

## **Media Release**

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### **Fishing, boating resumes at Reservoir**

The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District said Monday it has reopened most boat ramps on Barnett Reservoir and fishing is again allowed on its banks and the Spillway Recreation Area.

In addition, PRVWSD has opened boat traffic between Pelahatchie Bay and the main lake through the bridge on Northshore Parkway.

In accordance with Governor Tate Reeves' Executive Order 1473 related to the Covid 19 pandemic that took effect at 8 a.m. on Monday the 33,000-acre lake is now open to fishing and boating but its parks, sandbars and piers remained closed.

PRVWSD General Manager John Sigman reminds visitors that under the governor's order, social distancing requirements are still in place for people recreating on the reservoir.

"Boaters are limited two people per boat, or up to 50 percent of a boat's maximum occupancy rating, whichever is greater," Sigman said. "However, remember that people must maintain at least six feet of separation between each other whether on a boat or on the bank. No gatherings of 10 or more persons will be allowed.



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“We know how important outdoor recreation is in Mississippi and the role that Barnett Reservoir has in providing those opportunities. Enjoy the lake, be safe and have fun, but use precaution during this pandemic.”

Due to social distance concerns, no tournament fishing will be allowed until further notice.

Among the closed areas are Old Trace Park and Lakeshore Park, including the disc golf courses and dog parks, and Pelahatchie Shore Park and boat ramp.