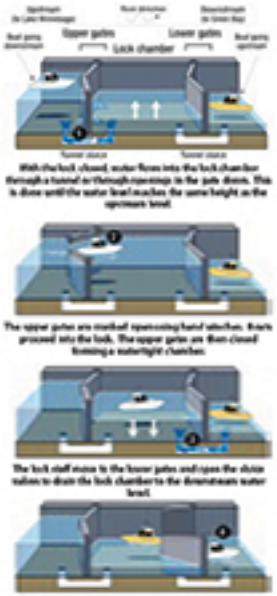
Fox River Navigational System

How a Lock Works



Operating Schedule

System operates from early May to early October with some locks open earlier. Go to www.foxlocks.org for details and lockage fees.

The Fox Locks Elevation Profile

The 39-mile lock system on the Lower Fox River features 17 lift locks and 2 guard locks. Lift locks lift and lower boats by changing the water level in the lock chamber. The locks average about 10 feet of lift each. Guard locks divert the flow of water when the main locks need to be closed for repairs.

Boats traveling the system are lifted or lowered a total of 168 feet – a vertical drop equal in height to the total drop of Niagara Falls.

Key

- Boat Launch
- Portage
- Restroom
- Public Dock
- Fox Wisconsin Heritage Water Trail

Sources: Base data obtained from Brown, Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. Elevation data obtained from Wisconsin DNR.