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NEWS RELEASE

Lake Nighthorse opens on April 2

**Durango, CO:** Lake Nighthorse Recreation Area will open for the 2021 season on Friday, April 2. The lake will be open for non-motorized recreation 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, April 2 through May 9. Daily operations will begin May 14, and motorized recreation begins May 15. Find the full schedule and details at [DurangoGov.org/LakeNighthorse](https://DurangoGov.org/LakeNighthorse)

New amenities to the swim beach include an inflatable play structure (May through September), lifeguards and guard station, and a separate concrete paddle craft launch ramp. There also will be an expanded no wake zone connecting to the west side. Spring pumping from the Animas River will bring the water level at the swim beach to meet the sand.

“"The Parks and Recreation Department continues to provide adaptive management of Lake Nighthorse Recreation Area and looks forward to implementing new opportunities this season to enhance the recreational experience for all users,” Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Metz said.

To ensure the safety of the public and Lake Nighthorse staff during COVID-19, the city of Durango requests visitors maintain six feet social distance from others, wear a face covering and bring a personal supply of hand sanitizer.

Season passes and 5-punch passes are available at [DurangoGov.org/LakeNighthorse](https://DurangoGov.org/LakeNighthorse), and day passes may be purchased at the entrance station.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (970) 375-7321 or rec@DurangoGov.org

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