

## UNOFFICIAL VOLUNTEER REPORT ON IRMA CLEANUP – Sept, 26, 2017

I went to the Park at 8 am today to help with post Irma cleanup. For those of you away or wondering how the Park fared, here are comments on what I saw:

- The beach looks great, water clear with lots of fish, shells and birds.
- All Australian Pines seemed to have survived.
- All benches & tables I could see we're fine, although some a bit buried or moved by water.
- BH3 had a patch on its roof & still needs to be cleaned inside.
- Many old wooden boardwalks sustained some damage. Area 3 last boardwalk impassable & blocked off. Area 5 around the pavilion also quite impacted & some areas blocked off.
- Sand dunes flattened & sea oats shredded. Hope they return.
- Liars Bench survived! It just needs to be moved back in place, as the boardwalk was damaged.

The rangers have been working very hard to clear the parking lots & street, some of which still had some water today, Tuesday. Thanks rangers!

Upon your return to the Park, be aware that the geography of the picnic areas has changed. Your old paths to the beach have been buried and new ones were formed by the water and wind. You will adapt.

If you come soon, be wary of buried roots & branches. I cut as many as I saw today on area 3, but not sure about other areas. The debris piles are very deep, so don't allow children to walk on them.

We survived Irma!

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