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**(Neb.)-Some Activities Still Allowed At Closed State Parks**



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*Photo: Ash Hollow State Park schoolhouse*

LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) – Visitors will still be able to access soon-to-be-closed state parks for walk-in activities like picnicking, hiking, and bird watching.

That word from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission follows its announcement on August 20th that it will temporarily close nearly 30 parks and recreational sites around the state.

The agency said a tight budget and a long list of maintenance projects forced the closure of 24 state recreation areas and five historical parks. Most will close September 16th and reopen May 1st.

Gates into the parks will be closed and vehicles will not be allowed to drive on park roads. But the agency says visitors can park outside the gates and walk in for a variety of activities, including wildlife viewing, photography, fishing from banks, and some hunting.