

A Beach on Lake Norman in 2016



Ramsey Creek Park in Cornelius will soon have swimming access to Lake Norman. A half acre beach is being added to the park's current shoreline and will be the only public beach in Mecklenburg County. All permits for this project have been completed, and the plans are being put out to bid. Construction will take approximately eight months which could mean a lake beach for the 2016 summer season! In the 1970s multiple drownings resulted in Mecklenburg County's ban on swimming in its parks. The lake has been underutilized without any swimming opportunity, and Cornelius has the longest town shoreline in the entire state. It is a natural choice for the first Lake Norman beach in over 35 years!

The beach area will offer a buoyed swimming area, outdoor showers, bathrooms and parking for over 120 cars. The County estimates it will accommodate up to 500 people. From Memorial Day through Labor Day the beach would be open from dawn to dusk daily, and the County will employ lifeguards to keep everyone safe. Duke Energy plans to develop four more beaches in the coming years, one of which will also be on the shoreline of Lake Norman.

Ramsey Creek Park is located at 18441 Nantz Road, off West Catawba Avenue in Cornelius at 77's Exit 28. It is currently comprised of 43 acres with trails, a large picnic area, docks, a boat launch and a fishing pier along with a playground and dog park.