

Some information on detours from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:

The current estimate on when 94 WB between WI-83 (Delafield) and WI-89 (Lake Mills) will reopen is Thursday at the earliest. This is just an estimate, of course, based on the assumption of no new rainfall and the river cresting at its expected time midweek.

This makes getting to Madison a challenge, but it's one that can be best defeated if you plan ahead with extra time and patience. Mileage and Drive Times are taken from Google Maps, and are based on travel directly from Downtown Milwaukee.

WisDOT Recommended Route - (approx 122 miles, 2 hours and 7 minutes drive time)

- Follow 94 WB to 894/45 SB
- Exit Left onto 894/45 SB, follow to I-43 the Rock Freeway
- Exit onto I-43 WB toward Beloit
- Drive for a while
- Exit I-39/90 NB (exit 1B) toward Madison.

The detour is approximately 43 miles of extra driving (compared to the 78.4 miles it would be to take 94 WB direct), but it is still by leaps and bounds the fastest route, especially if you take 894 and the Rock. Following 94 WB to the closure at Hwy 83 will add another 30 minutes and 13 extra miles to the detour, not counting the time spent waiting at traffic lights and stalled by other cars being detoured.

It's also the best route considering the lack of other alternatives:

Hwy 16 is clear through Waukesha County, but flooding blockages will begin near Ixonia and get steadily worse as you enter Dodge County, where large stretches are closed both in Watertown and beyond until it meets Hwy 151. Alternatively, following Highway 19 out of Watertown toward Waterloo will also give you a headache, as 19 is closed from CTH-Q to Hubbleton.

Hwy 18 has flooding blockages in western Waukesha County near Hwy 67.

Numerous county highways in Jefferson County are still closed due to high waters. Sheriff is advising travelers to be alert and cautious when using roads.