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SECTIONS OF RIVERFRONT PARK TO BE CLOSED TO FOOT TRAFFIC BEGINNING JULY 5

Due in part to our unusually long, cool and wet spring coupled with major event usage and increased special interest use, sections of the turf in Riverfront Park are really suffering.

Beginning July 5th Park staff will begin turf rehabilitation work which will result in the closing off of various areas to foot traffic.

Unfortunately this rehabilitation needs to take place during Riverfront's prime season.

In previous years, staff has been able to keep up with turf maintenance. But at this point if the turf is not repaired now, it will take an incredible amount of resources to rescue it and make it manageable for public use later on.

The public should also be aware that the Central Meadow and part of the Gondola Meadow will be closed to the public until August 30 except for previously scheduled special events.

About Riverfront Park

Spokane's fabulous hand-carved Loeff Carrousel is a focal point in our 100-acre urban park, located on the site of the Expo '74 World's Fair. Here you'll find lots to do and explore year round including:

- Natural beauty of lush green meadows and a cascading river
- Scenic SkyRide over the Spokane Falls
- Thrilling experiences with the giant screen IMAX theatre
- "Enchanted Forest" mini-golf
- Nostalgic rides on the 1909 historic Loeff Carrousel

- Traditional fun with the dragon coaster, Ferris wheel, bumper cars, and more

Riverfront Park embraces a full schedule of family entertainment and events such as First Night Spokane, Bloomsday post-race celebration, Spokane's 4th of July Festival, Hoopfest, Unity in the Community, Kid's Day, Spokane Falls Northwest Indian Encampment & Pow Wow, Pig Out in the Park, plus many outdoor concerts & other community activities, all located in Spokane's premiere playground. For more information please visit www.spokaneriverfrontpark.com

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