

National Park Service  
Chaco Culture National Historical Park/  
Aztec Ruins National Monument  
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AZRU/CHCU-VRP  
Closure Order #20-003  
April 23, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the follow park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Chaco Culture National Historical Park
  - Park closing hours will remain at 5:00pm (normally Nov-Apr hours).
  - This change to the 9:00pm closure established in the 2020 Superintendent's Compendium (May-Oct) is in response to the current COVID-19 public health orders in New Mexico and Navajo Nation.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Chaco Culture National Historical Park, including park visitors, government employees, partners and stakeholders, except as follows:

- Park employees conducting essential functions to protect the resource, provide care for visitors, maintain water utilities and maintain restroom facilities for visitors.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following: New Mexico Public Health Order/Executive Orders by the Governor of the State of New Mexico and Presidential Order:

- New Mexico Public Health Order/ Executive Order by the Governor of the State of New Mexico - [NM Public Health Orders](#)
- Navajo Nation Executive Order - [Navajo Nation Executive Order to May 17](#)
- Executive Office of the President of the United States - [National Emergency](#)

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

