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Petrifying Springs Park remains closed; Park expected to reopen Feb. 20th

Kenosha, WI – Petrifying Springs Park is expected to reopen on February 20th, Kenosha County Parks Director Jonathan Rudie said. Warmer temperatures slowed logging work at the park. The closure includes all of the park, golf course, bike trails, hiking trails, cross country ski trails, and the Carlisle Family Dog Park.

The park and its amenities have been closed to the public due to unsafe conditions during the ash tree removal program, Rudie said.

Brighton Dale Park and Fox River Park will also be closed when the loggers transfer operations to remove the ash trees at these parks. Each park will reopen as soon as the logger has finished the removal of the ash trees.

The Kenosha County Parks is in the process of having over 2,600 ash trees removed by a logging company as part of the comprehensive emerald ash borer program.

Loggers are working on the removal of ash trees within picnic areas, roadsides, parking areas, golf courses, dog parks and walking paths. The loggers are on a tight schedule to complete the removal of the ash trees and need to move and work uninterrupted in each park and before the ground thaws.

Logging is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States and to insure that the public is not placed in an unsafe situation during the project, the park will remain closed until the loggers complete their work.

Openings and closings of each park will be updated on the Kenosha County Parks website <http://www.kenoshacounty.org> and the Kenosha County Dog Park Facebook page. For more information, please contact the Kenosha County Parks at (262) 857-1869.

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