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(St Marys, GA) Cumberland Island National Seashore wilderness campsites will be reopened November 15, 2016. Last week the island opened to ferry passengers and camping at Sea Camp and Stafford Beach. Wilderness trails are open. Park officials remind hikers and visitors to be aware of hazards naturally found on the island such as downed trees, falling limbs, ticks and snakes.

Access to the island for private boaters is extremely limited at this time. Park docks at Dungeness and Sea Camp remain closed to private boaters as they have not been determined safe for visitors to dock. The north-end of Sea Camp dock is being utilized for National Park Service staff and construction contractors, who continue park operations and recovery work. Dock repairs are forthcoming.

Boaters who anchor in the sound who want to come ashore may use the boat launch area to the north of Dungeness dock Fridays-Sundays only. This area is used during the week to transport equipment to the island. Island access for private boaters is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Plum Orchard Dock.

Cumberland Island is the largest barrier island off the coast of Georgia, encompassing more than 36,000 acres of maritime forests, salt marsh and beaches. The island is also home to over 9,800 acres of congressionally designated wilderness. The island's natural and cultural resources provide a rich and diverse habitat for wildlife and offer a glimpse into the long history of coastal Georgia. The seashore is accessible by pedestrian-only passenger ferry from the historic community of St. Marys.

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