
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: Obstruction on the Willamette River near Lanes Turn Road

LOCATION: 1-1/4 mile upriver from Marshall Island Boat Ramp, Lane County

DETAILS:

Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue would like to alert boaters and those recreating on the Willamette River in Springfield of a hazard in the water. Approximately 1-1/4 mile upstream from Marshall Island Boat Ramp there is a group of fallen trees that have collected at the top of a gravel bar in the river that could pose a hazard to boaters. This is at River Mile 170 and is an area commonly known as "Lanes Turn".

The Sheriff's Office is working to post signs upriver of the obstruction to give boaters plenty of time to get to the far right of the trees to pass, but in the meantime we are encouraging people to use extreme caution in the area, and avoid the area if possible. Less maneuverable boats and inexperienced boaters may not be able to safely pass in current conditions.

The Oregon State Marine Board posts reported hazards on their website at <https://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/Reported-Obstructions-Alerts.aspx>. Water hazards and obstructions may be present in the water that have not yet been reported. Boaters and those floating the river should research the area prior to going out onto the water and if possible, talk to someone who has recently been in the area they are planning on boating. We encourage everyone recreating on or near the water to wear a properly fitting life jacket.

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