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NSW ROLLS OUT WELCOME MAT TO HAPPY CAMPERS

Nature lovers and regional economies are set to benefit as NSW national parks get ready to welcome holiday visitors back into campgrounds, ahead of the June long weekend.

Environment Minister Matt Kean said he expected many travelers would be dusting off their tents and vans and heading to the great outdoors now that regional travel was back on the table - but booking ahead is essential.

“More than 255 campgrounds across our State’s beautiful national parks will be open for business by the June long weekend and for the first time every open campground will be bookable online or by phone,” Mr Kean said.

“We are also reopening many of our cottages and cabins for those who might prefer some swankier digs as accommodation in parks.

“This is good news for nature lovers and good news for regional communities with NSW national parks’ visitors contributing \$21 billion to NSW regional economies every year.”

Mr Kean said campers should come well prepared and practice good hygiene in shared facilities, and be aware that physical distancing as per Government health advice must be adhered to.

“We are also reminding those people planning to visit wild camp sites in back country and remote areas of national parks that they must fill in a [Trip Intention Form](#) so that authorities know where people are in case of an emergency.

“NPWS has uploaded plenty of information on their [website](#) to help visitors get ready for [camping covid style](#) so please take the time to check it out,” Mr Kean said.

Some campgrounds across NSW remain closed due to fire or flood impacts and in others, NPWS are undertaking important upgrades so ensure you check the NPWS website first before planning a visit.

Some visitor centres and public-facing reception areas will remain closed for public safety and in line with COVID-19 health advice. Bookings can be made online via the NPWS website or by calling the NPWS contact centre on 1300 072 757 prior to arrival.

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