



# Parish of Ascension

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## Ascension Parish Waterways to Reopen for Recreational Use on Tuesday, September 17 Boaters Urged to Exercise Extreme Caution

**Gonzales, LA** - Ascension Parish waterways will officially reopen for recreational use at dawn on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. The reopening is in coordination with Livingston Parish, the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

While waterways will be open, residents and visitors are strongly urged to exercise extreme caution when boating or engaging in water activities. A significant amount of debris remains in the waterways due to recent weather events, creating potential hazards. Boaters are asked to be especially mindful of their speed, as excessive speed can increase the risk of accidents.

Officials will continue to monitor the waterways and address any remaining hazards. "We are pleased to reopen our waterways for recreational use but want to remind everyone that safety comes first," said Parish President Clint Cointment. "Please be cautious, reduce your speed, and remain vigilant as we continue our cleanup efforts."