

Saint Louis
COUNTY

PARKS

BOATING
DEPARTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide safe and enjoyable boating experiences on lakes within St. Louis County Parks and on waters adjoining parks.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation to provide lakes and facilities to support various boating activities within our parks and to provide support facilities for boating on public waters adjoining County Parks.

PROCEDURE:

Lakes and Rivers

1. Below is a listing of lakes located within and owned by the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation where boating is permitted. All these lakes, except Unger, have launching ramps and associate support facilities (parking, docks, etc.). Unger Lake has no hard surfaced access and boats must be portaged to the water.

Creve Coeur Park	Creve Coeur Lake	320 Acres
Spanish Lake Park	Spanish Lake	33.5 Acres
Spanish Lake Park	Sunfish Lake/North Lakes	28.5 Acres
Unger Park	Unger Lake	30 Acres
Simpson Park	Simpson Lake	72 Acres

2. Below is a listing of launching ramps in St. Louis County Parks providing access to public waters adjoining the parks.

- **George Winter Park Meramec River**

Daily boat ramp fees are collected utilizing the “Iron Ranger” fee station at the entrance to the park. Boaters are responsible for depositing the appropriate amount (\$5.00/watercraft) in the fee station and placing the daily permit inside their vehicle for inspection. An annual pass is available for purchase through the Parks Department for \$75.00. Fees are collected to recover the costs to operate, maintain and repair the park as well as for Park Ranger enforcement and safety.

- **Sioux Passage Park Missouri River Ramp (cooperative with Missouri Department of Conservation)**

Rules (Department Lakes)

- 1) Boats are defined as any craft capable of floating on water with one or more persons aboard (this includes sailboats, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards).
- 2) Boats are not permitted on any other County Park lake other than those listed above without written permission of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 3) Boats are permitted on County Park lakes only when the subject parks are open to public use.
- 4) Only electric trolling motors are permitted. Gasoline motors may be attached to boats, but may not be used without specific written authorization granted for special events and activities, and/or where emergency rescue is deemed necessary.
- 5) All boats must have at least one (1) U.S. Coast Guard approved lifesaving floatation device for each person on board. The device is to be readily accessible and in serviceable condition (SLCRO 616.075).

Rules (Public Waters)

- 1) Boats 16-26 feet in length are required to carry one (1) hand, mouth, or power operated bell, whistle or horn audible for at least one half mile.
- 2) Boats less than 26 feet in length with closed compartments where flammable or explosive vapors can accumulate must carry at least one (1) hand portable fire extinguisher in a readily accessible location.

- 3) All boats less than 16 feet in length must carry one (1) Type I, II or III wearable floatation device or one (1) Type IV throwable device. All floatation devices must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriately labeled for Type and in serviceable condition.
- 4) Windsurfers and persons operating inflatable crafts must wear a PFD.
- 5) All boats propelled by machinery must be numbered in the state of principal use. If the state does not have a numbering system, the boat must be numbered by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- 6) Whenever the boat is in use, a valid certificate of number, showing the specific number issued to the boat, must be on board. This number must be printed on or otherwise permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat. The numbers must be three (3) inches or more in height, of a color contrasting with the other colors of the boat and be in plain vertical block letters read from left to right.

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