

Clemson starts reopening outdoor facilities

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CLEMSON — Clemson University has moved to reopen limited outdoor recreational areas.

Officials this week announced the limited opening of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, portions of the Clemson Experimental Forest and the Walker Golf Course.

The school's golf course began accepting tee times on Thursday and opened on Friday with "strict social distancing protocols in place," the school said in a news release.

On Monday, the botanical garden will open trails and outdoor exhibits to the general public. Hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. until sunset, and guests are required to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Also Monday, the experimental forest will open the Fant's Grove area to the public. All other areas of the forest will remain closed until further notice, partly due to the April tornado that struck the area. The school said cleanup crews are working daily to clear roads and trails

of downed trees from the storms. The Issaqueena Recreation Area, Keowee Heights/Doyle Bottom Road and Waldrop Stone Falls will remain closed for the recovery efforts.

University events statewide remain suspended through June 1, while all summer camps and educational programs on the university's main campus are canceled.