

Quechee Gorge Bridge Temporary Fence Installation Update

Great progress has been made on installation of a temporary safety fence on the Quechee Gorge Bridge. Just two weeks into construction, the contractor has completed installation of the fence frame and the mesh fabric has been attached to the poles on the downstream (south) side of the bridge. The contractor hopes to complete installing fabric on the upstream (north) side of the bridge by tomorrow, Friday, October 26.

Once the mesh fabric is up on both sides of the bridge, the contractor will create 5 viewing portals, about 5 inches in height by 24 inches width, located in the center area of the bridge. These openings will be located along both sidewalks and will provide visitors an unobstructed view of the gorge for viewing and taking photographs. Besides creating these portals, next week the contractor will fabricate/install the frame gate for an access point for personnel to get under the bridge as well as install fence on the Woodstock end to connect to an existing fence.

Work hours will be Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. There will be NO weekend work.

During installation there will be one-lane travel on Route 4 at the bridge, with traffic controlled by flaggers. One sidewalk will be OPEN to pedestrians at all times while the contractor is working on the bridge.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION THROUGH THE WORK ZONE and watch for flaggers.

It is illegal in VT to use any handheld portable electronic devices while driving. The law carries fines of up to \$200 with points assessed if the violation occurs in a work zone.

Contact Project Outreach Coordinator Jill Barrett with any questions or concerns about the project at 802-272-1248. See project website, <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/quechee>