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**Lee County Parks & Recreation announces reopening of facilities after Hurricane Milton**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 12, 2024 – Lee County Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce the reopening of many parks and recreational facilities following the impacts of Hurricane Milton.

The reopened sites have had thorough staff assessments and safety inspections. Staff continue to work throughout the weekend so that sites in addition to the list below can potentially reopen. Continue to monitor [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org). The website also lists the addresses, available amenities and hours of operation for the reopened sites.

These locations will be open to the public with regular operating hours starting today, Oct. 12:

**Boat Ramps**

- Alva Boat Ramp
- Davis Boat Ramp

**Recreation**

- Kelly Road Soccer Complex
- North Fort Myers Recreation Center
- Veterans Recreation Center
- Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center

**Preserves**

- Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve – East and West
- Prairie Pines Preserve
- Pop Ash Creek Preserve
- Telegraph Creek Preserve

**Parks**

- Charleston Park
- Hickey Creek Mitigation Park
- Hunter Park
- Judd Park
- Karl Drews Community Park
- Kurt Donaldson Park
- Lehigh Acres Trailhead Park
- Nalle Grade Park
- North Fort Myers Park
- Manatee Park
- Mary Moody Park
- Miramar Park
- Olga Park
- Royal Palm Park
- Rutenberg Park
- Schandler Hall Park
- Shores Nature Trail Park

- Veterans Park
- Wa-Ke Hatchee Park
- Waterway Park

**Paddlecraft Launches**

- Russel Park Paddle Craft Launch
- Telegraph Creek Paddle Craft Launch

Additionally, the Olga Community Center and Buckingham Community Center will be available for rentals beginning Saturday, Oct. 12.

**Upcoming reopenings:**

- Monday, Oct. 14:
  - Lehigh Acres Senior Center
  - Karl J. Drews Community Center
- Tuesday, Oct. 15:
  - Lehigh Acres Community Pool
  - North Fort Myers Community Pool
  - San Carlos Park Community Pool

**Due to heavy impacts to Lee County's coastal areas, the following sites remain closed:**

- **Beach sites:** All county beach park locations throughout Lee County Parks & Recreation remain closed.
- **Boca Grande:** All county facilities in Boca Grande remain closed.
- **Pine Island:** All county parks and boat ramps in the Matlacha-Pine Island area are closed.

Check [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm) for Hurricane Milton updates. Follow Lee County Government on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc](https://www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc).