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Canal Bridge Access Area To Be Closed All Summer

NEBO - Only three public boat access ramps will be available this summer at Lake James State Park.

Delays in the renovation of the Canal Bridge access ramps area have forced officials to close those ramps until next year.

In mid-January, Duke Power Company removed the old ramps at Canal Bridge Access with plans to construct three new ones with a dock. Heavy rains in March raised the lake level and brought work to a halt. With fish spawning and the summer season near, work will have to be delayed until next winter, when lake levels should drop again.

The access areas that will be open for the 1994 summer season

include: Linville Access off NC 126, which has parking for approximately 40 vehicles; North Fork Access off Hankins Road, north of Marion; and Hidden Cove Access, located on old NC 126 just west of Canal Bridge, with parking for 40 vehicles.

The parking lot at the Canal Bridge Access will be open for overflow parking for those who have put their boats at another access area, but cannot park there because the lots are full.

Boaters should keep in mind parking is not allowed open roadsides or where signs indicate no parking. For more information contact State Park Superintendent Tim Benton at 652-5047.

Access Area Closed

The Canal Bridge Access Area on Lake James in Nebo has been closed for improvements and will remain closed until early April.