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Oconee opening boat ramps in phases

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WALHALLA — With its priority remaining on tornado recovery efforts, Oconee County is acting in phases on the governor's latest COVID-19-related executive order to reopen boat ramps.

Seneca Creek, Fair Play and South Union will open today for public access, and the double ramp at South Cove County Park will be available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning today as well.

Access at the Holders, Lawrence Bridge, Choestoea and Mullins Ford ramps on Lake

Hartwell will be granted Tuesday, and April 25 will see openings at Timberlake, Lakeshore, Barton's Mill and Port Bass.

S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster said Thursday public boat ramps should open at noon Friday, and Oconee's phased access is to prevent stretching "emergency resources too thin" after Monday's EF3 tornado that devastated parts of Seneca.

Questions about boat ramps should be directed to the Oconee County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department at (864) 882-5250.