

Boat and Bike Rental Guidelines



Flotation Devices

- A lifejacket is required for each person boarding any boat.
- Lifejackets must be worn at all times on any canoe, kayak or paddleboard.
- Lifejackets must be worn at all times by any child younger than 10 years old.
- Seat cushions provided are not intended for use as a flotation device and are not approved for that purpose.

Outboard Motors

- Privately owned motors are permitted on rowboats only.
- Electric motors are permitted at all lakes.
- Private gasoline motor limit- up to six horsepower at Winton Woods Lake and four horsepower at Miami Whitewater Forest and Sharon Woods Lakes. Gasoline motors prohibited at Lake Isabella.

Boat Capacities

- One person per paddleboard.
- Three persons per canoe.
- Four persons per rowboat or motorboat.
- One person per single kayak. Two persons per tandem kayak.
- Pedal boat capacities vary from two to five persons. Manufacturer recommendation may not be exceeded.
- Eight persons per pontoon boat (no more than six adults).

Rental/Operating Ages

- Renter/Operators of non-motorized boats and bikes must be 16 years of age or older.
- Non-motorized boat or bike operators under 16 years of age may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian (18 years or older) who signs the rental agreement and provides direct visual and audible supervision at all times.
- Renter/Operators of motorboats or pontoon boats must be at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license.

Bike Rentals

- One person per bike, unless equipped by the manufacturer to carry passengers.
- Bicycle helmets for children and adults are available upon request at no extra charge.

Safety

- Do not stand up or sit on edge of any boat.
- All loading and unloading must be done at the dock, except in emergency situations. Wait for assistance from the boathouse attendant before attempting to enter or exit your boat.
- Bumping, tying or ramming of boats is not permitted.
- Maintain a safe distance of at least 50 feet from the shore and other boats.
- Never attempt to get out of your boat should you get stuck in shallow water or caught on an obstruction.

Restrictions

- Swimming is not permitted.
- Lawn chairs are not permitted on board.
- Pets are permitted on pontoon boats only.
- Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rental season begins April 15.
- Do not enter restricted areas of the lake indicated by signs, buoys or cables.
- Renter/Operator may be responsible for damage to rental equipment in their care

Refund Policy

- Refunds due to inclement weather will not be issued.
- Any guests violating the guidelines or operating their equipment in a reckless or dangerous manner may be called in immediately without a refund of fees.
- All Great Parks by-laws and regulations apply to the harbor area. Great Parks Rangers may terminate the rental or remove individuals with no refund or credit at their sole discretion. Profanity and loud or abusive behavior is prohibited. Conduct that could endanger the welfare of others or infringe on other's enjoyment will not be allowed.