

Site C Construction Schedule: June 13 - 26, 2020



In-river construction is beginning at the dam site, to prepare for river diversion in the fall. See more project photos in the [image gallery](#).

River closure begins on June 15

News and highlights

- A short section of the Peace River will be [permanently closed to boaters](#), beginning on June 15. We're offering a portage program to move non-motorized vessels around the dam site.
- There will be increased truck traffic through Hudson's Hope, as materials are hauled from Portage Mountain Quarry to Highway 29 construction sites.
- BC Hydro has issued [three RFPs](#): Site C boat services; construction of the Hudson's Hope shoreline protection berm; and the construction of water wells.
- BC Hydro has submitted a [Notice of Work](#) to Transport Canada for the construction of a bridge across Dry Creek, as part of Highway 29. This bridge replaces an existing culvert. Construction is expected to occur from August 2020 to December 2022.

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- BC Hydro has submitted a [Notice of Work](#) to Transport Canada for construction of two temporary access bridges across Dry Creek to support Highway 29 construction. The bridges will be in place from October 2020 to October 2022.

COVID-19 update

- BC Hydro announced it will [safely begin increasing construction activities](#) at the Site C dam site in a phased approach in the days and months ahead. Check our website for [regular updates](#) on COVID-19.
- BC Hydro has not been notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Site C.
- [Infographic](#): Preventing the spread of COVID-19 at Site C.

River diversion and navigational changes

- For safety reasons, starting June 15, a four-kilometre section of the Peace River near Fort St. John will be [permanently closed to boaters](#). This closure is related to in-river works associated with [river diversion](#) and dam construction.
- Construction of debris management structures continues on the Peace River. Work is expected to continue through the summer.
- Piles have been installed as part of a debris management system being built on the Moberly River, upstream of the dam site. The area is closed to boaters.
- The [Peace River will be diverted](#) from fall 2020 until the completion of the project in 2023. This section of the Peace River will be permanently closed to boaters.

Dam site area – north bank and south bank

- In-river excavation is occurring on the Peace River near the dam site. For safety reasons, boaters should stay away from the area.
- Work will be scaling up in the coming weeks and months with ongoing tunnel work, resumption of earthworks, drilling and grouting, and roller compacted concrete placement. All work fronts are being monitored and maintained to meet environmental and regulatory commitments.
- Electrical and mechanical work continue at the temporary fishway and diversion tunnel headworks.
- Substation work is continuing. This includes testing and commissioning to prepare for energization in the fall.
- The turbine generator contractor continues to deliver components and materials to site for storage inside the warehouse and outside in laydown areas 24 and 27.
- Activities required to achieve river diversion will continue.

Highway 29

Materials are being hauled from Portage Mountain Quarry to

Cache Creek East

- [Construction is continuing](#) on the Cache Creek East embankment including highway hauling of materials from the Peaceview Borrow area. Drivers can expect minor delays.

Cache Creek West

- Construction continues at the Cache Creek West segment of Highway 29, including highway hauling of materials from the Peaceview Borrow area. Drivers can expect minor delays.

Halfway River

- Construction of a 1,042-metre-long bridge at [Halfway River](#) continues. This includes operation of a concrete batch plant, aggregate plant, aggregate pit development, construction of bridge abutments installation of bridge pier rebar, formwork and concrete, and hauling and stockpiling of materials.

Lynx Creek

- [Lynx Creek East](#) embankment construction continues, with the contractor based at Dry Creek. This includes excavation, hauling and stockpiling of aggregates.
- Lynx Creek East in-river construction works will continue with excavation of material and construction of a highway embankment in the Peace River. Boaters are advised to stay clear of the construction areas.
- To deter waterfowl from nesting in Highway 29 construction areas, [bird deterrents have been installed](#) at two locations on the Peace River near Lynx Creek.
- [Visit our website](#) for more Highway 29 schedules, maps and construction updates.

Reservoir area

- Processing of waste wood that is being left on site to meet engineering specifications may occur in areas of the eastern and middle reservoirs. Vehicles, boats and/or helicopters may be used by workers to access work sites. Road maintenance activities may occur, as needed.
- Logs may be hauled to local mills.
- Forestry and access road data collection and site investigations continue in the middle and western portions of the reservoir.

Transmission works

- Excavation and foundation work are taking place at the 61-kilometre mark of the transmission line.
- Installation of helical pile foundations near the 72-kilometre mark of the transmission line will resume.
- Transmission line construction will occur. This includes the installation of micropiles, tower assembly construction of access roads and site preparation.

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- Testing of the conveyor belt may occur.

Other areas

- Site preparation work at the site located at Canyon Drive and 400 Road will occur. This includes excavation, stripping of organic materials, and hauling and placement of aggregates.
- Blasting and rip rap production is occurring at Portage Mountain Quarry. Other work includes maintaining upgrading and maintaining haul roads and stockpile areas.
- Riprap hauling may occur from Portage Mountain Quarry to all segments of Highway 29 construction.
- Aggregate and riprap production will continue in West Pine Quarry and Portage Mountain Quarry.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Work will take place during the day, night, and on the weekend, until the project is completed. During this time, residents can expect:

Boating

- The Peace River near the dam site will be permanently closed to vessel traffic beginning on June 15. Closures will be marked with beacons and signage.
- Boaters should use caution in the Peace River when in the Lynx Creek, Dry Creek and Halfway River areas.

Traffic – please use caution and obey safety signage

- **Old Fort Road**
 - Near Gate A to the dam site, drivers may encounter loose gravel and increased commercial traffic.
 - Due to equipment delivery, there may be occasional short road closures along Old Fort Road from Tahltan Road to Gate B.
- **Highway 29:** Construction-related equipment will travel along Highway 29 and Highway 97. Learn more at drivebc.ca.
- **Other areas:** Trucks with heavy loads will be accessing the dam site and other project areas, using public and resource roads.

Equipment

- Heavy machinery will be in the transmission line corridor. Please stay clear of the work areas.
- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative and construction works.

Noise and vibration

- Some noise and vibration may occur near the dam site and work areas, including the quarries.

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