

The Clam Creek bike path remains closed due to the destruction of the bridges on its south end by ocean water that breached the dunes and has since continued to do so when high tides occur. If the breach continues to widen and deepen, the northeast tip of Jekyll (from the breach to the fishing pier) will be cut off from the rest of the island.

More than half of the downed oak trees that have long populated Driftwood Beach were displaced or lost. Some ended up west of the beach as far as Clam Creek Marsh, others may have washed into the shipping channel between Jekyll and St. Simons or be offshore in ocean water. Unfortunately, one of Jekyll's most celebrated attractions, Driftwood Beach is now a pale shadow of what it once was.



The ocean breached the rock revetment opposite the recently built townhouses community called "the Cottages," washing out some of the support for the oceanfront units. Governor Nathan Deal has set aside \$8 million to rehabilitate the protective rock revetment from the south end of the Cottages to the north end of Villas-by-the-Sea. The discovery of Native American artifacts (unearthed by Hurricane Irma) in the area where heavy equipment will have to access the beach may complicate the rehabilitation effort.



The beach opposite Glory Boardwalk on Jekyll's south end took a particularly hard hit, causing the loss of the primary dunes and the destruction of the east end of the boardwalk. The ocean-facing section of the boardwalk, now much shorter than it once was, has recently been reopened.

The dunes at St. Andrews Picnic Area were breached during Irma, causing major flooding and leaving a deep layer of sand in some of the flooded areas, the remains of which are still evident at the popular south end site.