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Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park ready for long weekend

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park manager Dan Schelske is expecting a big Memorial Day weekend hoping nice weather will greet visitors looking to get outside after a long winter.

Clean up from April flooding of the Heart and Missouri rivers continues, but the park is nearly back to normal, according to Schelske. The main lift station is back on line and some of the electricity has been restored to campsites. All the reserved campsites are spoken for and campers started coming in for the long weekend.

There are 57 modern campsites at the park and 35 have had power restored. The main comfort station is again open, though the smaller comfort station is still closed. The amphitheater still needs clean up and there won't be any programs this weekend. The visitor cabins are still closed as work continues to dry them out after the flooding.

"The playground work is complete and we have new material on the ground," Schelske says. "The historical tours are open and the hours have been increased from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m."

The Calvary Post and On-A-Slant Indian Village are open to visitors and weren't affected by the flooding. Schelske credits the many volunteers who helped clean up after the flooding for having the park open for the Memorial Day weekend.

"We couldn't have done it without the volunteers," Schelske admits. "The time and effort they put in made it possible to be open this weekend. We're not at 100 percent yet, but we're close. The weather is supposed to be beautiful this weekend and people are ready to come out, they're tired of six months of winter."