


NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT LAUNCH PERMIT

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES



Permit: Before entering the lake all non-motorized watercraft users must be granted a permit. Permits are open to Lake Zurich residents only. Daily and seasonal permits are available for purchase and use from April 1-October 1 at the Paulus Park Barn or Paulus Park Beach during posted hours of operation (for hours, please visit LakeZurich.org). Daily permit holders will receive a wristband which must be visible worn at all times. Season permit holders will receive a decal that must be placed on the lower starboard stern (rear upper right hand side) of their non-motorized craft above water level prior to entering the lake.

Personal Non-Motorized Watercraft: Allowed watercrafts include: kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, row boats, long boards, windsurfers and sailboats. Inflatable watercrafts are not permitted.

Launch Access: Launch access to/from the lake is only allowed at the designated area next to the beach at Paulus Park. Permit holders can enter the lake daily as early as dawn and must exit the lake/park by dusk. There is no car access down near this area; all watercrafts must be walked down.

Lif jackets and Whistles: All watercrafts must have the proper safety equipment as required by the State of Illinois and the U.S. Coast Guard. Each passenger must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejacket (PFD) and have a whistle or horn on board at all times. Bright colored attire is also recommended for visibility purposes.

Areas of Operation: All personal non-motorized watercrafts are to stay within the no wake zones on the perimeter of the lake from 9am-dusk. These zones are clearly marked by no-wake buoys. Non-motorized crafts are required to remain between the buoys and the shoreline between the hours of 9am-dusk.

Operators: No person under the age of 12 may operate any personal non-motorized watercraft unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Swimming: Swimming from a non-motorized watercraft is not allowed; users are required remain in/on their craft during their time on the lake.

Safety Inspections: All watercrafts are subject to a safety inspection by the LZPD Marine Unit or any LZPD officer. Also note that the State of Illinois Conservation Officers do frequent the lake to perform duties and enforce the State of Illinois Laws per the IDNR regulations.

Assistance on the Lake: If you require assistance (non-emergency) on the lake, contact the LZ Police Department Dispatch Center at 847-438-2349. For immediate emergencies such as medical, call 9-1-1.

Violations: Violations of any of the nonmotorized rules may result in forfeiture of the permit and are subject to fines. If you are issued an Ordinance Violation Ticket, the fine can be paid at Village Hall. Most Ordinance Violations carry a minimum fine of \$50 dollars and are payable in ten (10) business days.

Please remember that this list is just informational and all rules and regulations are contained in the village ordinances and can be obtained on the Village of Lake Zurich website. Should you have any questions, please contact the Lake Zurich Police Department and ask for the Marine Unit Supervisor or speak with any Marine Unit Officer who is on duty.