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## **New Portage Signage at Hustisford Dam for Rock River Canoe Trail**

New signage for an improved canoe portage has been installed at the Hustisford Dam. The portage signs will highlight the recreational value of canoeing on the Rock River and Lake Sinissippi, while emphasizing boating safety and best practices to portage canoes around the dam.

“The Hustisford Dam advisory committee received a donation from Lake Sinissippi Association to purchase new canoe portage signs in international green and white colors,” said Louis Linsmeyer, Hustisford Village trustee and committee chair. “Hustisford Department of Public Works installed the signage near the dam and in Lion’s Park alongside the Rock River.”

Canoe take-out-ahead signs are installed on the Highway R Bridge, for persons traveling downstream toward the dam from Lake Sinissippi, and on the west shore of the Rock River north of the Highway 60 Bridge, for canoeists traveling upstream to the dam.

“It is important to establish the canoe take-out and portage signage at a safe distance from the dam,” advised Linsmeyer. “Strong currents and turbulent water both above and below the dam can create hazardous conditions. Public safety is a critical element of the signage program at the Hustisford Dam.”

Bill Ehlenbeck, Manager of Parks and Trails for Dodge County, welcomed the canoe signage at Hustisford.

“We appreciate the work at Hustisford to improve the canoeing experience on the Rock River canoe trail,” said Ehlenbeck. “Enthusiasts can put in their canoes or kayaks at River Bend Park in Horicon, portage at Hustisford, and continue their river journey to Harnischfeger County Park near Ashippun and south to Watertown.”

“Persons interested in the Rock River canoe trail can visit the website for Dodge County Land Resources and Parks Department at [www.dodgeparks.com](http://www.dodgeparks.com) and link to the canoeing page.”

“The Harnischfeger Park Brochure has a map of the Rock River canoe trail showing detail from the Horicon Marsh to Watertown. The river trail is a beautiful part of Dodge County,” offered Ehlenbeck.