Additional Information

2013 Season Dates

April 13 to October 1 - Boating permit sales will begin April 11

Lake Closures

Colorado Dragon Boat Festival - July 27 - 28

Denver Triathlon - June 9 until 10:00 a.m.

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

Boating Fees

Type	Resident	Non-Resident
Motor Boat	$245	$490
Sail Boat	$126	$245
Human Powered	$49	$97
Dealer	$15	$29
Harbor	$118	$230

Nuisance Species of Plants and Animals Can Destroy a Lake!

Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species

CLEAN - Remove all plants, animals and mud.
Wash everything that comes into contact with the water.
Drain - Drain all water before leaving the area, including live well bilge, ballast, and any other areas of your boat that hold water.
Dry - Allow everything to completely dry out before launching into another body of water.
Bait - Dispose of all unused live bait in trash, not into water.

Emergency: 911

Boating office: 303.458.4840
Park Ranger: 311
Non emergency: Denver Police - 720.913.2000

2013 Boating Handbook

Boating Policies and Information

Denver Parks & Recreation
Boating Office
4700 West Byron Place
Denver, CO 80212
303.458.4840
www.denvergov.org/parks
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Boating
Water Skiing
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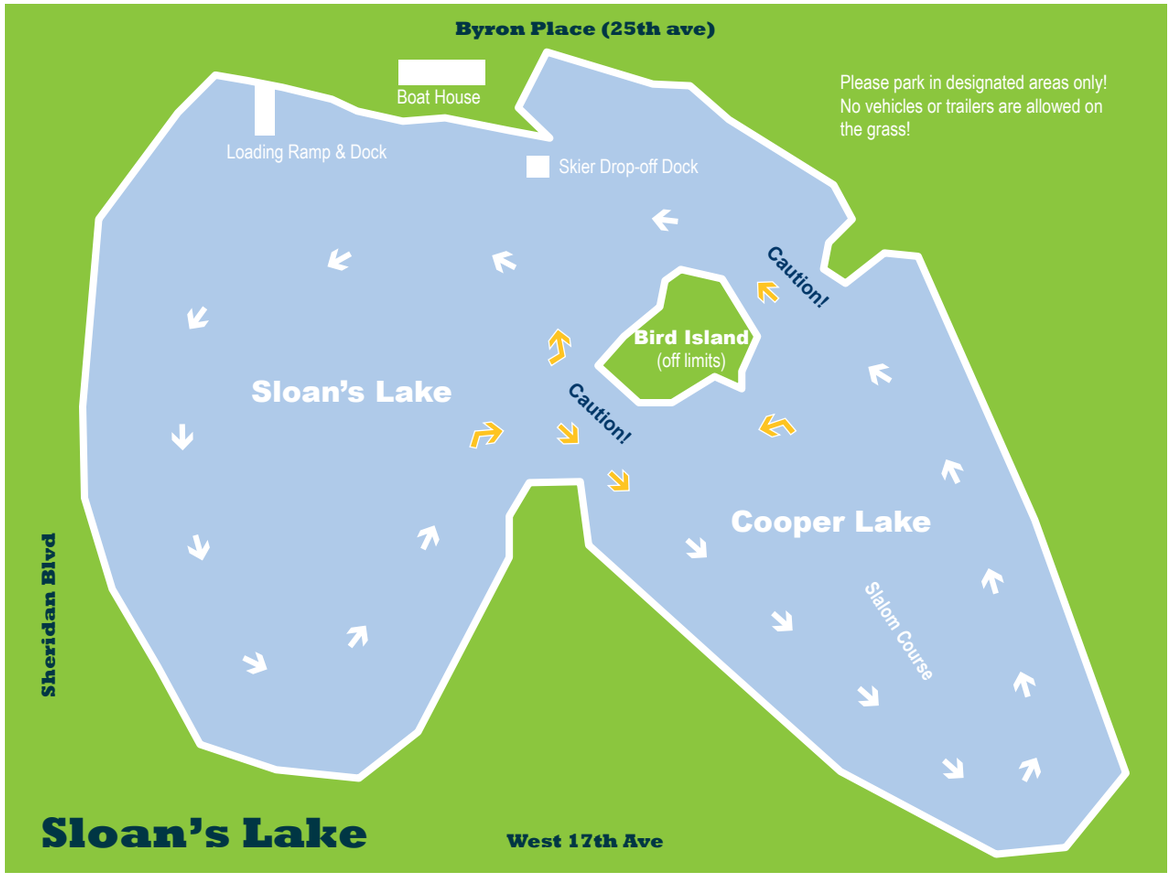
Rules and Information



Hours

Office hours and motor boat hours are as follows:

Friday:	9:00am - dusk	Tuesday:	12:00pm - dusk
Saturday/Sunday:	9:00am - dusk	Wednesday:	1:00pm - dusk
Monday:	9:00am - dusk	Thursday:	12:00pm - 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 or without a proper permit will be considered trespassing and may be prosecuted.

A water ski program for people with disabilities is offered Wednesdays from 9:00am - 1:00pm and Thursdays from 9:00am - 12:00noon 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

Notice

Sloan's Lake level may change.

Beware of underwater hazards and low water.

Boating is at your own risk.

Contact:
Sloan's Lake Park Ranger with questions or concerns

General Boating Policies and Information

Denver Parks and Recreation is responsible for adopting rules and regulations for all of it's 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 and motorboats larger than 12 feet in length. The maximum length for any motor boat operating on Sloan's Lake is 22 feet. Sailing, canoeing, rowing, and kayaking, is allowed in all three lakes. If the length of the boat is in dispute rangers refer to manufacturer's specification.

• 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 life jacket and carry a boating permit! 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 720.865.0600 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.
- **Alcohol 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 floatation device approved by the United States Coast Guard that is in a good and serviceable condition.

Boating Permits

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 and passengers. Boating Permits are issued at the Boat Ranger's Office at Sloan's Lake.

The following items must be presented:
• Proof of residency (for all boats) - driver's license to reflect a Denver address to receive the residency rate.
• A copy of driver's license and current state boat registration for motor and sailboats.
• All other boats require a driver's license or state I.D. card

For motor boats only:
• Written proof of liability insurance in the min. amount of $300,000 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:

• Serviceable and correct size Life jacket for every person on board
• A paddling device, and at least one buoyant cushion or life ring
• A whistle or other mechanical sound producing device
• At least one 2lb or higher "ABC" or equivalent fire extinguisher

Tubing is allowed on Sloan's Lake only!

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 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.
• Wake surf boarding is allowed on Sloan's Lake

Motor Boats on Sloan's Lake are limited to 22 feet in length.

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 and 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**
Life jackets 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

Boats pulling skiers must have a minimum of two people in the boat: a competent driver and a ski spotter. The spotter must be at least 10 years old and capable of handling the tow rope and relaying skier's signals to driver. Skiers must wear an approved life jacket or a barefoot suit with a built in floatation 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. Avoid power turns which create large waves for other boaters.

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
Cooper Lake operates on a one-boat rotation basis to allow smooth water for beginning skiers, instruction, barefoot and slalom course skiing. Monday 4:00 p.m. to dusk and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 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 Sloan's 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 that 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.

Wake board Boats
Excessively large wakes can disturb other boaters and contribute to shore erosion. Boat operators may be asked to reduce wake size by the ranger on duty.