Traffic Changes in Effect During Road Improvement Project at Rock Cut State Park

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is alerting site visitors of expected traffic changes during road improvement projects this spring, summer and fall at Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago Co.

The IDNR, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has begun the first of two road improvement projects at Rock Cut, including the bridge replacement, widening and resurfacing of the Main Park Road to include new bicycle lanes, as well as the reconstruction of Hart Road.

Closures apply to all site visitors, including hikers, bicycle riders and those in and on motor vehicles.

The expected phases of the Rock Cut road construction project this year:

**Phase 1** – through May 20, 2019. This phase includes the closure of Hart Road, the Park Maintenance Road and the Main Park Road from the Boat Ramp Parking Lot eastward to the Park Maintenance Road. Visitors seeking access to the concession building (Lone Rock Café) or boat ramp parking lot must enter from the West Loop Road over the bridge. There will be no access to Hart Road.
Phase 2 - May 20 through July 3, 2019. This phase will consist of the closure of the Main Park Road in front of the concession building along the concession parking lot. The section of the Main Park Road from the “T” intersection at the park road eastward to the campground entrance will be widened under traffic (not closed). **Visitors seeking access to the concession building or Boat Ramp Parking Lot must enter from the east side of the lake.**

Phase 3 - July 5 through November 30, 2019. This phase will consist of the closure of the Main Park Road from the “T” intersection to the concession building parking lot. **Visitors seeking to access the concession building or Boat Ramp Parking Lot must enter from the east side of the lake or use the north loop around to the east side. There will be no access to the West Day Use Area.**
The time frames indicated for each phase of the project are dependent on weather and are subject to change at any time. Please visit the IDNR website for updates to the schedule.

During these phases of the Rock Cut road construction project, the Lone Rock Café and concessions operation will remain OPEN.

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