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# Charleston County Waterparks to open for weekends starting May 16

(CHARLESTON COUNTY) – The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC) will open its three waterparks – Splash Island in Mount Pleasant, Splash Zone on James Island, and Whirlin' Waters in North Charleston – as well as the pool at the West County Aquatic Center in Hollywood, for weekends only starting May 16. Daily operations will begin on May 30. The parks' hours will vary this year; see schedule below for details.

### A schedule for each park's operations is as follows\*:

#### Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark:

- Open weekends only from May 16 through Memorial Day; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Open daily from May 30 – Aug. 9; weekends from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and weekdays (Monday – Friday) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Open weekends only from Aug. 15 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Closed for the season after Sept. 7

#### Splash Island Waterpark and Splash Zone Waterpark:

- Open weekends only from May 16 through Memorial Day; Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m.
- Open daily from May 30 – Aug. 2; Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sundays from 1 – 6 p.m.; weekdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Splash Island Closed for the season after Aug. 2**
- **Splash Zone Closed for the season after Aug. 9**

#### West County Aquatic Center:

- Open weekends only starting May 16 through Memorial Day; Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 – 6 p.m.
- Open daily May 30 – Aug. 9; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday 1 - 6 p.m.; weekday hours vary each week and will be posted on our website
- Open weekends only from Aug. 15 – Labor Day, Sept. 7, Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m.
- Closed for the season after Sept. 7

**\*Please visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com) for a full daily schedule and hours of operation for each park before planning your visit. Schedules are subject to change.**

**Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark** at North Charleston Wannamaker County Park is the largest of CCPRC's waterparks. It features unique attractions for all ages including a 60-foot-tall multi-person slide The Washout, the Big Splash Tree House, an 870-foot-long lazy river, the Big Kahuna wave pool, Tubular Twister slides, Rip Tide Run mat racer slide and Otter Bay kiddie area.

**Splash Zone Waterpark** is located within James Island County Park. It offers two 200-foot-long slides, a large leisure pool, a 500-foot-long lazy river, and a family play complex called The Rainforest that features slides, buckets and sprays.

**Splash Island Waterpark**, located within Mount Pleasant Palmetto Islands County Park, provides hours of fun for toddlers to pre-teenagers. Attractions include a 200-foot-long body flume, activity pool, a 16-foot-long otter slide, sprays, geysers, waterfalls and more.

Each waterpark offers a full range of amenities including concessions, lockers, lounge chairs, showers and restrooms, and is staffed with certified lifeguards. Birthday party packages are available. Admission fees vary, and Splash Passes for all-season waterpark access are available for sale now at [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com).

**The West County Aquatic Center** features a 6,000-square-foot seasonal outdoor pool for beginner and seasoned swimmers, and also offers swimming lessons and a competitive swim team.

For more information on the waterparks or West County Aquatic Center, and a daily schedule of operations, visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com) or call 843-795-4386.

Some job openings are still available for lifeguards and other park positions. Charleston County Parks' jobs offer competitive pay and great benefits. For a list of open positions and to apply, visit [ccprc.com/jobs](http://ccprc.com/jobs).

*Splash Zone Waterpark, Splash Island Waterpark, Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark and the West County Aquatic Center are all 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 wedding, meeting and 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](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com).*



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