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## Apostle Islands Media Advisory

**Release date:** Immediate  
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(715) 779-3398 x 3 Automated Ice Line for open/closed information  
(715) 779-3398 x 1 Visitor Center 8-4:30 7 days/week during the ice cave season  
**Date:** February 21, 2014 ~ 4:20 pm CST

### Temporary Closure of Access to Apostle Islands Ice Caves Extended Due to Adverse Weather Conditions

High winds and white-out conditions on Friday afternoon February 21 are preventing National Park Service staff from checking lake ice conditions today. National Park Rangers plan to check the ice early Saturday morning if visibility improves as expected. If the lake ice remains stable, the NPS hopes to be able to make the announcement that the ice caves are accessible again no later than noon on Saturday February, 22.

The decision to re-open access to the caves or to continue the closure depends on how the ice pack is affected by the winter storm. Safety is the critical concern.

While the caves remain inaccessible, Meyers Road will be gated and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be prohibiting parking along Highway 13.

Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) shuttles will be operating on weekends from Cornucopia and Happy Hollow Road immediately after a decision to re-open access to the caves. Shuttles from Legendary Waters will also begin running immediately after a decision to re-open.

For updates, call the park's Ice Line at (715) 779-3397 x3, web site at [www.nps.gov/apis](http://www.nps.gov/apis), or Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/apostleislandsnationallakeshore>. Facebook will have the most complete information, especially if the situation changes rapidly.

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