvparkreservations@co.cameron.tx.us.

Guests also have the option of making payments over the phone by calling (956)761-5494 or (956)761-5493.

RV Park entry passes will still need to be renewed in-office but customers can speed up the process by bringing in their license plate numbers when doing so. **If a license plate number**

is not presented a park pass will not be issued. Please note that the online payment option will NOT work for campers who have not checked-in.

Andy Bowie Park: RV Guest can make payments over the phone at (956) 761-3704.

Contact Information:

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| Parks Director | Joe E. Vega |
| Administrative Office | (956) 761-3700 |

County Webpages & Social Media Links:

www.cameroncountyparks.com

www.co.cameron.tx.us

www.facebook.com/CCParksandRec

Rest assured we are working closely with the County Judge's Office and Public Health Officials to ensure continuity of services remain compliant with the latest official mandates. We shall continue to provide updates as they become available via local offices, county websites and social media.