

You've got one more weekend before [Ruffner Mountain Nature Center](#) closes its facilities temporarily to complete construction of their new Tree Top Visitors Center. They made the announcement via [a press release earlier today](#) that it will be closed beginning next week Monday, May 4, through June 15 so that the existing structure can be demolished and so that the parking lot can be resurfaced. [According to reports](#), the trails will be reopened after June 15, though the new building will open late summer/early fall, the first of [the three Parknership projects](#) to be completed. However, construction has been well underway for some time.

I actually serve as the vice president for the center's board of directors and [was photographed in front of the new building on the day that windows were being installed](#) for [Birmingham Magazine's](#) March edition. You may want to head over there this weekend and see how much has already been completed - albeit from a distance...