

Windsor Lake Boating Regulations 2025 Season

Welcome to Windsor Lake! All boaters are **required** to purchase a boating permit from the Town of Windsor prior to placing their boat on the lake. All motorized boats and sailboats must be licensed and numbered as required by the State of Colorado and state numbers must be 2" high and clearly visible on both sides of the boat. All State of Colorado boating statutes and regulations apply and are enforced.

SECTION A: Permits

Daily or annual permits are available for non-motorized and motorized boats. Permits will be sold at the Community Recreation Center located at 250 N. 11th Street. Permits can be purchased during normal business hours. Non-motorized daily permits will also be sold at the lake when Lake Staff is present. Permits may also be purchased online at recreationliveshere.com. Day use permits are valid for the day of purchase only.

Motorized Boating Prices:

1/2 Day: \$25 Residents
 \$35 Non-Residents
Annual: \$500
(Max 20 sold - beginning May 12th)

Non-Motorized Boating Prices:

All Day Resident: \$10
All Day Non-Resident: \$15
Annual Resident: \$50
Annual Non Resident: \$65

A Town of Windsor boating permit is required to launch any boat and must be affixed to the right side of the boat. Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. The permit holder is accountable for the actions of the boat driver. The permits may also list additional residents of the permit holder's household who may operate the boat. The permit holder or an additional named household resident must be on-board at all times while the boat is being operated on Windsor Lake.

The following items must be presented when purchasing a permit. There will be no exceptions.

- 1) Proof of residency for Windsor resident rate (Town of Windsor utility bill, property tax or lease agreement)
- 2) Driver's license (the number must be recorded on the permit application).
- 3) Current state boat registration (for motorboats/sailboats).
- 4) Proof of liability coverage with minimum limits of \$300,000 for bodily injury and property damage is required, (motorized only). Binders, applications, or receipts are not acceptable. A copy of the insurance certificate will be kept on file with Parks and Recreation Department for the current permit season only.

Motorized boats will be allowed on Windsor Lake on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only. Non-motorized boats will be allowed to use the lake on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. Saturdays and Sundays will be shared days. If problems should arise the Town of Windsor reserves the right to change the procedures. There will only be 12 motorized boating permits sold on a first come, first serve basis for each motorized day. Sale of daily permits will begin on the Monday of each week. 6 permits will be issued for 8:00am to 2:00pm, and 6 permits will be issued for 2:00pm to 8:00pm. The permit and fee structure covers a Memorial Day weekend until the first day of school and will extend to the 3rd weekend of September, Saturdays and Sundays only. The season is subject to change due to fluctuation in lake water levels or unsafe conditions. Parking is 1st come 1st served and is available along roads but watch for marked non parking areas.

Boating may also be restricted due to special events. Motorized Boating will not be allowed on July 4. Non-motorized boating is available until 8pm on July 4.

Daily Motorized Permits: If you do not call to cancel your boating permit reservation, you will not receive a refund. If you call with minimum of 24 hours' notice and we can fill your spot, you will receive a refund for your permit.

SECTION B: General Boating Regulations

- 1) All crafts outside of the swim beach must have a current Town of Windsor Permit to use the lake.
- 2) Non-motorized water craft are to launch from the designated area; please follow signage and staff direction.
- 3) No jet skis are permitted on Windsor Lake.
- 4) eFoil, parasails and windsurfing are not permitted on Windsor Lake
- 5) No remote-control boats are permitted on Windsor Lake.
- 6) All crafts must have Coast Guard approved lifejackets for every person on board, a paddling device, and at least one buoyant cushion or life ring. An efficient whistle or other mechanical sound producing device, at least one 2 pound (or higher) "B-1" fire extinguisher, and navigation lights are also required on boats over 16 feet.
- 7) Boats may not exceed one motor or 22 feet in length. There is a 350-horsepower limit. No loud straight pipes or inboard hydroplanes will be permitted.
- 8) The speed limit for Windsor Lake is 40 mph.
- 9) All motorized boats must remain inside designated markers/buoys unless docking.

- 10) Boaters are advised to exercise caution when navigating the lake, paying close attention to signage and barrier floats indicating the presence of the LG Sonic MPC-Buoys. Barrier floats and signage will be installed around the LG Sonic MPC-Buoys to mark restricted zones.
- 11) We do not recommend that any single occupancy vessels go outside the no wake zone on shared days.
- 12) Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn at all times while boating on Windsor Lake.
- 13) Swimming or diving from any watercraft is prohibited.
- 14) No alcohol or mind-altering substances will be permitted in or around boating activities.
- 15) Safe boating must be a priority to all users.
- 16) Boating privileges can be revoked for individuals in violation of rules or regulations or if a staff member deems necessary.
- 17) No boating of any kind allowed before daylight or after dark.
- 18) No motorized boat shall launch from any point other than the boat ramp.
- 19) While a boat is moving, passengers must be seated and off gunwales and bows.
- 20) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a motorboat in this state unless they hold & have in their possession a boating safety certificate approved by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
- 21) An inspection of your boat by any Parks, Recreation and Culture Department staff member or police may be done at any time during the boating season.
- 22) Low water levels should be checked before launching vessels.
- 23) Due to the water fluctuation levels, please watch for debris.
- 24) When lightning is a 30 second count distance away, the lake will be closed. It is strongly recommended that you find shelter in your car. Thirty minutes after the last audible thunder the lake will reopen.
- 25) All boat travel will be counterclockwise rotation.
- 26) This reservoir is used for recreational purposes and agricultural irrigation supply. As in any natural body of water, microorganisms are present, which may cause illness if ingested.
- 27) No private docks are allowed on the lake. No overnight storage on lake property.
- 28) Buoys and logs may shift throughout the year, please be vigilant and safe at all times.
- 29) Windsor Parks and Recreation Areas are smoke and vape free – this includes Windsor Lake.

SECTION C: Water Sports

- 1) All water sports will abide by appropriate State of Colorado boating statutes and regulations.
- 2) A maximum of six motorized boats will be permitted on the lake at one time.
- 3) Boats towing water sport participants have right of way over other motor boats.
- 4) Boats towing water sport participants must have a competent driver and an observer in the boat at all times. The observer must be at least 12 years old and capable of handling the tow rope, flag and relaying water sport participant's signals to the driver.
- 5) The observer must clearly display an orange or red flag at least 12 inches square when skier/wake boarder is down. If a water sport participant falls, they should immediately give the "okay" hand signal.
- 6) Water sport participants will respect privileges of shore fisherman and will not travel in the buoyed area and will stay a safe distance from other boaters.
- 7) Boats will travel at "wake less" speeds in and out of loading areas. Buoys will mark zones around the lake.
- 8) Participants must wear a lifejacket or a barefoot suit with a built in flotation device.
- 9) Towropes will be no longer than 100 feet.

SECTION D: Annual Motorized Boating Permits

- 1) Windsor Lake access will be on a first come first serve basis on motorized days.
- 2) **Annual Motorized Permit holders will be required to cancel if they cannot fulfil their reserved spot. Cancelling can be done by calling the Recreation Center at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so will result in a delayed reservation time for the following week.**
- 3) Permits will be sold/reserved on a weekly basis. Annual permit holders can reserve a spot for the week beginning at 7am. Daily permits are available for purchase at 9:00am.
- 4) Only half day permits sold/reserved. A full day can be acquired by calling Wednesday morning beginning at 7:00am and filling any open spot on a first come, first served basis. Non-annual permit holders can call after 9:00am and purchase any open spots.
- 5) All motorized permits must be purchased from the Community Recreation Center.