

River News

Current Conditions:

For current river conditions, and any further updates, contact the Sheriff's Office at (815) 319-6300, or the Rock River information telephone line at (815) 316-8888.

Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Boat Telephone Number:

815-262-1510. This number rings directly to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Patrol Boat during regular boating patrol hours. The customary patrol season runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Please note the patrol season may be extended earlier and/or later as the schedule is based upon weather and river conditions.

Boat Safety Classes:

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office offers boating safety classes each year. Call 815-319-6300 to inquire about class schedules and registration.

You can access updated river information by calling the Rock River Information Hotline at 815-316-8888. News of special events, restrictions, or any other information which would relate to recreational users of the river is kept up-to-date at this number.

Other rivers in Winnebago County include the Pecatonica, Kishwaukee, and Sugar. However, due to the shallow conditions of these three rivers, navigation is generally limited to canoes and other small craft.

SEE THE WEBSITE 'NEWS' SECTION FOR RIVER CONDITION UPDATES