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## Russell Dam access road closed to public during construction

**SAVANNAH, Ga.** – [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(USACE\) Savannah District](#) has temporarily closed to the public the service road on top of the [Richard B. Russell Dam](#) in Elberton, Ga. Walkers and joggers who use this area are advised to avoid the area and plan for alternate routes.

Corps officials closed the area due to ongoing construction to inspect, repair and re-paint 10 tainter gates inside the dam. The work is being performed by Atlantic Marine Company of Virginia Beach, Va., and is funded by a \$6.6 million American Reinvestment and Recovery Act contract.

The top of the dam will remain closed until construction is finished. The estimated completion date is July 30, 2013.

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**ABOUT US:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.