

Area flood waters causes numerous road closures, hazardous conditions

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ALTON - Dozens of area roads have been barricaded and officially closed by the **Illinois Department of Transportation** this **Monday, Dec. 28** due to the amount of rainfall that has poured over the River Bend over the past few days.



The southbound lanes of **US 67** on the **Clark Bridge** are now closed to traffic heading into **Missouri** following an evacuation order issued by the **Mayor of West Alton William Richter** and the **Rivers Pointe Fire Protection District**.

Sunday afternoon, a small mudslide was reported on **Summit Street** in Alton. Due to the continuous rainfall that has fallen in the area and instability of the earth beneath the road, the concave formed on the brick road has worsened since it first began. Signs placed by the city have since fallen into the gap left from the mudslide and has descended down the hill.

With the help of IDOT, the **Grafton Police Department** has closed **Route 100** near **Jersey State Bank** due to the rising waters. Locations on the left side of the road, like the **Hawg Pit Restaurant**, are currently taking on water.

Pere Marquette State Park has also seen the rising waters creep into its boundaries. The area in which the yearly rendezvous takes place are currently submerged in water and the south parking lot near the road almost completely covered in water.



The waters of **Piasa Creek** in **Jersey County** has risen substantially, flowing powerfully down towards its outlet at the Mississippi River. With its outlying flood plains flooded themselves, it could be sooner rather than later that its waters begin to overflow onto area roads.

A comprehensive list of road closures goes as follows: IL 143 east of I-55 to IL 4; US 40 at Silver Creek in Troy; Old Alton-Edwardsville Road in Edwardsville; IL 159 north of IL 143; Chain of Rocks Road between IL 157; I-170 in both directions in Bond County between Pocahontas to Greenville; The Brussels Ferry; IL 3 truck bypass in Chester, IL 100 through Grafton and north of Grafton; IL 143 in Wood River West of I-255; Old IL 258 near Scott Air Force Base; US 50 at Silver Creek between O'Fallon and Lebanon in St. Clair County; US 67 southbound in West Alton; Chain of Rocks Road between IL 157 and IL 111 in Madison County; and Kaskaskia Street in Chester.

IL 143 East of IL-255 in Wood River headed towards Edwardsville also has one lane flooded in each direction and should be avoided if possible.

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