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**GOVERNOR WALZ EXPANDS GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

On Friday, Governor Walz signed executive order 20-38 expanding allowable outdoor recreational activities so Minnesotans can enjoy the outdoors close to home while following social distancing guidelines. That executive order can be found here:

https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-38%20Final%20Signed%20and%20Filed_tcm1055-429089.pdf

In summary, the order allows Minnesotans to engage in a range of activities, including boating, fishing and hunting, hiking, and golfing as they follow new outdoor recreation guidelines. These guidelines include:

- Maintaining 6-foot social distancing
- Avoiding crowded areas, and
- Staying close to home

Within the Governor's order was also a link to the DNR's website that includes a new set of guidelines for outdoor recreation, including public parks that can be found here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/covid-19.html> and here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/covid-19-outdoor-recreation-guidelines.html>

The Governor's order noted that it is important to stay active while preventing the spread of COVID-19. The measure will allow Minnesotans to take advantage of more opportunities to get outside, while still doing their part to keep their neighbors healthy.

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