## **Hurricane Arthur Impacts Operation Of Coastal State Parks**

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Preparations for Hurricane Arthur's arrival on the North Carolina coast include the closure and schedule disruptions for several state parks.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources announced late Wednesday that Hammocks Beach and Carolina Beach state parks and Fort Fisher State Recreation Area will be immediately affected Thursday. At Hammocks Beach, ferry service to Bear Island will be suspended Thursday, and camping will not be allowed. Carolina Beach State Park will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, and its campground will be evacuated. Visitors with reservations can apply for refunds through the reservations provider Active Network.

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area will likely restrict swimming and close the four-wheel drive beach.

Fort Macon and Jockey's Ridge state parks could be closed later this week if storm track predictions are accurate.