

Denver Parks and Recreation

Boating Handbook 2009

Season Dates: April 11-October 4

Boating permit sales will begin April 4

Lake Closures 2009

June 13th 8:00am– 4:00pm

Colorado Adventure Sports

July 24-26th

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival

www.coloradodragonboat.org

August TBA

Sloan's Lake Water Sports Competition

During Lake Closures, boating is closed to all boaters not affiliated with the program or competition.

Boating Fees

	Resident	Non-Res
Motor Boat	\$215	\$430
Sail Boat	\$110	\$215
Rowboat	\$43	\$86
Canoe	\$43	\$86
Kayak	\$43	\$86
Windsurfer	\$43	\$86
Dealer	\$13	\$25
Harbor	\$105	\$205
Lake Rental	\$800	\$900

Lake rental is available at Sloan's lake only in 4 hour blocks. Lake rental must be permitted and approved. See the boating office for more details

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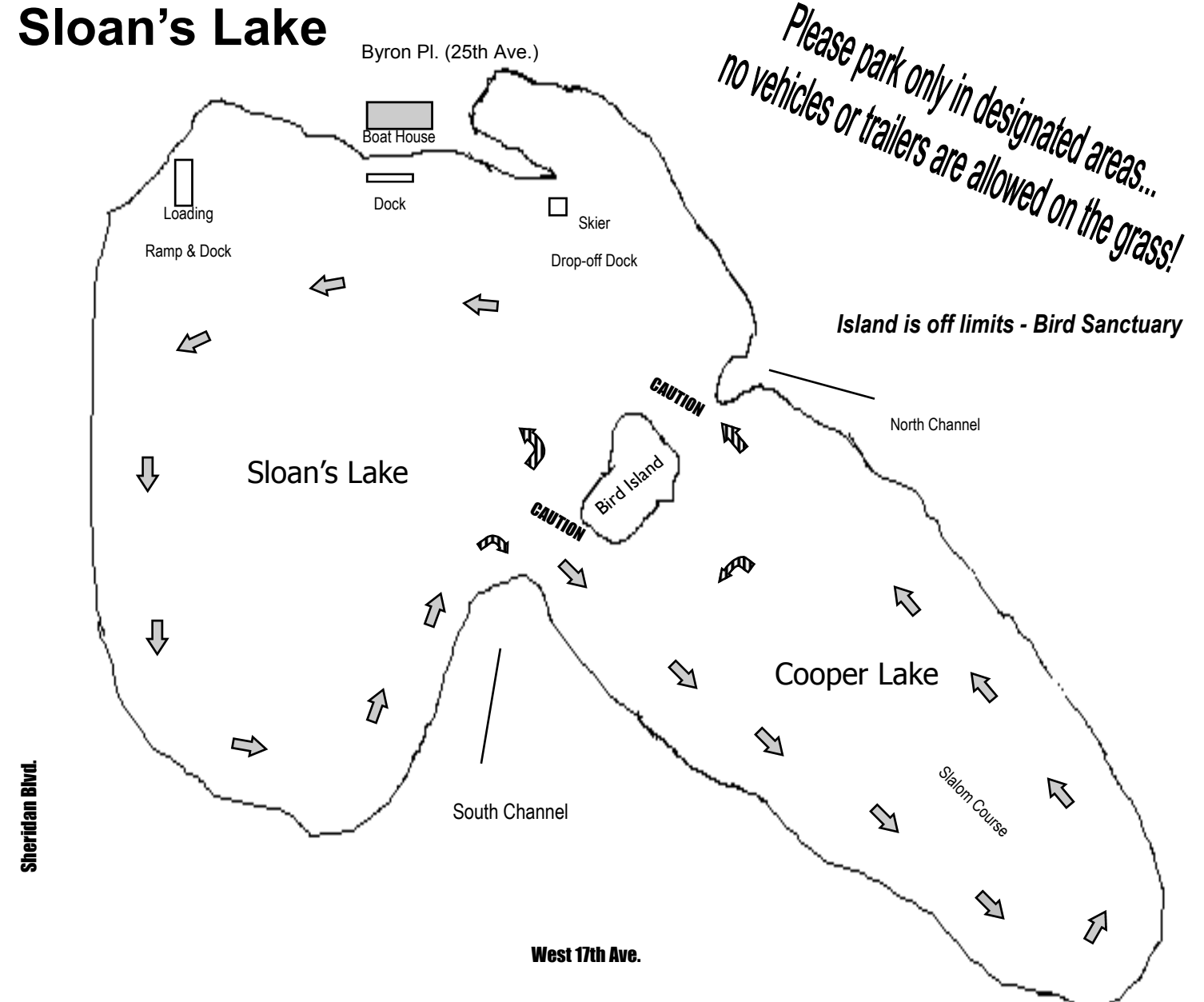
Boating Office at Sloan's Lake
25th Ave & W Byron
303-458-4840
www.denvergov.org/recreation

Denver Parks and Recreation Aquatics Office
 303-458-4795
aquatics@denvergov.org




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HOURS
 Office hours and motor boat hours are as follows:

Friday: 9:00 am - dusk	Tuesday: 12 noon - dusk
Sat./Sun: 9:00 am - dusk	Wednesday: 1:00 pm - dusk*
Monday: 9:00 am - dusk	Thursday: 12 noon -dusk*

All boaters must be off Denver Lakes by dusk. Dusk is defined as 20 minutes after sunset.
Canoes and Kayaks: dawn to dusk daily.
 Any activity on Denver lakes outside posted hours will be considered trespassing, and may be prosecuted.

*A water ski program for people with disabilities is offered Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. during the months of June, July and August. Volunteers are needed for both programs.
 Interested parties please contact Special Needs Program at 720-865-0820

General Boating Policies and Information

Denver Parks and Recreation is responsible for adopting rules and regulations for all of its facilities, including lakes within parks. This handbook is designed to acquaint the recreational boater with Denver boating policies. All state and federal regulations are not specifically covered in this handout. The State Boat Registration Office at **303.791.1920**.

- Three Denver lakes are available for boating: **Sloan's Lake**, **Berkeley Lake** and **Smith Lake** in Washington Park. Sloan's Lake is designated for sailboats larger than 12 feet in length. The maximum length for any motor boat operating on a Denver lake is 21 feet. Sailing, canoeing, rowing, and kayaking, is allowed in all three lakes.
- Smith Lake, the north lake in Washington Park, and Berkeley Lake are designated for canoes, kayaks, rowboats and small sailboats. Boating hours are from dawn until dusk at Smith and Berkeley Lakes. All participants must be wearing a lifejacket! There is no boat ranger on duty at Smith or Berkeley Lake.
- Motor boats and sailboats must be licensed and numbered as required by the State of Colorado, and state boat numbers must be clearly visible on both sides of the boat and at least 2" high.

SWIMMING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY DENVER LAKE. Please contact the Boating office or Outdoor Aquatics office at 303-458-4795 or online at www.denvergov.org/recreation, for information regarding Denver's Public Swimming Pools.

BOAT RANGERS, Denver Police, or the DPR Aquatics Supervisor may revoke a permit without refund for violation of any rule of conduct, policy, or City Ordinance. No refunds will be issued once permit is purchased.

ALL CITY ORDINANCES and Parks and Recreation rules, regulations, and policies apply to boating and the use of lakes.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and glass containers of any kind are prohibited in boats and on the docks. Permits subject to revocation.

ALL NON-SWIMMERS and children under the age of 12 must wear a personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard that is in a good and serviceable condition.

Boating Permits

A Denver City boating permit is required to launch any boat. The permit sticker must be permanently affixed to the right (starboard) side of the boat. Permits are nontransferable, and permit holders are accountable for the actions of boat drivers. Boating Permits are issued at the Boat Ranger's Office at Sloan's Lake.

The following items **must** be presented:

- Proof of residency—Driver's license and state boat registration need to reflect a Denver address.
- A copy of current state boat registration for motor & sailboats.
- Written proof of liability insurance in the min. amount of \$300,000.00 including bodily injury and property damage. Binders, application, or receipts are not acceptable proof. Insurance must be in force during the entire boating season and a copy of insurance certificate must be on file in the rangers office. The insurance company must agree to give the Parks and Recreation Department 10 days notice in writing if the insurance is canceled or terminated.
- **Before a permit sticker is issued, an inspection of your boat by boat rangers/police is required for these Coast Guard required items listed below:**
 - Lifejacket for every person on board
 - A paddling device, and at least one buoyant cushion or life ring
 - An effective whistle or other mechanical sound producing device
 - At least one 2lb or higher "ABC" or equivalent fire extinguisher

DEALER PERMITS

Dealer permits are issued to dealers for testing boats. They may not be used for recreational boating or water skiing. Each dealer permit allows the operation of one boat at a time for a maximum of one hour. Dealers are expected to obey all rules, and are restricted to Sloan's Lake. Dealer permits are not issued on Sundays or holidays. Proof of liability insurance is required.

Boating Policy for Sloan's Lake

Sloan's Lake is Denver's largest and most active lake. Two small connected lakes, Cooper and Sloan's, comprise Sloan's Lake's 177 acres. Sloan's Lake is fairly shallow ranging from 0-8 feet in depth.

- All boats enter the lake's northwest corner located at 25th Ave. and Sheridan (please see map). Buoyed areas should be observed, along with the counter clockwise rotation pattern. The island between Sloan's and Cooper lake is a bird sanctuary and remains completely off limits.
- The south channel, harbor, loading and docking areas are potentially hazardous. Boaters should recognize the dangers, slow down, and use caution!
- The speed limit for boats on Sloan's Lake is 40 mph. All boats operating above wakeless speed should remain 150 feet (two full tow rope lengths) from shore and 100 feet from each other.
- Sailboats and rowboats always have right of way over any motor craft.
- No "jet-skis" or motorized "personal water craft" are allowed.
- No kite or surf boarding allowed.

MOTOR BOATS

- All boats must have a stock factory muffler or other device capable of muffling the sound of the engine. The motor's exhaust must be muffled at all times so as not to create excessive noise. The discharge of cooling water through the exhaust of an inboard engine is an adequate muffling device
- All motor boats must have a transmission providing reverse
- All motor boats must follow the counter clockwise rotation pattern (see map) and must observe "wakeless" speed in the harbor and at ski docks (except boats towing skiers for take-off)
- While boat is moving, passengers must be seated in seats & off gunwales.
- No tubes are allowed in Cooper lake, and at no time is jumping barrels or markers allowed.
- Boat trailers are to be parked in designated boat parking areas only and not on the grass!
- Boats towing skiers have right of way over other motor boats.
- Motorized boats must yield right of way to non motorized boats at all times.

SAILBOATS- WINDSURFERS- CANOES - KAYAKS

Lifejackets are required. Sailboats and wind surfers must enter and leave Cooper Lake by the wider south channel only. Please always maintain a safe distance from skiing takeoff areas.

Water Skiing / Wake Boarding

WATER SKIING/ WAKEBOARDING

Boats pulling skiers must have a minimum of two passengers in the boat: a competent driver and a ski spotter. The spotter must be at least 10 yrs. old and capable of handling the tow rope and relaying skier's signals to driver. Skiers must wear an approved lifejacket or a barefoot suit with a built in flotation device. The barefoot suit must be approved by the Boat Ranger.

If a skier falls, they should immediately give the "OK" hand signal. The spotter must clearly display an orange flag at least 12 inches square when skier is down. The boat operator must circle at once when the skier falls for protection. Boat should circle fallen skier on drivers side of the boat.

Skiers must remain 100 feet from the shore and from other boats. No "spraying" is allowed. Ramp loading dock IS NOT available for skier takeoff or drop-off.

ONE-BOAT ROTATION

Two evenings each week, Cooper operates on a one-boat rotation basis to allow smooth water for beginning skiers, instruction, barefoot and slalom course skiing. Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m.-dusk is reserved for this rotation. During these times, the following rules apply. Enter Cooper Lake at wakeless speed, with skiers in boat. Each boat shall use their Cooper rotation for no more than 4 passes or no longer than 10 minutes

If a ball is cut from the course, please replace it or return it to the Boat Ranger's Office. Slalom course is owned and maintained by the Sloans Lake ski club, please use respectfully.

DOCKS

Low water levels should be checked before launching vessels.

Boats proceeding into to the barrel entry area, must retrieve the rope and proceed at a wakeless speed through the barrel pattern to the dock.

Docks are provided at the north side of the lake for the use of all boaters and can not be reserved. When more than 12 boats are on the lake, boats may not be tied up to ski docks. Weekends and holidays can be busy times, and docks must remain clear of personal belongings. This allows all boaters equal access to the docks.