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Wakulla County Announces the Reopening of Newport Park & Campground



CRAWFORDVILLE, Fla. – The Wakulla County Parks & Facilities Management Department is excited to announce that Newport Park & Campground has officially reopened for camping reservations. Recent improvements to the campground include underground infrastructure upgrades, a new online reservation system, and updated campground rules.

Newport Park & Campground, located at 8046 Coastal Highway, is a small campground nestled along the St. Marks River, directly across from the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, and only 10 miles from Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. The campground features a short nature path that leads visitors to an observation deck to enjoy the tranquil St. Marks River that flows through Wakulla County and into Apalachee Bay.

The campground closed in April 2022 to address needed upgrades to the underground plumbing infrastructure. During this time, a new drain field was designed and installed. Additional upgrades were made to the campground, including improvements to electrical connections, paving, grading, refreshed landscaping, and the addition of sod.

Changes were also made to the length of stay limitation rules; all campers are now restricted to 14 nights consecutively and must vacate the park for a minimum of three nights before returning to begin a new stay.

The campground's new Camp Host, Gary Deibler, will be on-site to assist campers checking in and help make every stay the best in Wakulla County. Please contact Parks & Facilities Management to reserve a site at 850-745-7780 or the Campground Host at 850-274-7420 after hours. To make a reservation online, please visit <https://secure.rec1.com/FL/wakulla-county-fl/catalog>.