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Cedar Lake Dredging Boating Safety Guidelines

Dredging of Cedar Lake will be occurring, generally, from April to November and as weather allows. There will be a winter shutdown period starting in November and restarting in the Spring each year. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2025. Dredge America will be operating the dredge rain or shine, from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week, including holidays. Do not swim on or near the pipeline as there is a risk of it sinking at any time and it could pull a swimmer down with it. Please keep 200 ft. distance from the dredge, booster barge, and crew working at all times. If anything looks out of place or there are unfamiliar water markings or equipment nearby, please slow down to assess the situation.



Pipeline Buoys: The tall orange and white buoys will have a white colored light that will mark the location of the pipeline every 300 ft. These buoys will also be floating.



Crossing Buoys: The tall green and white buoys will be to mark pipeline crossing locations. There will be one of these buoys on either side of the pipe crossing. Boat traffic should cross directly between these buoys (closest to the middle, as possible) at a slow no-wake speed. The pipeline will be weighted to sink the pipe to the bottom of the lake between sets of 3' tall marker buoys that will have the words "pipe crossing" on them in white lettering.

They will vary in width with the location (100-150 ft.) and the amount of traffic in that part of the lake. There will be three pipe crossing locations, two in the south and one in the north. The buoys will have a green flashing light on top of them for boating at night. These buoys will always be floating. No more than two watercraft crossing in each direction at a time.



The white round buoys will identify anchors that Dredge America has placed in the lake either to hold the pipeline in place or for the dredge to swing from. These buoys should always be floating. The orange round buoys mark the pipeline when it is floating or semi floating. These buoys will not be visible when the pipeline is sunk but should be visible when the pipeline is floating and is a hazard to boats. Always stay 200 ft. from round orange buoys. If the pipe rises and you are near it, please try and drive away from the pipe at a slow no-wake speed to avoid damaging it.



Excavator and Dredge Barges will be in the lake from time to time. These barges are very heavy and vulnerable to wakes. All efforts should be made to stay a minimum of 200 ft. from these barges when they are in the lake and observe a no-wake zone of the same distance.

If anyone observes an emergency, please call 911 immediately.

