

During development of the Legislative Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 all state agencies were asked to submit plans to reduce their annual operating budgets by 15 percent. For more information on the process of the development of the state budget, including a timetable, please visit, www.ebudget.state.fl.us/overview.aspx. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's proposal which was submitted in October includes closing public access to 53 state parks and six Aquatic Preserve Offices.

Governor Scott has not released his recommended budget and the Legislature has not acted on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget yet, so the proposed closures are still just that, proposed.

Please find below two lists, one detailing which parks are proposed for closure and a list of the six aquatic preserve offices proposed for closure.

The 53 state parks proposed for temporary closure are:

- Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park, Haines City
- Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park, Stuart
- Big Shoals State Park, White Springs
- Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park, Flagler Beach
- Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach
- Cedar Key State Museum State Park, Cedar Key
- Colt Creek State Park, Lakeland
- Constitution Convention Museum State Park, Port St. Joe
- Crystal River Archaeological State Park, Crystal River
- Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, Bushnell
- Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, Key Largo
- Deer Lake State Park, Santa Rosa Beach
- Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park, Gainesville
- Don Pedro Island State Park, Boca Granda
- Dudley Farm Historic State Park, Newberry
- Dunn's Creek State Park, Pomona
- Estero Bay Preserve State Park, Estero
- Fort Cooper State Park, Inverness
- Fort George Island Cultural State Park, Jacksonville
- Fort Mose Historic State Park, St. Augustine
- John Gorrie Museum State Park, Apalachicola
- Judah P. Benjamin Confederate Memorial at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park, Ellenton
- Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park, Tallahassee
- Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park, Sebring
- Lake Talquin State Park, Tallahassee
- Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park, Tallahassee
- Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park, Islamorada

- Madison Blue Spring State Park, Lee
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park, Cross Creek
- Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park, Woodville
- Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park, Olustee
- Orman House Historic State Park, Apalachicola
- Paynes Creek Historic State Park, Bowling Green
- Peacock Springs State Park, Luraville
- Perdido Key State Park, Pensacola
- Ponce de Leon Springs State Park, Ponce de Leon
- Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park, Jacksonville
- Rock Springs Run State Reserve, Sorrento
- San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park, Alachua
- San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park, St. Marks
- Savannas Preserve State Park, Jensen Beach
- St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park, Stuart
- St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park, Fellsmere
- Suwannee River Wilderness Trail/Nature and Heritage Tourism Center, White Springs
- Terra Ceia Preserve State Park, Palmetto
- The Barnacle Historic State Park, Coconut Grove
- Troy Spring State Park, Branford
- Wacasassa Bay Preserve State Park, Cedar Key
- Washington Oaks Gardens State Park, Palm Coast
- Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park, Port Richey
- Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park, Islamorada
- Ybor City Museum State Park, Tampa
- Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park, Holt

The proposal also includes returning the management of three state parks not owned by the State of Florida to their owners. The three parks are:

- Three Rivers State Park, Sneads (Owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- Forest Capital Museum State Park, Perry (Owned by Taylor County)
- Egmont Key State Park, Dunedin (Owned by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services)

The proposal includes closure of the following aquatic preserve offices:

ESTERO BAY – Ft. Myers Beach which manages

- Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve

TAMPA BAY – Terra Ceia which manages

- Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve
- Boca Ciega Bay Aquatic Preserve
- Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve
- Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve

BISCAYNE BAY – Miami which manages

- Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve
- Biscayne Bay-Cape Florida to Monroe County County Line Aquatic Preserve

Northeast Florida Aquatic Preserves – Jacksonville which manages

- Ft. Clinch State Park Aquatic Preserve
- Nassau River-St. Johns River Marshes Aquatic Preserve

Central Panhandle Aquatic Preserves – Eastpoint which manages

- Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve
- Apalachicola Bay Aquatic Preserve
- St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve

Northwest Florida Aquatic Preserves – Milton which manages

- Fort Pickens Aquatic Preserve
- Rocky Bayou Aquatic Preserve
- St. Andrews Aquatic Preserve
- Yellow River Marsh Aquatic Preserve