

Park Update



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After Ian, our objective was to open the park safely and as quickly as possible. Due to the conditions, we were only able to safely open lots 1 and 2. Like many areas in SW Florida, the park was devastated and lost all infrastructure, including sewer, electric, parking, roadways and both public and operational facilities.

Phase one of the recovery effort was sifting sand and making the beach safe.

Phase two is now in progress with a focus on designing and permitting the underground utilities, i.e., sewer, water, electric and internet connections. Although this may not be noticeable to the public, this is an important step to ensure we do no harm to the resources and that future structures will function properly.

Please rest assured that park service staff understand the importance of getting back to 100%. We are diligently moving forward as quickly as possible. The complete rebuild of the park's permanent facilities is anticipated to take three years to complete. Work is currently underway by park staff on lots 3 and 4 as we await repaving. We do not yet have a timeframe for the contractors to complete this, but we will open them as soon as we are able.

