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County parks remain closed after storm

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SENECA — All of Oconee's county parks will remain closed until electric service is restored, which is expected to happen by Friday, the county said in a news release Wednesday.

Day-use sections of each park also remain closed, as staff continues to remove fallen trees

and debris, which county parks, recreation and tourism director Phil Shirley said constituted most of the damage done by this week's storms.

"We will have the majority cleaned up by (today) and ready to open as soon as power is restored," he told The Journal in an email.

Campers who have booked through ReserveUSA are being notified of the closings, and

refunds to those campers are being made.

Park offices also remain closed due to the lack of power, while staff are assisting in the cleanup efforts in the parks.

"We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this time," county spokeswoman Amanda Brock said in the release.

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