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The Seneca Creek access area on Lake Hartwell will close to the public for an 11-month project beginning Jan. 4.

Seneca Creek access temporarily closing

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SENECA — The Seneca Creek access area will soon close to the public for an 11-month construction project.

Located on Lake Hartwell at 280 Seneca Creek Road, the creek's temporary closure beginning Jan. 4 is for "site improvements" that were approved by Oconee County Council this month, according to a news release from Oconee parks, recreation and tourism director Phil Shirley.

The project includes construction of a new three-lane boat ramp with two courtesy docks, a fishing pier and a kayak launch on Lake Hartwell.

Engineered by Thomas and Hutton and completed by the Belk Company, the new design will also have a picnic area, parking for up to 49 vehicles with trailers, parking for 20 single vehicles and security cameras in partnership with Clemson University.

"We are extremely excited to be at the point of

construction for the Seneca Creek access area," Shirley said. "A tremendous amount of planning and support has been put toward this project by a number of partners, and we appreciate the public's patience during the construction process. I believe the improved access area will become extremely popular for Lake Hartwell access upon completion."

With an expected 11-month construction timeline, the Seneca Creek access area is expected to reopen in December 2022.

The release said updates and timeline alterations will be announced "throughout the project as required for completion."

Signs and barriers will be placed at the Seneca Creek access area beginning Jan. 4. Lake Hartwell can still be accessed through nearby access ramps including Lawrence Bridge, Twelve Mile, Clemson Marina, Martins Creek and Twin Lakes.