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LAKE OF THE WOODS FOREST PRESERVE • HOMER LAKE FOREST PRESERVE • MIDDLE FORK RIVER FOREST PRESERVE
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CU Public Health District Orders Cancellation of Trout Season Opening

Main Lake Closed Until Further Notice

April 3, 2020 – Trout season opening day will no longer be held at Lake of the Woods, as previously scheduled for April 4, per a request from the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. The numbers of anglers expected could constitute a gathering as prohibited by the Governor's Office executive orders.

To prevent large gatherings of fishermen at Lake of the Woods, the main lake will remain closed to fishing until further notice. The Forest Preserve District will work with appropriate authorities to develop a system that would allow individuals to fish, but limit numbers on the lake and along the shore to ensure adequate social distancing.

Fishing will still be allowed at the county's other forest preserves lakes – Homer Lake, Middle Fork River, and River Bend.

We regret the short notice of this cancellation, but the Forest Preserve District remains committed to making public health and safety our first priority. Thus, we will heed the advice of our county counterparts at the Public Health District.

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