A scenic view of a lake with mountains in the background and a building on the shore. The sky is blue with some clouds. The water is calm and reflects the sky and the surrounding landscape.

WATERCRAFT USER GUIDE

for Prospect Lake and Quail Lake

2023

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Prospect Lake and Quail Lake are operated by the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department (PRCS).



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BOATING HOURS

PROSPECT LAKE BOATING HOURS

WATERCRAFT AS DEFINED BY CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Motorized Watercraft & Motorized Personal Watercraft

Motorized watercraft means any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion including "personal watercraft and vessels with trolling motors"

Non-motorized Watercraft

(Sail, Float Tubes, Belly Boats and Hand Propelled Watercraft)

Motorized Hours:

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays Sunrise to Sunset
Sundays Sunrise to Sunset

Non-motorized Hours:

Tuesdays/Thursdays Sunrise to Sunset
Saturdays Sunrise to Sunset

NOTE: The lake is CLOSED for all the Adaptive Water-Ski dates.

See page 11 for details

Special Events and organized open water swimming may be scheduled during boating times.

These activities can/will pre-empt some or all boating hours for the duration of the event.

For information on Special Events, visit coloradosprings.gov/SpecialEvents

Please be respectful to all users of the lake.

See Enforcement of Rules and Regulations.

In the event of a conflict, please contact the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Dispatch

at **(719) 444-7000**.

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GENERAL RULES

- All watercraft use is by permit only.
- No swimming or wading allowed, unless in the designated beach area. *Effective May 1st, swimming via beach access only.*
- Dogs are allowed on a leash in the surrounding park areas. *NOTE: Leash laws are in effect for Prospect Lake and Memorial Park.*
- No ice-related activities shall be permitted on the lake.
- Due to the possibility of damage to the lake liner, no anchoring devices will be permitted on or around the lake.

WATERCRAFT

DEFINITIONS & PERMIT REGULATIONS

Required by City Codes, Sections 4.1.101 & 4.3.109

4.1.101 Definitions

WATERCRAFT: Every type of vessel used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. Watercraft MAY include hand-propelled boats, belly boats, motorized boats and wind vessels. Ord. 4716; 1968 Code, Section 10-2; Ord. 88-65; Ord. 88-265; Ord. 01-42

4.3.109 Watercraft Permits

The Director shall regulate the use of watercraft upon any park, park property or park facility and require permits for appropriate types or classes of watercraft used upon any park, park property or park facility. It shall be unlawful to use any watercraft upon the waters in any park unless a permit has been issued in accordance with this article and the Director's rules and regulations.

1968 Code, Section 10-24.18; Ord. 80-47; Ord. 01-42

ANNUAL PERMIT FEES

Identification Plate and User	Fee
Motorboat	\$125
Motorized Watercraft	\$80
Non-motorized Watercraft	
• Sailboat, Float Tubes, Belly Boats and Hand Propelled Watercraft	\$50
Day Permit <i>(Motorized - photo ID required as collateral)</i>	\$10/vessel
Day Permit <i>(Non-motorized only)</i>	\$5/vessel
Dealer <i>(Any vessel/type includes 3 permits)</i>	\$225

BOAT RAMP KEY DEPOSIT

A \$10 key deposit will be assessed when purchasing a permit. The key deposit can be credited to the following year's account or a refund can be processed when the annual key is returned.

NOTE: Key deposit refunds may take up to seven business days to process.

The lock at the boat ramp changes. Please return last year's key at the time a NEW permit is purchased.

The gate must be closed and locked after vessel is launched and vehicle is parked.



HOW TO TEST A BOAT? \$10 Per Test Drive

1. Prior to testing, must provide Sertich Ice Center with a copy of insurance and a valid driver's license (see page 5 for insurance information)
2. Limited to one hour to launch, test and return boat ramp key to Sertich
3. Testing is limited to one boat at a time during motorized hours

WATERCRAFT

RULES & REGULATIONS

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101

APPLICATION FOR BOAT PERMITS

Each person applying for a watercraft permit shall present to the Director or the Director's designee the following:

Evidence of a current Colorado State Boat Registration certificate and number, unless exempt by statute due to the type of watercraft.

Insurance is required for motorized watercraft. No motorized watercraft permit shall be issued to the applicant without evidence of current public liability and property damage insurance policies. The following insurance coverage shall be required in the name of the watercraft owner:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage:
Combined single limit of \$300,000

Each policy of insurance shall contain an endorsement that the insurance carrier shall notify the City at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of any reduction or cancellation of the policy. The cancellation or reduction of insurance shall be cause for automatic suspension of the permit.

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION FORM

Each person applying for a watercraft permit is required to complete a City of Colorado Springs PRCS - Watercraft Equipment Inspection Form. (*Boat Dealers are exempt from this requirement.*)

DEALER PERMIT

Marine craft, boat dealers or others engaged in the business of selling boats may obtain special dealer permits for use on boats they may be testing or demonstrating. By applying for a dealer permit, each dealer acknowledges that the boat tested or demonstrated carries all safety equipment required by the State of Colorado and the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

TERMS/WAIVER OF BOAT PERMITS

Upon issuance, the permit shall be permanently affixed in a conspicuous location on an exterior surface of the boat.

Upon issuance of the permit, the watercraft owner will receive a key to open the gate at the boat ramp. As a Prospect Lake permit holder, you are required to lock the gate after launching and loading watercraft.

Each permit is a nontransferable, revocable permit which shall continue in full force and effect from the date of issuance through December 31 of the year of issuance, unless sooner terminated, discontinued or revoked by the provisions of these rules and regulations or by legal action or operation of law.

Designated personnel may, from time to time, close Prospect Lake to the public for use by the City in promoting or sponsoring special events and may waive the permit requirement for special events.

WHERE TO PURCHASE BOAT PERMIT

Sertich Ice Center

Sundays-Fridays; 8 AM-5 PM

1705 East Pikes Peak Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
(719) 385-5983

Motorized Day Permits for Prospect Lake:

@ Sertich Ice Center in person on the day of use

Non-motorized Day Permits for Prospect Lake:

@ Sertich Ice Center: Mondays-Fridays; 8 AM-5PM

@ Non-motorized Day Permit Kiosk: 24-Hours (located by Boat Ramp)

@ Boat House ONLY during Vendor's hours of operation

Non-motorized Day Permits for Quail Lake:

@ Non-motorized Day Permit Kiosk at Quail Lake: Daily; 24-Hours (located by Boat Ramp)

WATERCRAFT

WATERCRAFT USE ON PROSPECT LAKE

- All motorized and personal motorized watercrafts can only launch and load from the boat ramp. **No staging or cleaning on the boat ramp.**
- The gate must be closed and locked after vessel is launched and vehicle is parked.
- No person shall use any watercraft on Prospect Lake in a careless or reckless manner or as to interfere with the reasonable use or enjoyment of the lake by any other person.
- No person under 16 years of age shall operate a motorboat or personal watercraft upon the lake. *Exception: Youth 14 years or older who have completed a boating safety course approved by the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and have a boating safety certificate issued by the boating safety course provider in his/her possession. Adult supervision is required.*
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices are required to be worn by all operators and passengers of personal watercraft, hand/human propelled boats, sailboards and sailboats.
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices must be in motorboats for every adult attendant, and youth (**ages 12 and under**) must have personal flotation devices on their person.
- During hours of operation for motorized and personal motorized watercrafts, no more than five (5) watercraft, shall be permitted to operate on the lake at any time. **“Operate being defined as moving in the rotation of boat traffic. Mooring or beached watercraft are not considered operational.”**
- During motorized watercraft operation, all traffic shall move in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Swimming or diving from any watercraft is prohibited.

- Operation of **ALL** watercraft is prohibited during an electrical storm.
 - No motorized watercraft shall be operated while the operator or any occupant is standing or sitting on the gunwale or bow or in any unsafe position. Watercraft operation is only allowed in the designated boating and water-skiing areas. *(See Map)*
 - Watercraft operators must be aware of shoreline and swimming areas at all times.
 - Remote controlled boats are only allowed in the southwest end of the lake during the hours of 11 AM-5 PM and should not go further than fifty feet (50') of shore. *(See Map)*
- Only approved anchoring devices will be permitted.**

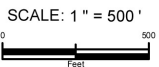
WATER-SKIING ON PROSPECT LAKE

- Water-skiing shall be permitted only during “motorized” operation times.
- Each water-skier shall wear a USCG-approved personal flotation device in serviceable condition.
- Water-skiing is prohibited within fifty feet (50') of shore.
- No watercraft shall follow a water-skier closer than one hundred fifty feet (150'), except when their own skier is in the water.
- All watercraft towing water-skiers shall have aboard a responsible observer, in addition to the operator, who shall, when launching a water-skier, when a water-skier falls down in the water, when signaling to return to the shore or when the watercraft is retrieving its water-skier, conspicuously display a flag.
- The launching and discharging of water-skiers at the shore shall be limited to the designated area only. *(See Map)*
- Water-ski towropes shall be no longer than one hundred feet (100') in length.
- Watercraft towing water-skiers shall have the right of way over other watercraft.

WATERCRAFT



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GIS Services Division
MAP VERSION: 04-2008



WATERCRAFT

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

As set forth by the Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations

- One personal flotation device of a type approved by the commandant of the USCG in good and serviceable condition, and in a readily accessible place of storage for each person on board a watercraft.
- Additional equipment designed to promote navigational safety to include, but not limited to: sounding device, bailing device, fire extinguisher, and orange flag.
(See Water-skiing)
- If not an entirely open vessel and if carrying or using any inflammable or toxic fluid in any enclosure for any purpose, an efficient natural or mechanical ventilation system which shall be capable of removing any resulting gases prior to and during the time such vessel is occupied by any person.
- Personal watercraft equipped by the original manufacturer with an engine cutoff switch lanyard that shall attach to his/her person, clothing, or PFD, as appropriate for the specific watercraft.
- Watercraft owner shall be subject to an equipment inspection at any time while participating in boating activities at Prospect Lake.



ENFORCEMENT

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101

City police, fire officials and designated PRCS personnel are authorized to enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations.

ONLY permitted users can be on water during their scheduled times.

NOTE: Scheduled and non-scheduled users may not be on the lake at the same time.

If a non-scheduled user of the lake does not vacate the water immediately, a description of the watercraft and its operator, in addition to the state registration number shall be reported to Sertich Ice Center or CSPD Dispatch (719) 444-7000.

Weather in Colorado Springs is unpredictable and can change rapidly, becoming dangerous to boaters. Be aware of rapid cloud build up, drop in temperature and sudden changes in wind direction or speed as these may signal the arrival of dangerous weather conditions.

When lightning is seen or thunder is heard near the lake, it is strongly recommended that people take immediate shelter in their cars. It is not safe to take shelter under a tree or anywhere within 100 feet (100') of the shore when lightning is present. As a rule of thumb, boaters can return to the water thirty minutes after the last audible thunder is heard or lightning seen.

Violators of ordinances, rules or regulations concerning the conduct or operation of vessels on or around the lake area may be:

1. Removed from the lake.
2. Cited by an enforcement officer.
3. Have watercraft permit revoked.



**Gas powered motorized watercraft are prohibited on Quail Lake.
Non-motorized Boat Permit Required
*See page 5 for boat permit locations***

NON-MOTORIZED BOATING HOURS

Daily; Sunrise-Sunset

QUAIL LAKE PARK RULES

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all City parks. (Ord. 18-1-101)
- Charcoal grills and wood fires are not permitted in City parks.
- All pets must be kept on a leash and are not permitted to run at large in any park. Additionally, all pet excrement must be deposited in a waste receptacle.
- Place trash in the receptacles. If there is no receptacle, please take the trash with you.
- All automobiles must be parked in a designated parking area.
- State fishing license is required.
- Persons using park property shall be responsible for any and all damages to property and injury to persons.
- It is unlawful to deface, damage or remove park property, including natural and historical objects. No rope, wire, or other contrivance may be attached to any tree or plant.
- It is unlawful to camp or spend the night in any City park.
- Any use of amplified equipment must be approved by Code Enforcement.
- Signs are not permitted to be attached to any park sign, traffic sign, tree, stake, post, gate, etc. A City Parks Supervisor must approve banners, balloons or other decor prior to a permitted event.

WATERCRAFT USE ON QUAIL LAKE

Authorized by City Code, Section 4.2.101

- No person shall use any watercraft on Quail Lake in a careless or reckless manner or as to interfere with the reasonable use or enjoyment of the lake by another person.
- Adult supervision is required for all youth under the age of 18.
- USCG-approved personal flotation devices must be available on non-motorized vessel for every adult attendant, and youth (**ages 12 and under**) must have personal flotation devices on their person.
- Swimming or diving from any watercraft is prohibited.
- Operation of all watercraft is prohibited during an electrical storm.

MEMORIAL PARK

1605 E. Pikes Peak Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

PARK HOURS

November 1 to April 30: Daily; 5 AM-9 PM
May 1 to October 31: Daily; 5 AM-10 PM

ABOUT THE PARK

196 ACRES OF PARK LAND

Prospect Lake Beach House: The City of Colorado Springs has renovated the Beach House. Come see what's new in 2023!

Boat House: SEE bottom of page 11

Sertich Ice Center: An NHL-size ice surface, seating for 2,000 spectators, over 500 rental skates, game room and locker rooms



Tennis Center: 15 courts, 11 are lighted

Other facilities: large-group picnic area (*by reservation*), skate park, bicycle velodrome, horseshoe courts, playgrounds, 1.25 mile Prospect Lake Fitness Trail (*hiking, biking, jogging, fitness*), seasonal restrooms, basketball court, 2 softball fields, 1 baseball field, sand volleyball courts, 3 large open space areas, the Memorial Park Recreation Center and several Memorial sites

MEMORIAL PARK RULES

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all City parks. (Ord. 18-1-101).
- Open fires and charcoal grills are prohibited. Make every effort to see that propane grills are placed on hard surfaces such as a concrete pad or picnic table.
- All pets must be kept on a leash and are not permitted to run at large in any park. Additionally, all pet excrement must be deposited in a waste receptacle.
- Please place trash in the receptacles. If there is no receptacle nearby, please take the trash with you.
- All automobiles must be parked in a designated parking area. Only supply and handicapped vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lots.
- Persons using park property shall be responsible for any and all damages to property and injury to persons.
- Groups in reserved areas must produce a permit upon request.
- It is unlawful to deface, damage or remove park property, including natural and historical objects. No rope, wire, or other contrivance may be attached to any tree or plant.
- It is unlawful to camp or spend the night in any City park.
- Organized games such as football, softball and horseshoes must take place in areas designated for that specific activity.
- Any use of amplified equipment must be approved by Code Enforcement. Call CSPD Dispatch at (719) 444-7000.
- The posting of signs, hanging decorations or other materials on park buildings, structures or vegetation is prohibited. A City Parks Manager or Supervisor must approve banners, balloons or other decor prior to a "permitted event".

MEMORIAL PARK

FISHING

- License required.
- **NEW - See Map on page 7.** Only fishing shall be permitted on the southeast side of the lake. ***AT NO TIME IS FISHING PERMITTED FROM INSIDE ANY FENCED AREA AROUND LAKE.***
- Fishing shall be permitted on the northeast side of the lake, **except during designated special events.**
- No ice-related fishing activities shall be permitted on Prospect Lake.

PARK & CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

The Office of Special Events may pre-empt lake hours and/or CLOSE the lake to all WATERCRAFT activities for the duration of the permitted event.

**Special event dates are subject to change, and events may be added or deleted per COVID-19 restrictions as dictated per El Paso County Public health.*

For information on Park/City-wide events, contact events@coloradosprings.gov

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Adaptive Water-Ski Program is coordinated by the Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP). The equipment is specifically designed for individuals with physical disabilities. For information, contact (719) 385-6964.

***Denotes Exclusive Use - The lake is closed to ALL WATERCRAFT activities during this program.**

Programs Offered through the city's Therapeutic Recreation Program

* Adaptive Water-Ski Program 26th Anniversary!

Wednesdays; June 28-August 2;
8 AM-3:30 PM

Adaptive Kayaking

August 8-29; 8:30 AM-1:30 PM



SEASON

Opens May 1
Closes late September for Paddleboards and Kayaks
Closes late September for Open Water Swim

PROSPECT LAKE

3 Days/Week; 9 AM- 6 PM;

Exception-On Wednesdays During Adaptive Water-Ski Program

- Paddle Boards: \$20/hr or \$30/2 hrs includes all equipment and basic lesson
- Single Kayaks: \$20/hr or \$30/2 hrs
- Tandem Kayaks: \$30/hr or \$40/2 hrs

QUAIL LAKE

Sundays; 8 AM-12 PM - Reservations Required (Paddle Board Rentals Only)

SEE WEBSITE @ WWW.SUPCOLORADOSPRINGS.COM

- Reservations
- Early Morning Open Water Swim Training
- Classes and SUP Yoga

PROSPECT LAKE BOATING HOURS

MOTORIZED HOURS

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays

Sunrise to Sunset

Sundays

Sunrise to Sunset

NON-MOTORIZED HOURS

Tuesdays/Thursdays

Sunrise to Sunset

Saturdays

Sunrise to Sunset

See page 2 for additional details

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PRCS Administration Office: (719) 385-5940

PRCS Park /Pavilion Reservation: (719) 385-5941

Sertich Ice Center: (719) 385-5983

Colorado Springs Police Department Dispatch: (719) 444-7000

Division of Outdoor Parks and Recreation: (719) 227-5200

NOTE: Motorized watercraft are required to obtain a state boat registration.