



# News Release

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## **Wall Springs Park** *Habitat Improvements Scheduled to Begin*

The closure of the west end of Wall Springs Park in Palm Harbor has been re-scheduled to begin Sept. 20, 2010. The delay was due to utility relocations and the contractor's timeline.

Planned to last for approximately six months, the area will be closed to the public in order to excavate a portion of the "land bridge" leading to the west end of the park and replace it with a timber bridge.

Completion of work is anticipated by early 2011, and full access will be restored sooner if the project moves ahead of schedule. The timber bridge is designed to improve circulation in the tidal areas north and south of the current land bridge, improving water quality and habitat for wildlife.

The closure will begin at the fishing pier near the south parking lot. Access will also be restricted at the end of the boardwalk leading from the spring, at the point where it meets the concrete sidewalk.

A portion of the south parking lot will be fenced off temporarily for staging of equipment and materials, but the remainder of the parking areas will remain open.

The work requires a full closure of all access to the observation tower, restrooms and picnic shelters located on the island portion of the west end of the park. Pinellas County's Culture, Education and Leisure department will not be accepting reservations for those picnic shelters until all construction and restoration activities have been completed.

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