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### **Lilly's Bridge Access Area on Lake Tillery to close temporarily for recreation improvements**

MOUNT GILEAD, N.C. – In order to facilitate work for site recreation enhancements, Duke Energy, in collaboration with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, will temporarily close the Lilly's Bridge Access Area on Lake Tillery beginning the week of July 31.

Improvements will include adding accessible picnic facilities, replacement of the boat ramps, courtesy docks, expanded paved parking, an accessible restroom and updated public information signage, including a new kiosk.

During this closure, visitors may launch boats at the Swift Island Access Area located approximately six miles away at 4917 N.C. Highway 24/27 in Mount Gilead, or Norwood Access Area at 307-a Lakeshore Dr. in Norwood, approximately 11 miles away.

Work at the Lilly's Bridge Access Area is scheduled to be complete by January 2018, depending on weather conditions.

"These improvements are part of ongoing efforts by Duke Energy to ensure quality access areas are available for recreational use on our lakes," said John Crutchfield, director of Duke Energy's public safety and recreation strategy planning services.

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