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Crews are hard at work making upgrades to the campground at South Cove County Park in Seneca. Officials are hoping to reopen the campground on March 1.

Campground upgrades underway at South Cove

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SENECA — Oconee officials are aiming for March 1 to reopen the campground at South Cove County Park after a series of major upgrades are completed.

As part of its 2015 bonding plan, county council approved South Cove for $250,000 in improvements, which include a new maintenance building being built behind the superintendent's residence, as well as upgrades to the campground.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism director Phil Shirley told The Journal recently that the campground upgrades include new electrical infrastructure with 50-amp service to all 78 RV sites and new water infrastructure to all 88 sites.

"In addition, we are rebuilding approximately 40 campsites, which includes removing the old landscape timbers and/or cross ties and replacing or adding new retainer block," Shirley said in an email. "The sites that allow it are being enlarged to accommodate larger RVs, and all sites are being leveled as part of the process. If time and weather allow, we will also be doing some paving to some of the gravel roads throughout the campground."

Shirley said the county is planning to reopen the campground March 1 and intends on planning "some sort of grand reopening" in the spring.

Once the campground is complete, Shirley said the county staff will rebuild the tennis courts as the next phase and has already begun discussions with the PRT Commission about that project.

Shirley also offered a reminder to the public that the day-use area of the park as well as the boat launch ramps are open through the winter; only the campground is closed as a construction zone.

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