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Fly on United Airlines round trip from Newark to Rome. Spend four nights in Assisi and three nights in Rome. Visit all the sights that are 'St. Francis' along with a tour of the Vatican and Sistine Chapel, the Forum and Colosseum and so much more. Rate includes airfare (current taxes), all hotel accommodations, full breakfast daily, six dinners, and all noted sightseeing. Price is \$3,698.00 per person double. Insurance is recommended and a valid passport is required. Health regulations will be advised closer to departure as they are changing often.



Joining Smokey the Pig is OCBA's president Linda Cronk from Beasley Media Group WJRZ 100.1 FM/ WRAT 95.5 FM, Chef Larry and me.

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I know many of you are aware I am both a member and serve on the board of OCBA. This is the "best of the best" that Ocean County has to offer from attorneys to writers and travel agents; that person, of course being me. I say this with humor and humility; especially knowing all the other members.

I recently had the opportunity to have one of our clients, Chef Lawrence Rosenberg, owner of Bacon Bites and their world famous chocolate covered bacon be a presenter at a recent meeting. Chef Larry has appeared on many TV shows including Guy Fieri's Guy's Grocery Games. He showed us the correct way to cook bacon and the samples had many members purchasing various Bacon Bite wares. For more information on his products, go to www.baconbites.com. Thank you, Chef Larry!



U.S. Justice Department Appeals Decision to Drop Federal Mask Mandate

The CDC said in a statement Wednesday that it is its "continuing assessment that at this time an order requiring masking in the indoor transportation corridor remains necessary for the public health."

It remained unclear whether the Biden administration would ask the appeals court to grant an emergency stay to immediately reimpose the mask mandate on public transit. An emergency stay of the lower court's ruling would be a whiplash moment for travelers and transit workers. Most airlines and airports, many public transit systems, and even ridesharing company Uber lifted their mask-wearing requirements in the hours following Monday's ruling.

The CDC had recently extended the mask mandate, which was set to expire on April 18, until May 3 to allow more time to study the BA.2 Omicron subvariant, which is now responsible for the vast majority of U.S. cases. But the court ruling Monday had put that decision on hold.

The CDC said it will continue to monitor public health conditions to determine if a mandate would remain necessary. It said it believes the mandate is "a lawful order, well within CDC's legal authority to protect public health."

After a winter surge fueled by the Omicron variant that prompted record hospitalizations, the U.S. has seen a significant drop in virus spread in recent months, leading most states and cities to drop mask mandates.

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These U.S. National Parks Are Now Requiring Reservations



The country's beloved national parks have always been a popular travel destination for nature-loving adventurers. But their popularity soared even more during the pandemic when social distancing in the great outdoors was embraced with a fervor. In order to limit visitor capacity, some national parks began requiring advance tickets or reservations as they reopened amid the pandemic.

In 2022, all 63 national parks are open. However, these seven U.S. national parks require advance reservations of some kind:

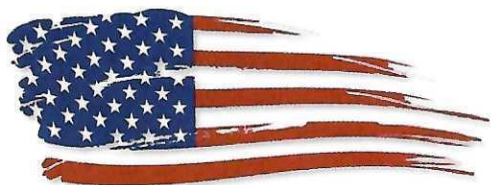
Yosemite National Park in California, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, Haleakalā National Park in Hawai'i, Acadia National Park in Maine, Glacier National Park in Montana, Arches National Park in Utah (new for 2022) and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia (new for 2022).

Worth noting is that last year, Zion National Park was requiring advance shuttle reservations for the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, which includes the Emerald Pools, West Rim Trail, Angels Landing, Riverside Walk, and the Narrows. This year, from March 19 to May 21, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles and visitors will need to take a shuttle instead—*but they won't need an advance reservation to do so*. However, new for this year, anyone wanting to hike the challenging Angels Landing Trail will need to obtain a permit via lottery.

While the above list includes some of the most popular parks in the National Park System, plenty of must-see parks like the [Grand Canyon](#) and [Great Smoky Mountains](#) don't require advance reservations. In fact, none of the [10 most visited U.S. national parks in 2021](#) is requiring reservations this year. But as a growing number of visitors descend on these outdoor expanses, it's possible more parks will start to adopt advance reservation systems.

For those who had their heart set on a very particular date for one of the parks listed above and found it was booked up, all is not lost.

There is always the option to bank the idea for another year and uncover the National Park Service's [under-rated gems](#) instead, explore these [crowd-free national park alternatives](#), or head to some of the dozens of [U.S. state parks](#) worth discovering this summer and fall, too.



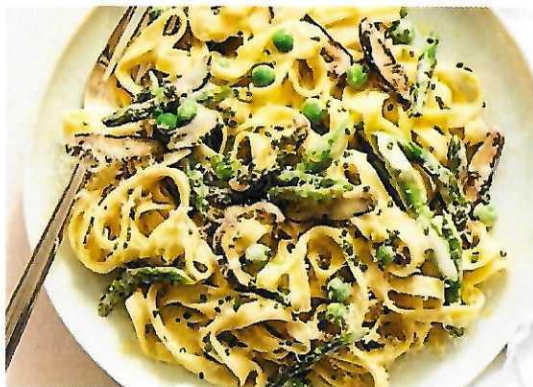
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Spring Vegetable Fettuccine Alfredo



Kosher salt

One 9-ounce package fresh fettuccine
 Extra-virgin olive oil, for tossing
 2 cups shiitake mushrooms (about 4 ounces), stems removed and discarded
 1 bunch thin asparagus, about 1 pound
 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter
 1/2 cup frozen peas
 Freshly ground black pepper
 2 cups heavy cream
 1 1/2 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
 1 tablespoon chopped chives
 Finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon

Directions:

1 Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions until al dente, tender but slightly firm. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pasta water, then strain the pasta and toss with a splash of oil in the colander.

2 Meanwhile, slice the mushroom caps into 1/4-inch-thick strips. Snap the woody ends off the asparagus and cut into 2-inch lengths. Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and add 2 tablespoons of the butter. When the butter melts, raise the heat to medium-high and add the mushrooms in 1 layer. Cook, without moving, until the undersides have browned, 1 to 2 minutes, then stir and cook until golden about 2 minutes more. Add the asparagus, another tablespoon of butter, and 1/2 teaspoon salt and continue to cook, stirring occasionally until the asparagus is tender and the mushrooms are browned, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer the vegetables to the colander with the pasta.

3 Reduce the heat to medium and add the remaining 5 tablespoons butter. When the butter has mostly melted, whisk in the cream and bring to a simmer, then add the peas and cook for 2 minutes. Turn off the heat.

4 Whisk the Parmigiano-Reggiano into the sauce. Add the vegetables, cooked pasta, chives and lemon zest and toss well. Season with salt and pepper. The pasta will thicken as it cools. To thin it, add reserved pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time and toss to reach the desired consistency. Serve hot

