



# Illinois Waterway Consolidated Lock Closures

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## Background

For more than three years, the Rock Island District has been coordinating temporary closures of six locks on the Illinois Waterway to address aging infrastructure needs. Through cooperation with navigation industry and Illinois Waterway stakeholders, the District developed a consolidated repair schedule, which included a short closure to locks in 2019 followed by two extended closures in 2020 and 2023. The simultaneous closure of multiple locks will provide time for much needed critical repairs and maintenance while reducing impacts to navigation.

## Impacts to Navigation

All lock and dam facilities on the Illinois Waterway have a single lock chamber for passing vessels. During the scheduled closures, no vessels will be able to pass through the affected locks. An exception to this restriction could occur at the LaGrange and Peoria locks if water levels become high enough that the wicket portions of the dams could be lowered for open-pass. This would allow vessels to pass around the dam without using the lock. There is no guarantee river levels will be high during the closures.

**Navigation on the rest of the river, between the locks, will not be impacted by the closures. Recreational and commercial vessels will be able to navigate within the pools without restriction.**

### \*\*NOTICE OF SCHEDULE CHANGE\*\*

The upcoming Illinois Waterway 2020 Consolidated Lock Closures no longer include a closure at Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois.

Originally, six extended lock closures were planned for the summer of 2020 but due to the maintenance workload, only five lock closures are scheduled including Starved Rock, Marseilles, Dresden Island, Peoria and LaGrange Locks and Dams.



## Closure Schedule

### 2020

LaGrange Lock and Dam – Major Rehabilitation & Lock Machinery Replacement

- Full closure scheduled July 1-Sept. 30

Peoria Lock and Dam – Dewatering for Maintenance and Inspection

- Full closure scheduled July 6-Sept. 30 (Updated 10/21/2019)

Starved Rock Lock and Dam – Upper & Lower Miter Gate Installation

- Full closure scheduled July 1-Oct. 29 (Updated 8/2/2019)

Marseilles Lock and Dam – Upper Miter Gate Installation

- Full closure scheduled July 6-Oct. 29 (Updated 10/21/2019)

Dresden Island Lock and Dam – Upper Bulkhead Recess Installation

- Partial Closure scheduled July 6-Oct. 3 and Oct. 25-Oct. 28 (Updated 10/21/2019)
  - Locks operational from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. with a 70-ft width restriction and no ability to pull unpowered barges.
- Full Closure scheduled Oct. 4-Oct. 24 (Updated 10/21/2019)

### 2023

Brandon Rd Lock and Dam – Upper Bulkhead Recess Installation

- Partial Closure scheduled Spring 2023, approx. 90 days (Updated 1/28/2020)
  - Locks operational from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. with a 70-ft width restriction and no ability to pull unpowered barges.
- Full closure scheduled late Spring/early Summer, 21 days (Updated 1/28/2020)

Dresden Island and Brandon Road Lock and Dam – Upper Miter Gate Installation

- Full closure scheduled Summer 2023 approx. 90 days (Updated 1/28/2020)
- If construction projects were approved and funded as part of the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study at Brandon Road (GLMRIS-BR), it is possible they could be completed during this closure.

**\*\*NOTE: Projects and dates listed on this schedule are subject to change due to river levels and project funding.**

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