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Lake Michie To Open As Scheduled While Construction Continues *Boating and Limited Bank Fishing Available Until Construction is Complete*

DURHAM, NC - On September 10, 2016, Durham Parks and Recreation closed Lake Michie to make improvements to the recreation area and boathouse with construction scheduled to begin shortly afterwards.

During Hurricane Matthew, the dock at Lake Michie was severely damaged which delayed construction. The original plan to renovate the dock was modified to completely replace the dock which required additional permits and funding.

The lake will open as scheduled on March 10, 2017 with limited operations. Work is currently underway but will not be fully complete at that time. See below for operations details:

Lake Michie will open for the season with limited operations:

- Launching of motorized boats, non-motorized boats and limited bank fishing will be available during normal operating hours (Friday-Monday from 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.).
- Dock fishing will not be available until the construction of the dock has been completed.
- The boat house opening is contingent upon receiving a certificate of occupancy.

Parking during construction:

- Some parking spaces will be temporarily unavailable due to construction.
- Overflow parking will be available at Wilkins Road Park.

Construction includes:

- The boat house will have a new ADA accessible deck on the front of the building.
- Walkways with new handrails to meet ADA specifications.
- A new dock that will meet ADA specifications.
- Installation of an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch.

Lake Michie's Opening Season Celebration scheduled in March has been canceled because of limited access to the dock area. Little River will open as scheduled.

For information and/or updates on lake events, visit www.DPRPlayMore.org or call 919-560-4355.

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