



Hurricane Florence's Impact on NC State Historic Sites

A CATALOG OF IMAGES DOCUMENTING THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE FLORENCE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF STATE HISTORIC SITES.

Overview of Damage

- ▶ Thirteen Sites sustained some level of damage from Hurricane Florence.
- ▶ Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson is closed until further notice due to destruction of road access to the site.
- ▶ Fort Fisher, Town Creek Indian Mound, and Bentonville Battlefield sustained noticeable damage and were closed to the public for several days.
- ▶ Exhibits and collections at the Caswell Memorial were evacuated as a precaution. The Neuse River flooded significant portions of the site.
- ▶ Significant tree damage reported at Brunswick Town and Bentonville.
- ▶ Leaks reported in buildings at Bentonville, Historic Stagville, Duke Homestead, Fort Fisher, and House in the Horseshoe.
- ▶ No major structural damage occurred to any modern or historic building.

BRUNSWICK TOWN/FORT ANDERSON



Closed Until Further Notice

At the end of September, BT/FA the public road to the historic site is still closed. The site is inaccessible except by traveling through Orton Plantation. No date has been given as to when the road to the site will be repaired. A generator provided power to the visitor center between September 23 and 26. Power was restored to the site on September 25 and water on September 28. The visitor center will need to be thoroughly cleaned before staff and the public can occupy it. Extensive site clean up remains. The site will remain closed until further notice.



Road by Orton Pond Destroyed



Evidence of Flood Waters



Approximately 52 Trees Were Damaged.



More Tree Damage



Town Site Particularly Hard Hit



Site Damage



BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD

Access to Bentonville was temporarily limited due to flooded roadways. Aside from losing a number of trees the site saw little damage. Rain did penetrate into the Harper house around windows.



Bentonville Battlefield

Harper House had water intrusion through and around windows causing plaster damage



Water evidence



Water Damage At The Harper House



Tree Damage

The site counted and flagged 29 down or hanging trees

Many are on trails.



Tree Damage



TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND



Flooding

Access to the site was restricted until Tuesday, September 18 due to flooded roads. While the Visitor Center and village site stayed relatively dry, other parts of the site were inundated by floodwaters including the picnic area, entrance and maintenance building.

Storm winds blew over a section of the stockade wall around the village.



Storm Damage at Town Creek Indian Mound



FORT FISHER



Fort Fisher Was Temporarily Closed



OAK GROVE

The site sustained little visible damage despite its proximity to the landfall of the hurricane



BEACH GAZEBO

Both gazebos lost shingles but sustained no structural damage on initial inspection. The site's sewer system was temporarily out of order.



BEACH GAZEBO

The visitor center was without power for a period of time, suffered a leak in the skylight and had low water pressure.

CSS Neuse Interpretive Center

The museum facility in downtown Kinston has never flooded, but Neuse River was expected to crest at all time high levels for the city on September 21. The back doors to the facility were sandbagged in case.

The E came off the sign during the storm.



Caswell Memorial

Tree Damage in Parking Lot



High Water. Photo Taken Monday, September 17



HISTORIC BATH



Charlotte Hawkins Brown

Excessive water during the storm caused the new floor on the porch of the Canary Cottage to buckle.



Historic Stagville

Wind driven rain made its way into the Hart House during the storm



Stains make it clear that water got into the house



Duke Homestead

Water damage in the smoke house.



Evidence of water on ceiling of visitor center



Evidence of Water in Rental House at Duke Homestead



On the ceiling in the kitchen

Wind driven rain made its way through roof to the dropped ceiling



On the floor and walls

Evidence of a leak



Water damage on ceiling

Evidence of a leak

House in the Horseshoe

The site was without power until September 20. Access to the site was limited due to the flooding of Deep River.



Damage was limited to some shingle loss and wind driven water leaks in the rental house.



Trees were blown down at Aycock Birthplace, Reed Gold Mine and Vance Birthplace among others



An Old Tree

Aycock reported one tree down near their barn.



A Tree Near the Mine

Reed Gold Mine reported a small tree down near the mine. Staff removed it Tuesday, September 18



A Leaner

A tree at Vance Birthplace uprooted and started to fall but was caught by another tree. The site is investigating having a contractor remove it.