



# State of Utah

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To Event Organizers,

This letter is to inform you that beginning in 2022, all outside participant events with more than 50 participants will no longer be permitted to be held on Saturdays or Sundays at Antelope Island State Park.

We recognize the difficulty this may pose to the future of your events, however, it has become necessary due to the ever increasing numbers of visitors, especially over the weekends.

Over the past 10 years, visitation to the park has increased from 250,000 annually to well over 900,000, and that visitation continues to grow. We have recently installed a second incoming lane to try and alleviate the line-up of cars, however, many weekends that line still stretches out past 4500 West in Syracuse City. In addition, events with high numbers of participants add congestion to an already highly congested trail and trailhead system, as well as increased pressure and traffic on the roads. With pressure from regular park visitors already taking a toll on the resources, parking areas, and roadways, we cannot add to that with the impact large participant events create.

Events with more than 50 participants may still request a Special Use Permit to hold their event during the week.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Sincerely,

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