

Lyons announces new occupancy limits in popular parks, encourages reservations

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Visitors to Lavern M. Johnson Park are seen in late June 2020. (Jeremy Papasso/Staff Photographer)

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Lyons officials this week announced new occupancy limits for the town's popular parks and encouraged people who want to visit to make a reservation for a picnic table, campsite or pavilion.

Starting Saturday, the town will have gate attendants at the area parks to enforce the new occupancy limits, according to a Lyons [news release](#). The gate attendants will be stationed Friday to Sunday and on holidays.

The release said that the occupancy limit set for LaVern M. Johnson Park is 1,596; Bohn Park's limit is 855 for the river portion of the park; and 5,985 people for the park as a whole, which includes the ball fields, dirt bike park, and the dog park. Gate attendants will be turning away visitors once the parks have reached capacity, the release said.

Town officials said in the release that this year they expect LaVern M. Johnson Park to be "busier than ever" and that there are concerns about overcrowding.

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The release said that people who want to secure a spot at picnic table, shelter, or campsite are encouraged to make a reservation to have guaranteed entry during busy weekends and holidays.

Picnic tables that are not reserved will be available on a first come, first serve basis. For larger groups town officials encouraged shelter or pavilion rentals, which have occupancy limits ranging from 25 to 80 people.

For more information or to make a reservation people can visit, townoflyons.com/157/Parks-Recreation.