

York's Rt. 103 bridge closed until 2011



The Route 103 bridge over the York River was closed by the state Tuesday for renovations.

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YORK, Maine — The Route 103 bridge is closed and is not expected to reopen until May 2011. The state Department of Transportation closed the bridge Tuesday to begin replacing the span over the York River.

Detour signs direct drivers in York to take Organug Road to cross the river at Sewall's Bridge. Trucks weighing more than 12 tons are directed to Route 1 and Southside Road.

"If people are coming from Kittery, they can get to Harris Island Road, go to the fishing piers and the Dockside (restaurant)," said Don Neumann, superintendent of the York Water District. "Anybody who wants to cross to the village will have to take Seabury Road to Sewall's Bridge; unless they're over 12 tons. They'll have to go to Southside Road."

The Water Department has been working to replace a water main that runs along the Route 103 bridge by boring a new pipe under the river. The state is allowing the district to cross the bridge until the new pipe is installed. That installation is expected to be completed next week, Neumann said.

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