

# Rock River flooded at Newville

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The Rock River's level at the mouth of Lake Koshkonong had reached 11.37 feet by Monday, April 15, and was anticipated to reach 11.7 feet by Thursday, April 18, exceeding a 10-foot flood stage, according to measurements collected by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Record-high water levels at this location were set at 15.1 feet on June 22, 2008.

Other recent, record high water levels for this portion of Rock River were experienced on April 25, 1993 (12.23 feet); April 18, 2008 (11.65 feet); June 5, 2004 (11.5 feet); and March 29, 2009 (11.37 feet).

Almost five inches of rainfall was recorded in the Edgerton area from April 8 to April 15, adding to the rising river level. The waters of Rock River were tracked at 9,750 cubic

feet per second as of April 15, besting a record set in 2011 of 6,630 cubic feet per second. The median cubic feet per second for this portion of Rock River is generally about 4,210, with a minimum of 2,110 cfs noted in 2012.

The National Weather Service at Sullivan, Wis., recorded knee-deep water over Blackhawk Island Road near Fort Atkinson, Wis., as well as flooding on Lamp Road on the west side of Rock River. Lake Koshkonong has merged with Mud Lake, with widespread flooding reported in the Jefferson County towns of Sumner and Koshkonong.

Flood waters have spread into the backyards of some homes in the Mallwood Subdivision, as well as some homes along Ellendale Road in Newville. Some area people have filled sand bags and placed them at the edge of their homes.



Koshkonong Creek has flooded and caused authorities to close Danielson Road in the town of Sumner. (Edgerton Reporter photo/Jeff Brown)