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**South end of forest preserve temporarily closed for Red Gate Bridge project**

GENEVA, IL — The southern half of Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve in St. Charles is temporarily closed for the Red Gate Bridge construction project.

Contractors for the city of St. Charles have begun placing temporary construction fencing near areas in the preserve where they are working on the west side of the Fox River. After the fencing is in place, road clearing and grading crews and equipment will begin work on the roadbed construction.

The preserve is one of the District's off-leash dog areas, and is heavily used. The north end of the preserve is expected to remain open throughout construction.

The District and the city of St. Charles ask all preserve users to be mindful of construction equipment and workers in and around the preserve.

Concerns about the closure should be addressed to On-Site Project Manager Kevin Ahern at 312-498-8940 or to St. Charles Public Works Engineering Division Manager James Bernahl at 630-377-4486. For more information on the Red Gate Bridge project, visit [www.redgatebridge.org](http://www.redgatebridge.org).

Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve is located at 5N754 IL-Route 31, St. Charles.

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