

REFUGE VISITOR CENTER CLOSURE NEWS RELEASE

Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Will Close Temporarily Starting March 21st 2020.

Gautier, MS – The US Fish and Wildlife Service today announced the suspension of operations at Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge’s Visitor Center effective March 21st, 2020. The suspension of operations is supported by the State of Mississippi’s Emergency Declaration. The Refuge Trails will remain open to provide opportunities for recreation and relaxation.

The health and safety of our visitors and employees at Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge is our number one priority. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is working with the federal, state and local authorities to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. A reopening date has not been determined at this time. We will notify the public when we reopen these sites and provide updates on our website and social media channels.

We urge our visitors to do their part when visiting Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge and to follow [CDC guidance](#) to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other groups; washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and most importantly, staying home if you feel sick.

Updates about Service’s response to coronavirus will posted at <https://www.fws.gov/home/public-health-update.html>. Please check with individual refuges or facilities regarding the change of operations or postponement of events and programs. For more information please email us at mississippisandhillcrane@fws.gov. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MSSandhillCraneNWR/> for more updates.

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