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## **Updated Mississippi River Lock Closures Locks 12, 14, and 15 Now Scheduled to Close**

**ROCK ISLAND, Illinois** – Forecasted lock closure dates and crest stages by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have changed due to severe storms and heavy rainfall across much of the basin in the evening of June 12.

The Corps has closed, and will close, multiple locks on the Mississippi River. By Monday, June 16, Locks 12 through 25 will be closed to river traffic making 315 miles of the Mississippi River inaccessible to commercial river traffic.

Most recently, Locks 12, 14, and 15 were added to the list of Corps lock closures. Each of these locks is scheduled to close on Saturday, June 14. Lock 13 in Fulton, Ill., is now scheduled to close today, one day earlier than originally expected.

These closures are necessary as flooding conditions have made the locks inoperable due to heavy rainfall and runoff within the 142,000 square-mile watershed above Lock 25.

The Corps has updated its scheduled closures of its locks for the following dates.

### June 12:

- Lock 16** (Illinois City, Ill. – River Mile 457.2) closed at 11:30 a.m.
- Lock 17** (New Boston, Ill. – River Mile 437.1) closed at 2:53 a.m.
- Lock 18** (Gladstone, Ill. – River Mile 410.5) closed at 2:15 a.m.
- Lock 20** (Canton, Mo. – River Mile 343.2) closed at 9:20 p.m.

### June 13:

- Lock 13** (Fulton, Ill. – River Mile 522.5)
- Lock 14 Auxiliary Lock** (Pleasant Valley, Iowa – River Mile 493.3) closed.
- Lock 21** (Quincy, Ill. – River Mile 324.9)
- Lock 22** (Saverton, Mo. – River Mile 301.2)

### June 14:

- Lock 12** (Bellevue, Ill. – River Mile 556.7)
- Lock 14** (Pleasant Valley, Iowa – River Mile 493.3)
- Lock 15** (Rock Island, Ill. – River Mile 483)
- Lock 19** (Keokuk, Iowa – River Mile 364.2)
- Lock 24** (Clarksville, Mo. – River Mile 272.2)

### June 15: **Lock 25** (Winfield, Mo. – River Mile 241.3)

The Mississippi River is moving swiftly and all recreational boaters are advised to use extreme caution. Swimming, wading or entering the Mississippi River during these high river stages is not

recommended. There are no short cuts to safety. The Corps also urges people who live or travel near the rivers to continue to monitor water levels and in particular, not to drive into water-covered roads. Alternative routes should be used.

All affected locks are located above St. Louis. If you need more information, please contact the Rock Island District Corporate Communications office, at (309) 794-5274 for locks 12 - 22; or the St. Louis District Public Affairs Office at (314) 331-8002 for locks 24 and 25.

Updated information about the Mississippi River is available on the web by visiting the Corps' website at [www.rivergages.com](http://www.rivergages.com). This web site includes links to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Weather Service websites that track Mississippi River flow and projected rainfall amounts.

**Graphic of Lock Locations:** [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/PublicAffairsOffice/9FootStaircase.gif](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/PublicAffairsOffice/9FootStaircase.gif)

**Graphic of Mississippi River 9-foot Staircase:**

[www.mvr.usace.army.mil/PublicAffairsOffice/LockLocationMap.pdf](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/PublicAffairsOffice/LockLocationMap.pdf)

**Information on Locks and Dams:**

[www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Brochures/WhyAreLocksAndDamsImportantToYou.asp](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Brochures/WhyAreLocksAndDamsImportantToYou.asp)

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