



Private Watercraft Permit

Instructions

Apply for a permit one of four ways:

- Visit dupageforest.org 24/7 and click "Registration & Permits" and "Purchase Permits."
- Bring this completed form to Visitor Services at 35580 Naperville Road in Wheaton Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Fax this completed form to 630-933-7217. (Add five to seven business days for processing.)
- Mail this completed form to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, 35580 Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189. (Add five to seven business days for processing.)

If you're renewing your permit from last year or have any permit-related questions, you can also call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Office Use Only

Permit # _____

Fee \$ _____

By _____

Date _____

Your Information *If you need permits for multiple watercraft, use a separate form for each.*

Name _____

Street Address _____

Apt./Unit # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

DuPage Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Primary Phone Number _____

Email _____

Type ☐ Kayak ☐ Canoe ☐ Rowboat ☐ Motorboat ☐ Paddleboard (Stand-Up Only) ☐ Other *specify* _____

Manufacturer _____

Model _____

Color _____

Size *must be under 20 feet*

Is your watercraft equipped with a motor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

State Registration Number *motorized watercraft only*

Exp. Date _____

Is it inflatable? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes: Does it have multiple air chambers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes and it's *not a paddleboard*: Does it have either 1) certification by the National Marine Manufacturers Association or the Coast Guard through the manufacturer or 2) a factory-made hardened floor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fees *Fees are nonrefundable, and permits are nontransferable. There's a \$5 fee to replace a lost or stolen permit.*

DuPage County resident Annual permit (valid Jan. – Dec.) First \$40 Each additional \$20 Daily permit \$10

Nonresident Annual permit (valid Jan. – Dec.) First \$65 Each additional \$40 Daily permit \$15

65 or older One free annual permit per household per year
☐ Yes, I qualify. Here's my birth date (DD/MM/YY) _____
I'm also including a copy of my birth certificate, driver's license or state ID.

Active U.S. military One free annual permit per household per year *available through Visitor Services office only*
personnel or honorably ☐ Yes, I qualify and am including proof of my active military status or honorable discharge.
discharged U.S. veteran

Payment Information *Do not mail cash. If you include credit card information, do not email this form.*

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express ☐ Check to Forest Preserve District of DuPage County ☐ Cash

Credit Card Number _____

CVV/CVC _____

Exp. Date _____

Billing Zip Code _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Amount to Charge \$ _____

Signature _____



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Rules and Regulations and Waiver

Please read this information carefully. It includes releases of liability and waiver of legal rights and deprives you of the ability to sue certain parties. By checking the boxes and providing your name and the date, you acknowledge you've read and understood all of the text.

Rules and Regulations

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, you must follow these rules and regulations, which the Forest Preserve District may change at any time.

- Watercraft are only allowed on four designated Forest Preserve District of DuPage County lakes: Silver Lake at Blackwell, Round Meadow Lake at Hidden Lake, Mallard Lake at Mallard Lake and Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch.
- Silver Lake has a boat launch, which is open March 1 – Nov. 30. The other three lakes are carry-in only. At these three, you must manually move your watercraft from the parking lot to the water. If you're using a trailer, you must unhitch it and park it in its own individual parking space.
- Affix your annual permit to the bow of your watercraft above the waterline. If your watercraft doesn't have a bow you must carry the permit with you when on the water. For daily permits, you must have the receipt with you. Permits must be presented to a Forest Preserve District of DuPage County staff member for inspection, when requested.
- You can use electric motors but not gas-powered. Any watercraft with a motor must have a hull identification number (HIN) and the proper state registration.
- Watercraft over 20 feet long, float tubes, and passive floating inflatables are not allowed. All other inflatable watercraft must be used for their intended purpose.
- Per federal and state regulations, your watercraft must have one properly fitting, wearable, Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device for each person on board. If it's 16 feet or longer it must also have a Coast Guard-approved throwable flotation device. Boaters under 13 years old must wear their personal flotation devices at all times.
- You cannot carry passengers and cargo with a total combined weight greater than your watercraft's posted safe-carrying capacity. The manufacturer's capacity plate must be permanently affixed to your watercraft.
- Do not swim or enter the water from your watercraft.
- You must be off the water by sunset, and per Illinois law, you must remove all aquatic plants and animals from all equipment before you leave the shore.

By checking the box below I agree to abide by these rules and regulations as well as all Forest Preserve District ordinances and administrative orders and state statutes. I understand that the Forest Preserve District may fine me or revoke my permit without refunding my permit fee if I supply false information on this application or fail to comply with any rules, regulations, ordinances, orders or statutes.

☐ **I have read and agree to the private watercraft rules and regulations.**

Printed Name

Date

Waiver

I hereby fully waive and release the "Releasee" Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, from any and all claims for personal injury, monetary loss, property damage, or death that may result from my participation. I hereby voluntarily, at my own risk, agree to the Waiver and Assumption of Risk in sole consideration of being permitted to use the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County facilities/property or services offered. Agreement to this Waiver and Assumption of Risk, I fully assume the dangers and risks, and agree to use my best judgment while engaging in those activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasee, its employees, agents, officers, from and against any and all liability incurred as a result of or in any manner related to my participation in the activities or services offered.

☐ **I have read and agree to the waiver.**

Printed Name

Date