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Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers Seasonal Lock Schedule

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – With summer approaching, recreational boaters will once again be enjoying Pittsburgh’s Three Rivers along with the navigation industry. With that in mind, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be changing the hours of operation of locks on the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers with seasonal schedules beginning in early April and May.

On the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania: May 2 through October 26, Lock 5 (Freeport), Lock 6 (Clinton), Lock 7 (Kittanning) and Lock 8 (Mosgrove), will be open Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon, and Fridays through Sundays and holidays from 12:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Lock 9 near Rimer, Pa. will be open from 12:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

On the Monongahela River in West Virginia: April 6 through May 23, the Morgantown Lock will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. The lock will also be open Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. From May 24 to November 1, the Saturday, Sunday and holiday hours for the Morgantown Lock are 10:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. From April 6 to May 23, the Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks, will be open on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon, Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. From May 24 through November 1, the Hildebrand and Opekiska Locks will be open Mondays 8 a.m. to noon, Fridays through Sundays and holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

The following locks will continue to operate 24 hours-a-day: Lock 2, C.W. Bill Young Lock and Lock 4 on the Allegheny River along with Braddock, Locks 3 and 4, Maxwell, Grays Landing and Point Marion Locks on the Monongahela and all locks on the Ohio River.

Appointment lockages may be authorized for groups of recreational boaters or individual boaters in emergency situations.

River navigators are cautioned that warning signs and pillar buoys will not be set until mid-May due to high river flows. Since the navigation aids may, at times during the year, move off-station because of river conditions, boaters must always approach all locks with extreme care. Everyone is urged to consult their [navigation charts](#) to be absolutely sure of landmarks when approaching a lock and dam.



Boaters, fishermen, divers and others venturing below the dams are reminded not to enter the restricted areas as designated by the signs and “Keep Out” buoys. Backwash and turbulence from the dam may draw a boat into the dam causing it to capsize.

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A fixed crest dam is difficult to see from small boat moving downriver since the crest (top of the concrete) is normally covered with flowing water. Be “dam cautious” and know your location on the river with regard to each dam and lock!