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D&R Canal towpath will be closed at the Washington Road Bridge next week in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County Closure required for bearing work under the bridge

(Trenton) – The D&R Canal towpath is scheduled to be closed next week at Washington Road near the Bridge over the D&R Canal in Princeton and West Windsor, Mercer County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 30 until 11:30 p.m. Friday, November 3, the D&R Canal towpath is scheduled to be closed at Washington Road. Pedestrians and cyclists on the towpath coming from either direction will have to turn around at Washington Road. In addition, pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road will not be able to access the D&R Canal towpath heading north toward Harrison Street. Access from Washington Road southbound onto the towpath toward Alexander Street will be open. The closure is necessary for bearing work under the bridge.

The Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal between Faculty Road and Tiger Lane remains closed. Work is nearing completion, but a specific date on when the bridge will reopen to vehicles has not yet been determined. The Department will provide advanced notice before reopening the bridge. Local access will be maintained between Route 1 and Tiger Lane. The following detours remain in place:

Washington Road southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to travel southbound on Washington Road will be directed to use Route 27/Nassau Street
- Turn left onto Alexander Street
- Take the ramp to Route 1 northbound to New Brunswick
- Take the jughandle to CR 571 northbound/Princeton to Washington Road

Or

- From Route 27/Nassau Street, turn right onto Harrison Street
- Turn right onto Route 1 southbound
- Stay right on Route 1 southbound to take the "All Turns" lane to CR 571/Hightstown/Princeton back to Washington Road

Washington Road northbound detour:

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn right onto Route 1 northbound
- Stay right to take the Harrison Street exit
- Turn left on Harrison Street
- Cross Route 1 and continue on Harrison Street westbound/Princeton
- Turn left onto Route 27/Nassau Street southbound back to Washington Road

Or

- Motorists on Washington Road northbound before the Route 1 intersection wishing to cross the Washington Road Bridge over the D&R Canal will be directed to turn left onto Route 1 southbound
- Take the ramp to Alexander Road westbound/Princeton
- Continue on Alexander Road and turn right onto University Place
- Turn right onto Route 27/Nassau Street northbound back to Washington Road

Route 1 to Washington Road northbound detour:

Motorists traveling on Route 1 northbound or southbound wishing to travel into Princeton using Washington Street northbound will be directed to use Alexander Road/Alexander Street or South Harrison Street/Lower Harrison Street.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) [@NewJerseyDOT](https://twitter.com/NewJerseyDOT) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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