The National Park Service will begin a three-year rehabilitation project after Labor Day 2016 to repair Beach Drive; providing a safer trip through Rock Creek Park for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, while maintaining the park’s historic character.

History
Beach Drive was originally designed in 1897 to provide recreational access to the nation’s third national park and first urban national park. Today, Beach Drive serves as the primary north-south route through Rock Creek Park, stretching 6.5 miles from the District/Maryland border to the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway.

Current conditions
Beach Drive was last rehabilitated in 1991 and the pavement has surpassed its 20-year life span. The National Park Service currently spends more than $70,000 annually on temporary pothole and emergency road repairs.

Project improvements
• Mill and overlay (Broad Branch Road to Maryland state line), and full depth pavement reconstruction (Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to Broad Branch Road).
• Rehabilitation of seven bridges (Bladgen, Boulder, Piney Branch, Milkhouse Ford, etc.).
• Enhanced vehicle safety improvements (raised pavement markers, rumble strips, etc.).
• Improvements to pedestrian and bicycle trails (trail widening, new crosswalks, etc).
• Parking area rehabilitation (improved signage, parking lot striping, etc).
• Storm drain rehabilitation and improvements.
• Traffic signal and street light improvements.
The Beach Drive rehabilitation project is scheduled to begin after Labor Day 2016 and last up to three years.

The project is broken down into four segments. During each segment, the northbound and southbound lanes of Beach Drive in that area will be closed 24/7 and road closures will be enforced by United States Park Police.

Unaffected areas of Beach Drive will remain open during the project; providing commuters and visitors access to the rest of Rock Creek Park.

Project segments (in order - expected to last six to eight months each)

- **Segment 1:** Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to Tilden Street Northwest
- **Segment 2:** Tilden Street Northwest to Broad Branch Road
- **Segment 3:** Broad Branch Road to Joyce Road
- **Segment 4:** Joyce Road to the District/Maryland border

Rehabilitation of the Rock Creek multi-use trail will only occur during Segment 1A & 1B.

Construction will not be done on the roadway and multi-use trail at the same time.

**Project information and updates:**

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