



# Grafton Ferry Begins Operations Again Friday, July 19

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**GRAFTON** - It's official: the Grafton Ferry will begin its summer season Friday, July 19, transporting passengers from Missouri to Grafton, IL. The ferry season was delayed for several months due to historic high river levels along the Mississippi River.

Similar to last year, the ferry will operate three days a week: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Use of the ferry cuts travel time between Missouri and Illinois by approximately 30 minutes. The ferry can accommodate buses and vans. People are allowed to get out of their vehicles during the trek across the river.

"Everything is ready to go at 10 a.m. tomorrow," said Denise Knight of the Calhoun Ferry Company which operates the Grafton Ferry. The Golden Eagle Ferry, also operated by Calhoun Ferry Company, is expected to open with the next several days, Knight said. The Golden Eagle connects St. Charles, MO with Calhoun County, IL. The Brussels Ferry, connecting Grafton with Calhoun County, has been open since early July.

Grafton city officials anticipate the opening of the Grafton Ferry will increase visitation to the Grafton area by nearly 20 percent.

“Once the ferry begins its operations we anticipate that the region along the Mississippi River which experienced historic flooding this spring and summer will be back to normal. We can’t wait to host all the visitors that come to the area by ferry and we are certainly celebrating the fact that the Grafton Ferry is back in business,” said Brett Stawar, President and CEO of the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau.

The Illinois side of the landing is located near the Grafton Lighthouse and the public boat ramp off Market Street in Grafton. On the Missouri side, the landing is located at the end of Grafton Ferry Road, just off of Highway 94.

Travelers can use the ferry between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The ferry will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

**Ferry fees include:**

**Vehicles** (passenger cars and small trucks)

\$8 One Way

\$15 Round Trip

**Bicycles**

\$4 One Way

**Foot Passenger**

\$3 One Way

**Motorcycles**

\$5 One Way

\$9 Round Trip

**Dual Over One Ton**

\$9 One Way

## **Trailers**

\$1 per axle One Way

## **Tandem**

\$10 One Way

## **Semi Tractor Trailer**

\$13 One Way

Cash and check are accepted. Credit cards cannot be processed.

The Grafton Ferry is operated by the Calhoun Ferry Company which also operates the Golden Eagle Ferry in Calhoun County.

For additional information on ferry operating hours or directions, contact the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau at 618-465-6676 or 1-800-258-6645.