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Charleston County Waterparks preparing for summer opening

Some modifications to park operations for 2022 season

(CHARLESTON COUNTY) – The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) will soon open its three waterparks – Whirlin’ Waters in North Charleston, Splash Zone on James Island, and Splash Island in Mount Pleasant. All three waterparks will be open the weekends of May 21-22 and May 28-29, as well as Memorial Day, May 30. See a full operations schedule below.

Whirlin’ Waters Adventure Waterpark is located at North Charleston Wannamaker County Park and is the largest of the three waterparks. Whirlin’ Waters features unique activities for all ages with attractions including the 60-foot-tall multi-person slide The Washout, the Big Splash Tree House, Rollin’ River lazy river, Big Kahuna wave pool, Tubular Twister slides, the Rip Tide Run mat racer slide and the Otter Bay kiddie area. **All attractions will be open for the 2022 season.**

Splash Zone Waterpark, located in James Island County Park, offers two 200-foot-long slides, a large leisure pool and a play complex called The Rainforest. **The Lazy River will be closed, and the price of admission will be reduced to reflect this closure.**

Splash Island waterpark at Mount Pleasant Palmetto Islands County provides hours of fun for toddlers to pre-teenage children. Attractions include a 200-foot-long body flume, activity pool, a 16-foot-long otter slide, and sprays, geysers, waterfalls and more. **The park’s Cyclone water ride will be closed, and the price of admission will be reduced to reflect this closure.**

Lifeguards at Charleston County Waterparks

It’s been widely reported that lifeguard shortages are a national issue and many U.S. pools will be modifying schedules this summer. Despite increased recruitment efforts this year, some Charleston County Parks’ facilities have remained impacted by the current labor climate. The modified schedules at Splash Zone and Splash Island Waterpark were instituted due to staffing shortages at these locations. Charleston County Parks follows national lifeguarding standards including those set forth by the Starfish Aquatics Institute, which requires a specific number of certified lifeguards on duty at all times. To maintain the highest levels of safety for waterpark guests, Splash Zone and Splash Island Waterpark will be closed on select days due to the lifeguard shortage. Whirlin’ Waters Adventure Waterpark is fully staffed and will operate as normal. Charleston County Parks’ goal is to provide customers with a safe and exceptional experience each time they visit the parks. Charleston County Parks continues to recruit lifeguards and will increase operating days and open closed attractions if more guards are hired.

2022 waterpark operations schedule:

- Whirlin’ Waters Adventure Waterpark:
 - Open for weekends only and Memorial Day from May 21 – 31.
 - Open for daily operations starting June 4.
 - Hours of operation each day are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Splash Zone Waterpark:
 - Open for weekends only and Memorial Day from May 21 – June 5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Starting June 8, open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 – 6 p.m.
- Splash Island Waterpark:
 - Open weekends only and Memorial Day from May 21 – June 5.
 - Starting June 8, Splash Island will be open Wednesday through Saturday.
 - Hours of operation each day are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For Charleston County Parks’ latest waterpark schedules click [HERE](#). For information on job openings or to apply, visit ccprc.com/jobs. For additional information about Charleston County Parks’ waterparks, visit CharlestonCountyParks.com.

Splash Zone Waterpark, Splash Island Waterpark and Whirlin’ Waters Adventure Waterpark are owned and operated by CCPRC. The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six regional parks, three beach parks, three dog parks, a skate park, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, an interpretive center, a historic plantation site, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as event facilities. CCPRC also offers a wide variety of recreational services - festivals, camps, classes, programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. For more information, call 843-795-4386 or visit www.charlestoncountyparks.com.

