



Flood Control Operations This Week

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Thursday, March 14, 2019 – The City of Des Moines is expected to experience minor seasonal flooding over the next few days. Residents should expect road and trail closures into early next week.

As of **10 a.m. on Thursday, March 14**, the following is a summary of the current Raccoon River and Des Moines River levels along with associated road, park and trail closures:

River and Stream Elevations

- The current level of the Raccoon River at Fleur Dr. (flood stage 12.0')* is at 16.34'. The Raccoon River is expected to crest at 18' at 1 a.m. on Monday, March 18.
- The current level of the Des Moines River at SE 6th Street (flood stage 24') is at 24.28'. The Des Moines River is expected to crest at 27.7' at 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 16.

**Flood stage is a historical number created by determining a fixed gauge reading at which minor flooding (minimal or no property damage) begins and is valid only for the reach of the gauge.*

Road Closures

- Fleur Drive from Bell Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway will be closing at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 14
- George Flagg Parkway from SW 23rd Street to Park Avenue
- SW 30th Street from Bell Avenue to George Flagg Parkway

Park and Trail Closures

- Gray's Lake Park
- Bill Riley Trail from Ashworth Pool to Water Works Park
- Walnut Creek Trail from North Valley Drive to Bill Riley Connector
- Walnut Creek Trail from Center Street to 63rd Street
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail from Colfax Street to Hubbell Avenue
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail from Easton Boulevard to E. 40th Street
- Kruidenier Trail to Fleur Drive
- Des Moines River Trail from SE 6th Street to Hartford Avenue
- Principal Riverwalk (West Side)
- John Pat Dorrian at MLK Jr. Parkway

Advisory

Motorist are advised that barricades are placed for their protection. Once barricaded, roadways remain closed until water is off the road, flood damage is assessed, repairs are made, and the streets are cleaned.

For more information, the public may contact Public Work's 24-hour Call Center at **(515) 283-4950**.

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The City of Des Moines: Iowa's capital city and local government servicing more than 217,000 residents, 51+ neighborhoods, over 4000 acres of parkland and 81 miles of trails. The City of Des Moines stands to be a financially strong city with exceptional city services, fostering an involved community in a customer friendly atmosphere. Visit <http://www.dmgov.org/>, Facebook <http://facebook.com/DesMoinesGov> and Twitter @DesMoinesGov for more information.

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