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Pittsburgh District

Crooked Creek Lake Beach Rules

Welcome to Crooked Creek Lake! We hope your visit here will be fun and safe. Please follow these Beach Rules for your safety and in consideration of other who are also seeking enjoyment.

Fees – There is a fee for swimming. Visitors pay this fee at the **Self Deposit Fee Collection Station** at the entrance to the beach. Children 12 years of age and under swim for free. The fee is \$1 per person or a maximum of \$4 per vehicle (up to 8 persons). A Corps of Engineers Annual Day Use Pass can be purchased for \$30 at the Park Office. This pass allows visitors to avoid having to pay day use fees each time they visit.

Individuals having a valid *Golden Age/Access Passport* or *America the Beautiful Senior/Access Pass* (Pennsylvania Access Card is not applicable) are entitled to a 50 percent reduction in the price. Unless you own one of these cards, you must pay the full required fee. Checks (payable to “FAO, USAED, Pittsburgh”) are accepted. Please make sure you fill out the envelope completely and place the stub on your mirror. Campers are entitled to free use of the beach. Ask the Park Ranger on patrol in the campground for the free Day Pass. Failure to pay required fee may result in a citation.

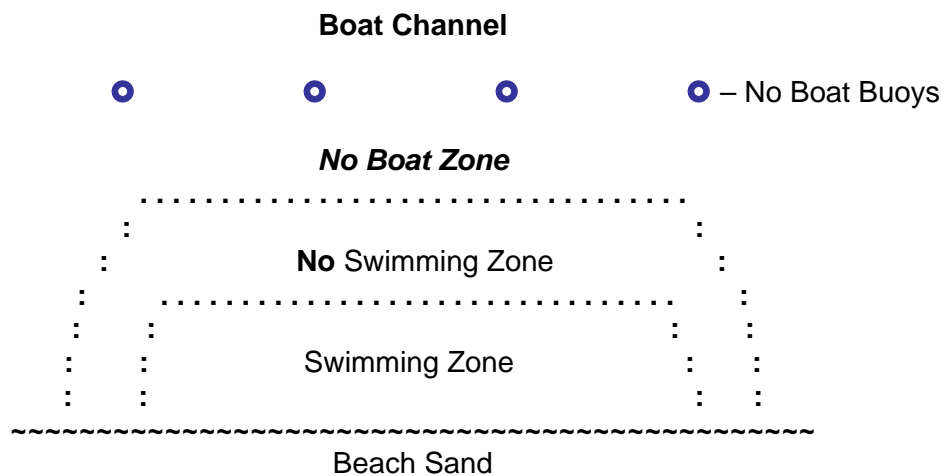
Beach House – The Swim Beach opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Keep in mind the beach is groomed between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. You may linger on the beach until 9 p.m. but it closes for swimming at 8 p.m. The Beach will open May 17, 2008 and close September 7, 2008.

Pets – For health and safety reasons, pets are not permitted on the sandy part of the beach but are permitted on either end off the sand. All pets in the park must be on a maximum 6 foot leash and under the control of the owner. Barking dogs that disturb other visitors can not be allowed.

Adult Supervision – Parents/adult guardians are required to keep constant watch on their children at all times.

Alcoholic Beverages – Alcoholic beverages are not permitted anywhere at Crooked Creek Lake.

Swimming Zones



Navigation/Swim Line Buoys – It is a violation of Corps of Engineers regulations to disturb navigation buoys. This includes swimming to them and hanging on them.

Rescue Equipment – Rescue equipment is for emergency use only. Do not play with life rings or reach poles.

Music – Since everyone’s music taste is different and some people do not wish not to hear music while they relax, we ask that your choice of music be confined to your immediate area. Playing music from a stereo or vehicle that extends beyond your immediate area is not permitted.

Trash – Two dumpsters are located next to the beach for your use. Please be considerate of others who use the beach by putting your trash, cans and bottle, diapers, cigarette butts, etc. into these receptacles.

Cooking/Food – State sanitation laws prohibit food and food preparation on the beach sand itself. This includes grills of any description. Tables are located off the beach for this purpose.

Sun Screen Tents/Umbrellas – Use of sun screens are allowed as well as the use of umbrellas. Sun screens cannot have any strings anchoring them that would pose a tripping hazard to other visitors.

Traffic/Parking – The beach area is a one way loop. From the stop sign, the loop goes all the way to the end and loops back toward the stop sign. Any other pattern is not permitted. The Park speed limit is 15 miles per hour but a crawl speed is required at the congested end of the beach. Be alert to people not paying attention and particularly children who dart unexpectedly to the beach.

Vehicles with trailers are to be parked at the two upper lots to avoid taking spaces away from vehicles. No vehicles of any kind are permitted off the asphalt.

Handicapped spaces are reserved for people owning an official placard.

Fishing – Fishing is permitted everywhere on the peninsula except on the sandy part of the swim beach. We do not lock the gate so fishing is allowed after 9 p.m.

Wildlife – Do not feed the geese. This is dangerous because the geese may become over accustomed to humans, act aggressively and cause personal injury. These animals require food unique to their species. Human food can produce toxic effects during digestion and can harm or kill them.

Beach Water Safety – The lake water at the beach is tested weekly by an independent certified lab that tests for possible bacteria contamination. This testing is monitored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Health. As the water heats up during the summer, the likelihood that bacteria level may rise to unsafe levels increases. In this event, the beach will be closed until bacteria counts are at acceptable levels.

Please respect those around you. Everyone comes to recreate at Crooked Creek for different reasons. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun place to visit. Your cooperation will help.

If you have any questions, please call the park office at (724) 763-3161 or summons a patrolling Park Ranger. A complete copy of Title 36 (Rules and Regulations Governing Corps of Engineer Facilities) is posted on park bulletin boards. Individual copies are available upon request.

Thank you for your cooperation!