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Airlie Gardens to close for walkway improvements

(New Hanover County) – Getting around Airlie Gardens will soon be easier. The much anticipated paving of roads and walking paths starts this week. Due to construction, Airlie Gardens will be temporarily closed to the public Wednesday, November 12 through Friday, November 14.

The \$350,000 project will provide paved roadways within the gardens as well as bring walkways into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will provide a continual hard surface loop through the property improving accessibility for pedestrians and emergency vehicles. While the gardens will reopen to the public on Saturday, November 13th certain areas may remain unavailable.

Airlie Gardens, located on Airlie Road near Wrightsville Beach, is 67-acres of quintessential Southern gardens with access to Bradley Creek and 10-acres of freshwater lakes. Over 100,000 azaleas, 3,000 camellias, statuary, and the Historic Airlie Oak adorn the landscape. This once privately owned garden was purchased for the public by New Hanover County in 1999. For more information, check out www.airliegardens.org.

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