



In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic CSKT has temporarily limited access to Tribal lands that require a recreational permit for entry. Only residents of the reservation with a current recreational permit may enter these lands.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are Tribal Recreation Lands closed to non-residents of the Reservation?

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) takes the coronavirus threat very seriously. To protect our elders, limit the spread and protect all Reservation residents, tribal recreation lands are only open to residents of the Flathead Indian Reservation with a proper recreation permit.

Is day-use recreation on CSKT Lands open?

Only for residents of the Flathead Indian Reservation with a current CSKT recreation permit and activity stamps as needed.

Is camping allowed on CSKT Recreational Lands or Blue Bay Campground?

Camping is only allowed for residents of the Flathead Indian Reservation. Due to the additional coronavirus risks associated with overnight use and facility maintenance, non-residents are currently prohibited from camping activities on all CSKT-owned lands or Blue Bay Campground. State Park campgrounds on Flathead Lake are open to camping by all persons.

Is fishing still allowed?

Fishing is not prohibited, but access to lakes, rivers and reservoirs is restricted on tribally owned lands. Non-residents of the Reservation cannot access CSKT-owned lands and those lands may provide the only access to a waterbody. Waterbodies with publicly owned, private or commercial access sites like Flathead Lake, with its

numerous access points, continue to provide fishing opportunities for all persons with a current CSKT fishing license. Any waterbody completely encompassed by property owned by CSKT does not have fishing opportunities for non-residents of the Flathead Indian Reservation. Fishing access on Ninepipe, Pablo, and the Bison Range are controlled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and fishing may be open to all persons.

Will access to CSKT recreational lands be opened again at some point?

The CSKT Tribal Council will discuss the opening of CSKT recreational lands in the future on a weekly basis. When and if this occurs, the public will be notified.

If I would like a refund for a conservation or fishing permit, where do I request that?

Within 24 hours of purchase from the vendor and due to an error, a person may request from that vendor a refund. All other refund requests for refunds can be directed to the Tribes Natural Resources Department, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, Conservation, and they will be considered on a case-by-case basis for any refunds. Contact is (406) 675-2700 or Rich Janssen, Department Head, at rich.janssen@cskt.org.

Where can I get more information?

Any updates or information can be found at www.csktribes.org/coronavirus-update